

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Georgia Connections Academy is an accredited, public charter school serving students in grades K-12 from across the state of Georgia. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2011-12 school year as a K-8 school. Georgia Connections Academy added high school during the 2012-13 school year and graduated its first class May, 2013.

Our Mission

To exemplify a collaborative virtual school where our students meet high expectations through mastery of challenging academic material in preparation for successful college and career experiences.

OUR PROGRAM

Georgia Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 1800 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Georgia Connections Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accrediting division of AdvancED.
- The district has over 129 certified/ licensed professional staff. Of those, over 81 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.
- Active chapters with the National Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National English Honor Society and National Math Honor Society.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Executive Director: Heather Robinson

High School Principal: Jennifer Boyter

HS Assistant Principal: Brazilia Bilal-Page

Middle School Principal: Tricia Weatherspoon

Elementary School Principal: Amy Wilcox

Director of Counseling: David Levin

High School Counseling Staff: Stacie Abdallah (A-CI), Precious Williams (Cm-G) Shenika Davis (H-Ld), Sara Tran (Le-N), Michelle Weiberg (O-So), Ronnie Jones (Sp-Z)

Middle & Elementary School Counseling Staff: Belina Hobin (6thA, 7th), T'wana Huff (6thB, 8th), Stephanie Sexton

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2017 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$4,190,460 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Agnes Scott College, Boston College, Boston University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, New York University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Spelman College, University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Plan	%
Two-year college	12.8
Four-year college	34.8
Employment	39.3
Vocational Training	8.3
Military	3.0
Other	1.8
4 year college acceptance rate	87.2

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Georgia 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. 23 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Algebra I	1
Geometry	1
Additional Math	2
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Health	0.5
Personal Fitness	0.5
Electives: World Language, Technology, and/or Fine Arts	7
Total	23

COURSE OFFERINGS

Georgia Connections Academy’s core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, US Government, and US History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I & II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, English 9–12, Geometry, Physical Science, Precalculus, U.S. History, and World History.

TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2016–17:

Math	21
Reading.....	25
English	23
Science	22
Composite	23

- Georgia Connections Academy has the highest overall ACT average among virtual schools in Georgia. This average ACT score is also higher than the 2016-2017 state average

SAT school averages for 2016–17:

Math	520
Reading & Writing.....	562
Combined	1076

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[Please view all of our high school courses](#)

GRADING SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Grade %	Non-Weighted	Honors	AP
A+	98–100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92–97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90–91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88–89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82–87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80–81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78–79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	75–77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	73–74	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	72	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	71	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	70	0.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–69	0.00	0.00	0.00



Transcript Abbreviations

- CO** Course completed
- EN** Scheduled in section
- IP** Active in section
- PC** Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading
- WF** Failing grade at time of withdrawal from course
- WP** Passing grade at time of withdrawal from course
- CG** Course work completed but credit cannot be awarded
- IC** Course work not completed

CLASS RANK POLICY

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student’s cumulative weighted GPA for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College representatives are invited to connect with our students through web conferencing technology. Two weeks’ notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please contact Dave Levin at:

DLevin@gaca.connectionsacademy.org.