

## **i** 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 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 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 PROGRAM**

Minnesota Connections Academy (MNCA) includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 2500 students in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Minnesota Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accrediting division of AdvancED
- 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 a National Honor Society, a Junior National Honor Society and a National Elementary Honor Society



## **ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

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 89 students participating in the PSEO program in the 2019-2020 School Year.

**AP course offerings include:** Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, United States Government & Politics, and United States History.

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

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

**PRINCIPAL:** Melissa Gould

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Kelley Munson, Robin Togstad  
Percival, Tung Pham, Brad  
Swanson

**SENIOR MANAGER OF  
COUNSELING:** Stephanie Becker

## **COUNSELING STAFF:**

Jennifer Grimm, Jessica Hagen,  
Laura Kapitan, Nicole Klein

## **SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES**

The school has 124 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 67 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.

## **ACCREDITATIONS**



## **TOP 5 ELITE SCHOOLS ACCEPTANCES**

Bradley University  
Curtis Institute of Music  
University of Minnesota—Twin  
Cities  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Wisconsin—Madison



## 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.

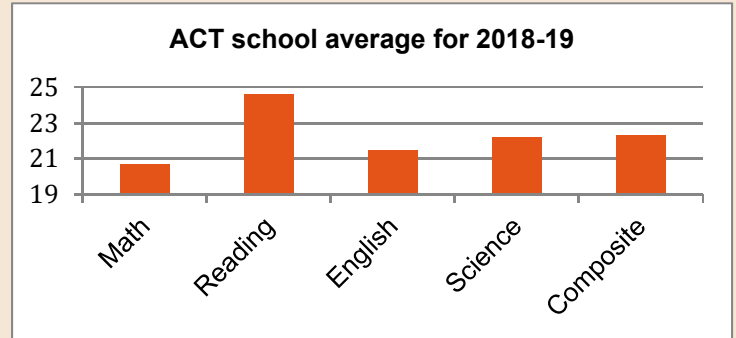
21.5 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math*	3
Science**	3
Social Studies	3.5
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
Humanities & Arts	1
Other Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.5</b>

\*Geometry, Algebra 2, Additional Math

\*\*Physical/Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics

## AVERAGE TEST SCORES



## PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

Post-Grad Plan	%
Two-year college	22%
Four-year college	14%
Employment	52%
Vocational Training	6%
Military	3%
Athletics	1%
Gap Year	1%
Ministry/Mission Work	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## AP RESULTS FOR 2018-19

7 students took a total of 11 AP Exams in the Spring of 2019.



## GRADE 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)
<b>A+</b>	98-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
<b>A</b>	92-97	4.00	4.50	5.00
<b>A-</b>	90-91	3.67	4.17	4.67
<b>B+</b>	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
<b>B</b>	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
<b>B-</b>	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
<b>C+</b>	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
<b>C</b>	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
<b>C-</b>	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
<b>D+</b>	68-69	1.33	1.83	2.33
<b>D</b>	62-67	1.00	1.50	2.00
<b>D-</b>	60-61	.67	1.17	1.67
<b>F</b>	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00