

 **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 5,900 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 Cognia, formerly 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 164 students throughout the state participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program.
- There are currently 17 students dually enrolled in Ohio Career Centers.
- OCA has a 2021 National Merit® Scholarship Commended Student and Program Semifinalist. Winners will be announced between April and July of 2021.
- A class of 2017 graduate received a Certificate of Appointment to West Point Military Academy.
- The U.S. Air Force Academy has extended an offer of appointment to a graduate from the Class of 2020
- The Class of 2020 included 36 graduates who had been enrolled with OCA since elementary school.

 **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 Standard 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 AB and BC, 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, Physical Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

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Betsey van de Heijning

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Grades 3-5: Grace Kramer Miller

Grades K-2: Sarah Archdeacon

SCHOOL AND FACULTY**ACCOLADES**

OCA has 223 certified/licensed professional staff. 150 have earned master's degrees and three hold a PhD. One staff member is nationally board certified.

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

Yale University
U.S. Air Force Academy
The Ohio State University
Miami University
University of Cincinnati



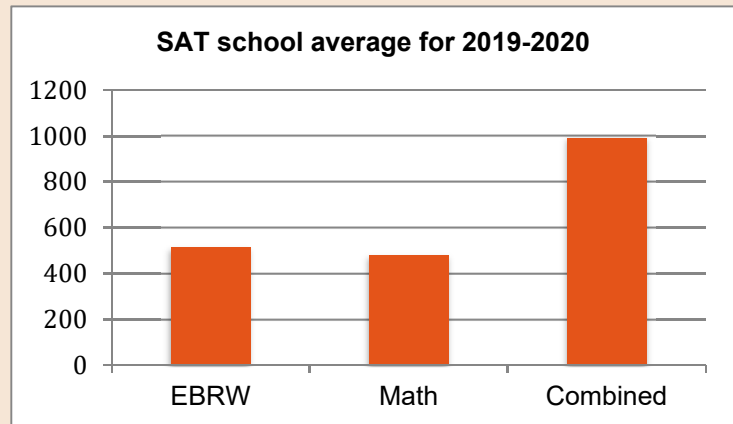
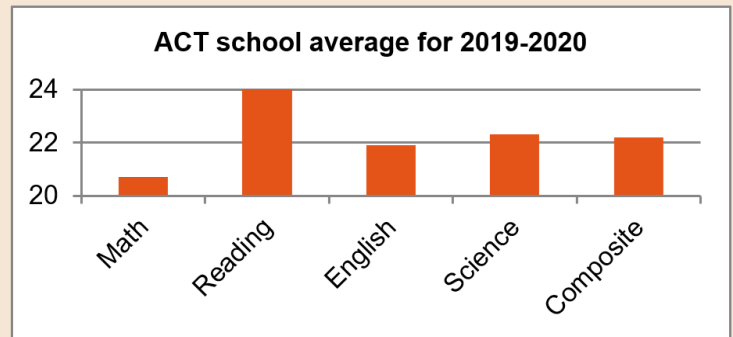
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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
Total	21

AVERAGE TEST SCORES



*The approved advanced science courses are Earth Science, Honors Earth Science, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physics, 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