

### 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 2000 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.
- 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.



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

**Superintendent:** Marie Hanna

**Assistant Principal:** Molly Heidenreich (9-10th grade), Katy Brennan (11-12th grade)

**Manager of Counseling:** Althea Mulichak

**Coordinator of Counseling Services:** Amy Essig (11)

**Counseling Staff:** Deanne Anderson (12), Elise Kechele (10), Larry Beeble (9), Cesarina DiPietro-Bloom (K-8)

### SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2017 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,797,283 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Ashland University, Baldwin-Wallace College, Bowling Green State University, Brigham Young University, Capital University, Cleveland State University, Columbus College of Art and Design, College of Mount St. Joseph, Kent State University, Miami University, Michigan State University, Mount Union College, Northern Kentucky University, Ohio Christian University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Otterbein College, Shawnee State University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Toledo, Wright State University, Wittenberg University, Xavier University, and Youngstown State University

- 182 ninth grade students have taken high school-level courses while in middle school for high school credit.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Ohio 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. 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
Career Choices**	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	0.5
Technology	1
Fine Arts	1
Other Electives***	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

\*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.

\*\*This courses are required for financial literacy purposes.

\*\*\*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."

### 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](mailto:danderson@oca.connectionsacademy.org) or 614-515-2341** or **Amy Essig, Coordinator of Counseling Services, at [aessig@oca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:aessig@oca.connectionsacademy.org) or 614-515-2352**

### TESTING STATISTICS

#### ACT school averages for 2016–17:

Math .....	21
Reading.....	24
English .....	22
Science .....	23
Composite .....	22

#### SAT school averages for 2016–17:

Math .....	495
Reading & Writing.....	533
Combined .....	1028

### PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Plan	%
Two-year college	20
Four-year college	31.5
Employment	36
Vocational Training	7
Military	2.5
Other	3
Total	100

### COURSE OFFERINGS

Ohio 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 College Credit Plus (CCP) Program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions.

**AP course offerings include:** Art History, Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

**Honors course offerings include:** Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Physical Science, 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	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	0.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–59	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

*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.*