



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

California Connections Academy Schools educate to empower compassionate global citizens by leveraging 21st century education resources on behalf of students who need a more personalized approach to learning to maximize these students' potential and meet the highest performance standards.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director: Dr. Richard Savage

Southern California Regional Site Administrator: Heather Tamayo

Northern California Regional Site Administrator: Kara Mannix

Central California Regional Site Administrator: Marcus White

Principals: Kara Mannix (High School), Heather Tamayo (Middle School), Marcus White (Elementary)

Assistant Principals: Dan Hertzler (HS), Cameron Shepherd (MS) Lauren Weed (HS), Leslie Dombek (HS), Ashely Taylor (ES), Amy Phillips (HS), Tracy Pinckney (MS), Marissa Carter (ES)

Director of Student Achievement: Dr. Richie Romero

Director of Business Services: Dr. Franci Sassin

Director of Finance: LaChelle Carter

Director of Student Services: Tanya Gustin

Director of Counseling: Mia Hardy

Manager of Academic Support: Hazel Eng

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The six charter schools share staff between all of the affiliated California Connections Academy Schools, which each serve students in different geographic regions. Together, the California Connections Academy organization has 326 credentialed professional teaching and counseling staff. All teaching staff are fully qualified within the areas they support.

ACCREDITATION



SAMPLING OF ELITE SCHOOLS TO WHICH STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

Harvard University
Johns Hopkins University
University of Southern California
Pepperdine University
University of California Berkeley
University of California Los Angeles
Washington State University

Due to the nature of the learning environment at California Connections Academy, courses and standards were unaltered during the pandemic and students were able to continue completing courses as usual.

OUR PROGRAM

California Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program, plus rigorous middle school and elementary school programs, with a total enrollment estimated at **7500+** during the 2020-21 school year.

School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.

Over 100 California Connections Academy courses meet the “a-g” requirements for admission to the University of California and are listed at the following site:

<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist/institution/5079/schools>

All California Connections Academy schools are accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).



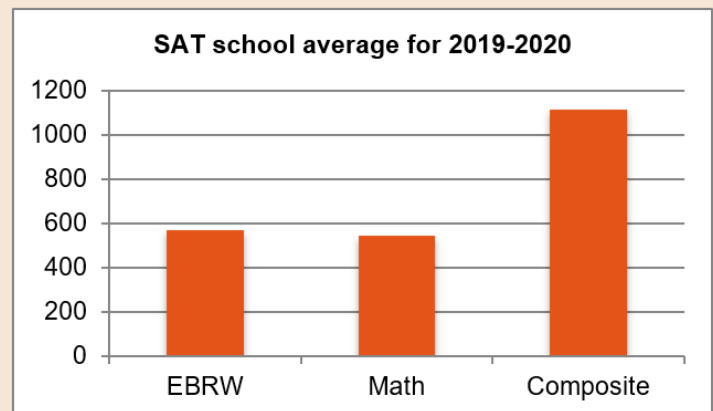
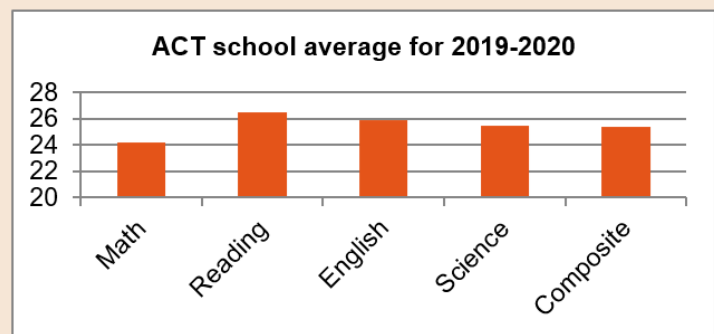
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

California Connections Academy operates on a semester system using 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 6 classes per semester.

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

Area/Subjects	Number of Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	2
Science	3
Social Science	3
Physical Education	2
Humanities, Arts, or CTE	1
Other Electives	7
Total	22

AVERAGE TEST SCORES



AP Test Information:

113 students took one or more AP exams

78% of students scored a 3 or better



HISTORY AND STUDENT POPULATION

California Connections Academy Schools are made up of six virtual charter schools, each authorized to operate in a different geographic region of California. All six schools share the same curriculum, instructional model, and staff.

Southern California History

California Connections Academy Southern California is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2004–05 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06, and added one grade level per year until all grades K-12 were included. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

Ripon History

California Connections Academy @ Ripon is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K-12 in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento, Amador, Calaveras, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2012–13 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2013.

Central History

California Connections Academy @ Central is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2006–07 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06, and added one grade level per year until all grades K-12 were included. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

North Bay History

California Connections Academy North Bay is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Yolo counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2014-15 school year as a K–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2015.

Central Coast History

California Connections Academy Central Coast is a virtual public charter school serving students in grades K-12 in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school first opened for the 2019-20 school year as a K–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2020.

Monterey Bay History

California Connections Academy Monterey Bay is a virtual public charter school serving students in grades K-12 in Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school first opened for the 2019-20 school year as a K–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2020.



COURSE OPTIONS

California 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 Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

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

Honors course offerings include: English (9-12), Algebra (1&2), Geometry, Pre-Calculus, American Government, US History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, and Earth Science.

UC a-g approved visual and performing arts courses: California Connections Academy offers visual and performing art courses for AP Art History, Art History, Introduction to Graphic Design, Living Music (I/II), Speech and Debate, and Introduction to Drawing. Visual and performing art courses provide California Connections Academy students the opportunity to fulfill the UC/CSU “f” visual and performing arts requirement.

Career Technical Education: (CTE) courses, which allow students to combine both college preparation and workforce skills development into one customized education program. CTE courses encourage students to explore and prepare for careers in finance, marketing, psychology, criminal justice, and more.

Dual Enrollment: Students also have the opportunity to complete courses at their local community college on campus and/or online where they can earn high school and college credit.



GRADE SCALE

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

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (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	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68-69	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62-67	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60-61	.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00