



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

SCCA provides a personalized education for students to master the knowledge and problem-solving skills needed to achieve their college and career goals.

OUR HISTORY

South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA) is an accredited, public school serving students in grades K–12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2008–09 school year as a K–12 school. South Carolina Connections Academy graduated its first 12th grade class in June 2009. The Class of 2020 included 579 graduates.

OUR PROGRAM

South Carolina Connections Academy offers a K-12 comprehensive school program with an enrollment of approximately 6,500 students school-wide, and 2,500 students in grades 9-12. Here are some important facts about the school:

- The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accrediting division of Cognia, formerly AdvancED.
- South Carolina Connections Academy has 100 certified educators, including 74 general education teachers, 15 special education teachers, and 11 school counselors. Of those staff members, 73% have earned advanced degrees.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.

Students in the Class of 2020 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$2,226,929 and were accepted to the following colleges: Charleston Southern, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, Coker, College of Charleston, Dartmouth, Rutgers, Savannah College of Art and Design, The Citadel, United States Naval Academy, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of South Carolina, University of Sydney (Australia), Winthrop, Wofford. Notable scholarship awards include: South Carolina Palmeto Fellows Scholarship: 20, CarolinaTESOL, and two students earned the Bronze SC Seal of Biliteracy. Athletics: Boston College (baseball), Emerson (tennis), Erskine (basketball, tennis), Columbia (swim), University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (tennis).



COURSE OFFERINGS

South Carolina Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Foundation programs. Students also can participate in the Dual Credit Enrollment program, where they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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High School Principal:

Alicia Hughes

High School Assistant Principals:

Erin Hynum and Jenny Dean

Middle School Principal: Shannon Bowers

Middle School Assistant Principal:
Jordan Sweeney

Elementary Principal:

Casey Ahmed

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Amanda Crum and Brandy Smith

Director of Counseling:

Shea Heller

High School Counseling Staff:

Lisa Aglietti, Julie Cannon, Danielle Green, Caroline O'Neill, Jennifer Prince, Mary Reihner, Jane Salo, Tracie Scarborough, Julie Staten, Mary Whitman

Middle School Counseling Staff:

Kristy Cisneros, Sallie Bowers, Megan Cannon, Alexis Graham

Elementary Counseling Staff:

LeighAnn Olinger, Kim Messervy

ACCREDITATIONS



AP course offerings include: Art History, Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Statistics, and U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 1-4, Geometry, Marine Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History. Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/south-carolina-virtual-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>

 **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

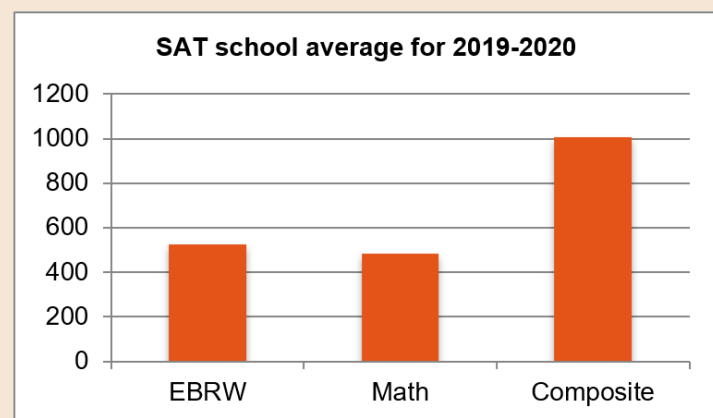
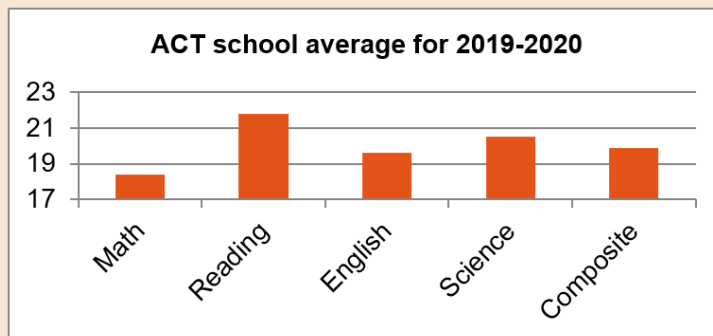
South Carolina Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six classes per semester. 24 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	.5
Physical Education	1
Technology	1
Foreign Language or CATE	1
Other Electives	6.5
Total	24

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

Plan	%
Two-year college	35
Four-year college	19
Employment	23
Technical/Vocational Training	7
Military	3
Gap Year	6
Other Plans	7
TOTAL	100

AVERAGE TEST SCORES



AP Participation 2019-2020

2020 Advanced Placement tests were administered online. (More details on College Board's site.) Students who signed up to test prior to the pandemic were able to change their decision without penalty.

- 8% of students enrolled in an AP Course
- 107 AP Exams were completed

HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College representatives are invited to connect with our students through web conferencing. Advance notice is required to notify students. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please call 803-212-4712 and press 2 to speak with our School Counseling team.



GRADE SCALE

South Carolina Connections Academy uses the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale. A student's transcript reflects weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. No credit is awarded for grades of 59% or less.

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

10 Point Grading Scale South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale Conversions

Grade	Grade %	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/ Dual Credit Weighting
A	90 – 100	4.0-5.0	4.5-5.5	5.0-6.0
B	80-89	3.0-3.9	3.5-4.4	4.0-4.9
C	70-79	2.0-2.9	2.5-3.4	3.0-3.9
D	60-69	1.0-1.9	1.5-2.4	2.0-2.9
F	51-59	0.1-0.9	0.6-1.4	1.1-1.9
F	0-50	0.0	0.0	0.0

COVID-19 STATEMENT

Due to COVID-19, South Carolina received a federal waiver for spring state tests which included ACT, R2W, and End of Course exams.

In accordance with South Carolina Department of Education directives, if a student completed English 2B, Algebra 1B, Intermediate Algebra B, Biology B, or US History B course in spring semester, the end of course exam was not included as 20% of the final grade. If a high school student was taking a block scheduled course, the third and fourth quarter (0.50 credit) grades were averaged together to total 1 credit. SCCA's 2019-20 School Year ended on 5/31/2020. Students in grades K-11 could request an extension to complete work by our original scheduled end date of 6/1/20. ([COVID-19 and South Carolina Schools](#))

WF = Withdraw Fail and FA = Failure due to Absences. WF and FA will factor into the student's GPA as a 50. NP = Not Passing and AU = Audit. NP and AU will not affect the GPA and will not earn credit.
P = Passing. P will not affect the GPA and will earn credit.

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student's cumulative weighted G.P.A. for all high school courses (excluding Pass/Fail and Incomplete), including transfer courses. Senior class rank is only assigned to successful Spring Graduates.