



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Ohio Connections Academy 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 2004–2005 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–2006, and added one grade level per year since then. Ohio Connections Academy’s first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

Our Mission

Ohio Connections Academy is here to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

OUR PROGRAM

Ohio Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1700 high school students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Ohio Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- The school has 137 certified/ licensed professional staff. Of those, 80 have earned master’s degrees, 2 who hold a PhD, and all are highly qualified. We have one staff member that is nationally board certified.
- School is in session 175 days between the months of August and June.
- Students are able to earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6–7 classes per semester.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent: Marie Hanna

Assistant Principal: 9th and 10th grade- Molly Heidenreich and 11th and 12th- Katy Brennan

Manager of Counseling: Althea Mulichak

Coordinator of Counseling Services: Amy Essig (10)

Counseling Staff: Deanne Anderson (12), Larry Beeble (11), Mallorie Klemm (9), Cesarina DiPietro-Bloom (K-8)

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2016 were accepted to the following colleges:

Cleveland State University, George Mason University, Kent State, Miami University, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Purdue University, University of California: Los Angeles, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Florida, University of Illinois

Students in the graduating Class of 2016 received a total of \$3,024,083 in scholarships.

- The school operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units.
- Ohio Connections Academy has 150 students participating in the College Credit Plus Options program throughout the state. One semester class equals one full college credit.
- 182 Ninth grade students have taken high school level courses while in middle school for high school credit.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

21 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
Personal Finance**	0.5
Economics**	0.5
Health	0.5
Physical Education	0.5
Technology	1
Fine Arts	1
Other Electives***	4
Total	21

*The approved advanced science courses are Earth Science, Honors Earth Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physics, Honors Marine Science, Honors Earth Space Science, and any AP science.

**These courses are required for financial literacy purposes and are Social Studies curriculum and can count as the third Social Studies credit. If financial literacy is completed at another school that does not count it as a Social Studies elective, the student will need an additional elective credit from the approved Social Studies elective options.

***The additional elective credits are to be taken in curricular areas specified in the statute, i.e., they must be selected from "one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, technology, agricultural education, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required."

TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2015–16:

Math	21
Reading.....	24
English	22
Science	22
Writing.....	19
Composite	22

SAT school averages for 2015–16:

Math	459
Writing.....	501
Critical Reading.....	527
Combined	1487

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

Plan	%
Two-year college	17
Four-year college	31
Employment	44
Vocational Training	6
Military	2
Total	100

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 and university representatives are cordially 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:

Deanne Anderson, 12th grade counselor, at danderson@oca.connectionsacademy.org or 614-515-2341

or

Amy Essig, Coordinator of Counseling Services, at aessig@oca.connectionsacademy.org or 614-515-2352

