ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History
Minnesota Connections Academy (MNCA) 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 2004-05 school year as a K-8 school. The school’s first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

Our Vision
The vision of Minnesota Connection Academy is through our collaborative work and dedication to student achievement, all MNCA students will achieve high levels of learning.

Our Mission
The mission of Minnesota Connections Academy is to maximize academic achievement for students throughout the state of Minnesota who seek an alternative to the traditional classroom.

OUR PROGRAM

Minnesota Connections Academy (MNCA) includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 2700 students grades K-12. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Elementary NEHS
- Minnesota Connections Academy is accredited by AdvancEd.
- The school has 105 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 45 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.
- School is in session 174 days between the months of August and June.
- We have over 133 courses that are NCAA Certified.
- MNCA is proud to have both a National Honor Society and Junior National Honor Society.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Melissa Gould
Assistant Principals: Kelley Munson, Robin Togstad Percival, Brad Swanson, Anne Wasmund
Manager of Counseling: Stephanie Becker
Counseling Staff: Jennifer Grimm, Jessica Hagen, Laura Kapitan, Nicole Klein

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2018 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of $722,738 and were accepted to the following colleges:

- Bemidji State University
- Bethel University
- Concordia University: St. Paul
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Hamline University
- Minneapolis College of Art and Design
- Minnesota State University Mankato
- Niagara University
- Ohio State University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Southwest Minnesota State University
- St. Catherine University
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Olaf College
- Suffolk University
- Texas Christian University
- University of Minnesota – Duluth
- University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
- University of New Mexico
- University of Northwestern
- University of St. Thomas
- University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
- Winona State University
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minnesota Connections Academy (MNCA) 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.

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

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*Geometry, Algebra 2, Additional Math
**Biology, Chemistry or Physics and an Additional Science

COURSE OFFERINGS

Minnesota 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. MNCA has 85 students participating in the PSEO program in the 2018-2019 School Year.

AP course offerings include: Human Geography, American Government & Politics, and United States History.


TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2017–18:
- Math .................................. 19.5
- Reading ............................. 23
- English ............................. 20.4
- Science ............................. 21
- Composite ......................... 21.1

AP results for 2017–18:
- 7 students took a total of 7 AP Exams in the Spring of 2018.

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

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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:

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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.

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:

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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