

**ABOUT OUR SCHOOL****OUR MISSION**

Ohio Connections Academy (OCA) partners with families, students, and educators to provide a high quality and personalized online education that meets the individual needs of students and empowers them with the skills required for success in a changing world.

**OUR PROGRAM**

OCA includes a comprehensive K-12 program with an enrollment of over 4,700 students. Important facts about the program:

- OCA is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accrediting division of AdvancED.
- School is in session 175 days between the months of August and May.
- Students can earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6-7 classes per semester.
- OCA has 162 students throughout the state participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program. One semester class equals one full high school credit.
- There are currently 27 students dually enrolled in Ohio Career Centers.
- During 2018-2019, 496 middle school students successfully completed courses earning high school credits.
- OCA has a 2020 National Merit® Scholarship Commended Student and Program Semifinalist. Winners will be announced between April and July of 2020.

**STUDENT POPULATION**

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.

**ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

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 CCP 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, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, 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, Marine Science, Physical Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES**

OCA has 201 certified/licensed professional staff. 108 have earned master's degrees, two hold a PhD, and all are highly qualified. One staff member is nationally board certified.

**ACCREDITATIONS****TOP 5 ELITE UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH STUDENTS WERE ACCEPTED**

Princeton University  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
The Ohio State University  
Miami University  
University of Cincinnati



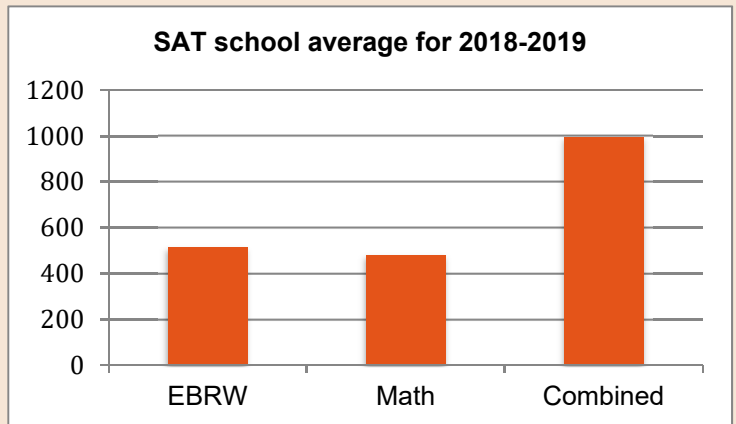
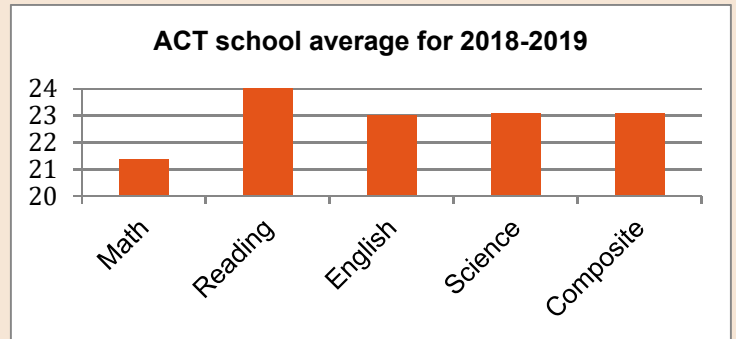
## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

OCA 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.

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 Planning**	.5
Personal Finance**	.5
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
Technology	1
Fine Arts	1
Other Electives***	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

## AVERAGE TEST SCORES



\*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.

\*\*\*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."



## 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	.67	1.17	1.67
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00