

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Nevada Connections Academy (NCA) 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 2007-08 school year to serve students in grades 4-11. Grades K-3 and 12 were added during the 2008-09 school year. NCA's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

Our Mission

The NCA mission is to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

OUR PROGRAM

Nevada Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1364 high school students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Nevada Connections Academy is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), an accreditation division of AdvanceED.
- The school has 104 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 79 have earned advanced degrees.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.

HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College representatives are 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 Candice Thomas at cathomas@nca.connectionsacademy.org.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

School Leader: Chris McBride

Principals: Amy Hunt (9–12), Heather Engelhardt (K–8)

Assistant Principals: Kathryn Vaughan (9-12),
Christine Dzarnoski (K-8)

Manager of Counseling: Candice Thomas

High School Counseling Staff: Levette McEaddy,
Michelle Flores, Brittany Prazuch, T.J. Wolfe, Jean
Carter, Gina Hames, Reva Rindy, Dianne Edwards

K-8 Counseling Staff: Angela Smith, Megan Lapidus

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2018 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$995,415 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Arizona State University- Tempe
Brigham Young University- Idaho
University of Arizona- Tucson
University of Nevada- Las Vegas
University of Nevada- Reno
Nevada State College
California State University- Channel Islands
College of Southern Nevada
Savannah College of Art and Design- GA
Truckee Meadows Community College
Western Nevada Community College
Los Angeles City College etc.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Nevada 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: 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, Marine Science, 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	90–100	4.00	4.025	4.050
B	80–89	3.00	3.025	4.050
C	70–79	2.00	2.025	3.050
D	60–69	1.00	1.025	1.050
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00

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.

TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2017–18:

Math	17
Reading.....	18
English	16
Science	17
Composite	17

AP results for 2017–18:

31 Students in grades 11 & 12 were enrolled in AP courses

Average Score2.70

Scores 3 or Above 55.60%

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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Nevada 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. The typical course load is six classes per semester.

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

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Health	0.5
Physical Education	2
Technology	0.5
Humanities/Arts	1
Other Electives	5
Total	22.5

- Math courses must include at least one year of Algebra and one year of Geometry. Students must be enrolled in math for 4 years of high school level courses.
- Science courses must include at least one year of a physical science course (Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics or Earth Science) and one year of Biology.
- Social Studies courses must include one year each of World History (or Geography), U.S. History, and American Government.



FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Plan	%
Two-year college	31
Four-year college	15
Employment	37
Vocational Training	10
Military	3
Other	4
Total	100