

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Arizona 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 2003–2004 school year as a K-8 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

Our Mission

Connections Academy schools have an important mission: to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

OUR PROGRAM

Arizona Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 837 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Arizona Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCACASI).
- The school has 73 licensed, professional staff. Of those, 46 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Kerri Wright

Assistant Principal(s): Heather Noto (K-5), Staci Budde (6-8), Kristin Anderson (9-12)

Senior Manager of Counseling: Megan Hines

Counseling Staff: Laurie Conaway, Misty Little, Chloe Nelms, Maureen Wilkinson

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2017 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$441,250 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, University of Arizona, North Carolina State University, Utica College, Loyola Marymount University

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Plan	%
Two-year college	30
Four-year college	22
Employment	23
Vocational Training	10
Military	2
Other	13
Total	100

COURSE OFFERINGS

Arizona 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 Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, where 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, French, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History. 54.5% of students who took their AP exams earned a score of 3 or higher.

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.

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	5.00	5.00
B	80–89	3.00	4.00	4.00
C	70–79	2.00	3.00	3.00
D	60–69	1.00	2.00	2.00
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00

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 2016–17:

Math	22
Reading.....	25
English	24
Science	24
Composite	24

AP results for 2016–17:

- 7 students took exams in English Language & Composition, United States History, Biology, Calculus AB, English Literature & Composition, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, United States Government & Politics, World History. One student scored a 5, one student scored a 4, and five scored a 3 on the AP Exams.

Please view all of our high school courses

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Arizona 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	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Technology	1
Fine Arts	1
Other Electives	4.5
Total	22.5



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

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 Megan Hines at mhines@aca.connectionsacademy.org