

### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

#### Our History

Georgia Connections Academy is an accredited, public charter school currently serving students in grades 6-12 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 2500 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 132 certified/ licensed professional staff. Of those, over 93 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.
- Our high school counseling program has earned RAMP designation as a Recognized ASCA Model Program, committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program.



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

**Executive Director:** Heather Robinson

**Lead Principal:** Brazilia Bilal-Paige

**High School Principal:** Jennifer Boyter

**High School Assistant Principal:** Brooke Parker

**Middle School Principals:** Tricia Weatherspoon, Amy Wilcox

**Director of Counseling:** David Levin

**High School Counseling Staff:** Sara Tran (Head HS Counselor), Precious Williams (9th), Paul Harrelson (10th A-K), Stephanie Remon (10th L-Z), Belina Hobin (11-12th A-D), Shenika Davis (11-12th E-K), Michelle Weiberg (11-12th L-R), Karla Garfield (11-12th S-Z)

**Middle School Counseling Staff:** Stephanie Sexton (6th), Amber Woods (7th), T'wana Huff (8th)

### SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2018 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$6,126,919 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Brigham Young University, Clemson University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Morehouse College, New York University, Savannah College of Art and Design, University of Georgia, University of Massachusetts, Xavier University

### PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Plan	%
Two-year college	12.9
Four-year college	30.8
Employment	43.1
Vocational Training	6.9
Military	2.8
Other	3.5

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### TESTING STATISTICS

#### ACT school averages for 2017–18:

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

#### SAT school averages for 2017–18:

Math .....	519
Reading & Writing.....	570
Combined .....	1085

### 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 Georgia’s Dual Enrollment program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary 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, Algebra 2, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, English 9–12, Geometry, Pre-calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

**[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	90–100	4.00	4.50	5.00
B	80–89	3.00	3.50	4.00
C	70–79	2.00	2.50	3.00
F	0–69	0.00	0.00	0.00

### 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 G.P.A. 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. We also hold an in-person college fair every fall. For more information about setting up a web conference session or participating in our annual college fair, please contact Dave Levin at [DLevin@gaca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:DLevin@gaca.connectionsacademy.org).



### 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