



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Kansas 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. Kansas Connections Academy has been in operation since 2010-2011. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2011.

Our Mission

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

OUR PROGRAM

Kansas Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 420 high school students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Kansas Connections Academy is accredited by the NCA Accreditation. KCA was re-accredited in January of 2017 and was recognized for their impeccable results and success as a Kansas public school.
- The school has 22 certified/licensed professional High School staff. Of those, 15 have earned advanced degrees, including one staff member who holds a doctorate.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- Students are able to earn up to eight credits during the school year.
- ACT test participation continues to grow annually.
- Class of 2018 had a 100% Acceptance Rate for students who planned to attend a 4-year or 2-year college/university.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent: Rex Richardson

Principal/School Leader: Mandi Adams-Brazill

Assistant Principal: Mandi Adams-Brazill

Counselor: Paul A. Walrod

CORE VALUES

Every Child, Every Day! Every child deserves maximum school support always! Our job is extremely important and students and families will always get our best effort!

Live Story 4: We believe that all students can and must learn at relatively high levels of achievement. It is our job to create an environment in our classrooms that result in this high level of performance. We are confident that, with our support and help, students can master challenging academic material, and we expect them to do so. We are prepared to work collaboratively with colleagues, students, and parents to achieve this shared educational purpose.

Positive and Encouraging: Continuous support must be our culture. All staff are key integral parts for success and encouraging each other with positive intent will define our interactions with each other.

Vision: We will continue to do everything possible to help students learn at the highest levels while taking time to care for each other. Establishing an A+ culture with a spirit of collaboration will define us. KCA will continue to make strides and become the most outstanding virtual school possible!

COURSE OFFERINGS

Kansas 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 earn high school credit through most college courses taken during high school as well.

In 2017-18 KCA had 15.5% of 11th and 12th grade students participate in AP or College courses. Please contact Paul Walrod with questions.

AP course offerings include: Biology, Calculus AB, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Psychology, Spanish, U.S. Government, US History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Marine Science, Physical Science, Precalculus, U.S. History, and World History.

Please view all of our high school courses

GRADING SCALE

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	GPA Points
A	90–100	4
B	80–89	3
C	70–79	2
D	60–69	1
F	0–59	0

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student’s cumulative G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2017–18:

Math	20
Reading.....	23
English	21
Science	21
Composite	21

AP Testing 2017-18:

KCA had a steady increase in the number of 11th and 12th grade students enrolled in AP courses. Students completed AP testing in 2018 in the following courses: AP Biology, AP English Language and Composition, AP Psychology, AP Spanish Language and Culture and AP U.S. Government and Politics.

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

Kansas 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 or seven classes per semester. 21 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
Health/P.E.	1
Fine Arts	1
Other Electives	6
Total	21

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Plan	%
Two-year college	35
Four-year college	21
Vocational Training	12
Employment	31
Other	1
Total	100

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 Paul Walrod at pwalrod@kca.connectionsacademy.org or 620-607-1195.



SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2018 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of almost \$400,000 and were accepted to the following 4-year colleges/universities:

Avila University, Baker University, Baptist Bible College (OK), Columbia College-Chicago, Emporia State University, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising-LA, Friends University, Kansas State University, Newman University, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Pittsburg State University, Rockhurst University, Roosevelt University-Chicago, University of Alabama-Huntsville, University of Hawaii-Manoa, University of Kansas, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Texas-Arlington, University of Utah, Washburn University and Wichita State University.