 **ABOUT OUR SCHOOL****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 HISTORY**

Georgia Connections Academy is an accredited, public charter school currently serving students in grades 5-12 from across the state of Georgia. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was originally 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 PROGRAM**

Georgia Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 2450 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 143 certified/ licensed professional staff. Of those, over 100 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.

**ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

Georgia Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and On-Level 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, Physics, Pre-calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

View all of our high school courses and descriptions at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/georgia-virtual-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Brazilia Bilal-Page

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**High School Assistant Principal:**

Brooke Parker

**Lower School Principal:**

Amy Wilcox

**Lower School Assistant Principal:**

Tricia Weatherspoon

**Director of Counseling:**

David Levin

**High School Counseling Staff:**

Sara Tran (Head HS Counselor), Precious Williams (9<sup>th</sup> A-K), Sonal Patel (9<sup>th</sup> L-Z), Paul Harrelson (10<sup>th</sup> A-K), Stephanie Remon (10<sup>th</sup> L-Z), Belina Hobin (11-12<sup>th</sup> A-D), Shenika Davis (11-12<sup>th</sup> E-K), Michelle Weiberg (11-12<sup>th</sup> L-R), Karla Garfield (11-12<sup>th</sup> S-Z)

**Lower School Counseling Staff:**

T'wana Huff (Head LS Counselor), Stephanie Sexton (5-6<sup>th</sup>), Amber Woods (7<sup>th</sup>) Rose Robinson (8<sup>th</sup>)

**SCHOOL AND FACULTY  
ACCOLADES**

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**ACCREDITATIONS**



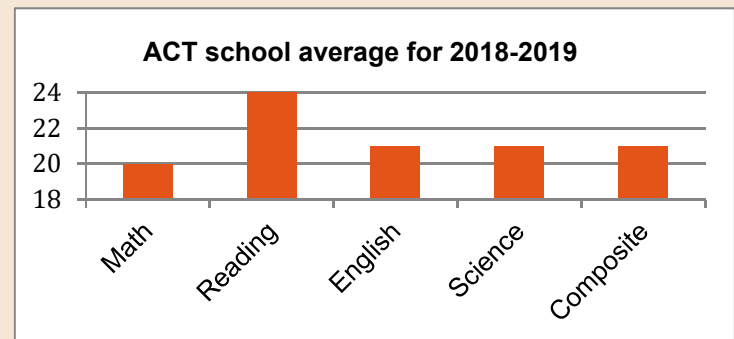
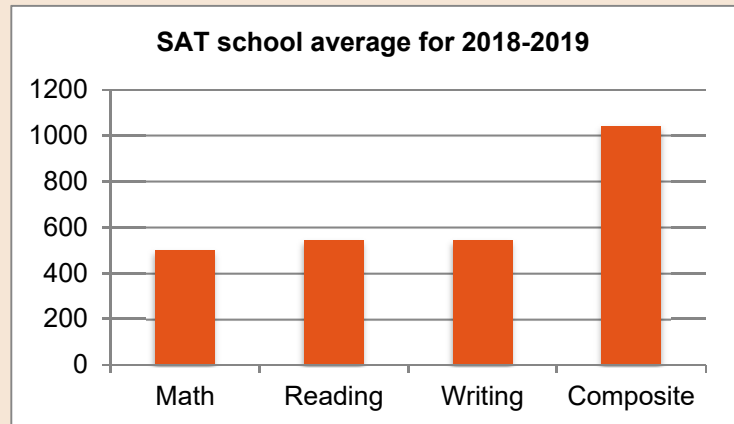
## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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 1	1
Geometry	1
Additional Math	2
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Health	.5
Personal Fitness	.5
Other Elective	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### AVERAGE TEST SCORES



### PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2019

Plan	%
Two-year college	11.9
Four-year college	29.7
Employment	41.4
Vocational Training	6.9
Military	4.2
Other	5.9



## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2019 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$4,062,406 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Agnes Scott College, Georgia State University, Florida A&M University, Hofstra University, Mercer University, Morehouse College, the Ohio State University, Stetson University, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Hawaii, University of North Georgia, University of West Georgia, Savannah College of Art and Design, Virginia Tech, Xavier University

 **GRADE SCALE**

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

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Grade %</b>	<b>Passing?</b>	<b>Non-Weighted</b>	<b>Weighted (Honors)</b>	<b>Weighted (AP)</b>
A	90 – 100	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
B	80 – 89	Yes	3.00	3.50	4.00
C	70 – 79	Yes	2.00	2.50	3.00
F	0 – 69	No	0.00	0.00	0.00

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. 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).