

TEC Connections Academy Commonwealth Virtual School (TECCA)

2017–18 School Profile

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

TEC Connections Academy opened in August 2014 and is a public school serving students in grades K–12 from across the state of Massachusetts. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Our faculty is made up of dedicated professionals from various backgrounds and educational experiences. TEC Connections Academy graduated its first senior class in June of 2015.

Our Mission

The mission of TEC Connections Academy is to offer Massachusetts students a quality online alternative to the traditional classroom by providing a supportive, individualized program of study; effective instruction; engaging learning experiences; and diverse curriculum offerings to stimulate curiosity, advance personal growth, and promote academic achievement.

OUR PROGRAM

TEC Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 691 students. Here are some important facts about the Massachusetts program:

- TEC Connections Academy has 70 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, have 51 earned Master’s degrees and 2 earned Doctorate or Medical Degrees.
- School is in session 180 school days between the months of September and June.
- Students are able to earn up to 12-14 credits during the school year.
- TEC Connections Academy has students participating in dual enrollment programs at UMass Amherst, Salem State University, Quinsigamond Community College and North Shore Community College.



TECCA
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ACADEMY
Commonwealth Virtual School

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent and Principal: Adam Goldberg

Assistant Principal: Patrick Lattuca

Director of Special Education: Therese Green

Director of Counseling Services: Sarah Dalton

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

TECCA 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. 24 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***	4
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Humanities/Arts	1
World Language****	2
Other Electives	4
Total	24

*Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Additional Math

**Biology, Chemistry, Additional Lab Science

***US History II, World History, American Government, Additional Social Studies

****Two years of the same language

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COURSE OFFERINGS

TEC Connections Academy offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum, with courses in a wide range of disciplines. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. All science courses include hands-on laboratory units. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Spanish, AP Psychology, AP Government, and AP United States History.

Honors course offerings include: Honors English – Grades: 9-12, Honors Algebra 1, Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra 2, Honors Precalculus, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors US History II, Honors World History, and Honors American Government.

[Please view all of our high school courses](#)

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 Sarah Dalton at 774-315-5139.

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students at TECCA graduate fully prepared for success in college, work, or beyond. The rigorous online curriculum, combined with the life-skills of managing a full-time online program, have afforded some of our students’ opportunities to attend colleges and universities, some of which include:

Assumption College, St. Lawrence University, University of North Carolina, University of Connecticut, Clemson University, Bridgewater State University, Hampshire College, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Lasell College, Westfield State College, Worcester State College, Ithaca College, Suffolk University, Stonehill College, Salem State University, Texas Christian University, Mass College of Art and Design, University of New Hampshire.

TESTING STATISTICS

SAT school averages for 2016-17:

Math.....	324
Reading & Writing.....	407
Combined.....	909

AP results for 2016-17

In the 2016-17 school year, 75% of students who take AP exams at TECCA received a score of 3 or higher.

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

Graduates from the class of 2017 earned a combined total of 248,070.00 toward their postsecondary educational pursuits.

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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

GPA is based on a 4.00-point scale. Grades marked with an asterisk (*) do not contribute to the GPA.

- 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

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Plan	%
Two-year college	25
Four-year college	36
Employment	16
Vocational Training	10
Military	2
Other	11
Total	100