

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Utah 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 2011–12 school year as a K–12 school. The school’s first 12th grade class graduated in June 2012.

Our Mission

Utah Connections Academy is a pioneering virtual public charter school whose mission is to maximize academic achievement for students in grades K-12 throughout the state of Utah who need an alternative to the traditional classroom.

OUR PROGRAM

Utah Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 593 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Utah Connections Academy is accredited by the AdvancEd and NWAC.
- UCA has 1025 students enrolled in grades K-12.
- The school has 39 certified/licensed professional staff, all of which are highly qualified. Of those professional staff members, 46% have earned advanced degrees.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- High school students can typically earn up to 8 credits during the school year.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Jeffrey Herr

Manager of Counseling: Jennifer Swan

Manager of Special Education: Susan Pearl-Weese

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2017 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$53,000 and were accepted to the following colleges:

- Brigham Young University-Idaho
- Dixie State University
- Greensboro College
- Southern Utah University
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of Utah
- Utah State University
- Utah Valley University
- Weber State University
- Westminster College

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Plan	%
Two-year college	18.2
Four-year college	22.7
Employment	29.6
Vocational Training	20.5
Military	3.4
Other	5.7
Total	100

Standard Diploma

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Technology	0.5
Fine Arts	1.5
Career and Technical Education	1
Financial Literacy	0.5
Other Electives	5
Total	24

Diploma with Emphasis in Technology Area/Subject

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Technology	3.5
Fine Arts	1.5
Career and Technical Education	1
Financial Literacy	0.5
Other Electives	5
Total	27

Honors Diploma

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Honors Language Arts	4
Honors Math	4
Honors Science	3
Honors Social Studies	3.5
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Technology	0.5
Fine Arts	1.5
Career and Technical Education	1
Financial Literacy	0.5
World Language	2
Other Electives	5
Total	26

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Utah 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.

24 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements are listed on this page.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Utah 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, in which they can earn concurrent high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions.

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

Honors course offerings include: English 9-12, Precalculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Marine Science, US History, American Government, and World History.

[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 Jennifer Swan at

jeswan@uca.connectionsacademy.org

TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2016–17:

Math	16.6
Reading.....	18.4
English	16.6
Science	17.7
Composite	17.4

AP school average results for 2016–17:

- English Language and Composition: 3.5
- English Literature and Composition: 3
- U.S. History: 4.5
- U.S. Government: 3

Students completing the Honors Diploma must complete the ACT with a minimum score of English - 18, Reading - 21, Math - 22 and Science - 24.

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

**Grades of D- and above are accepted as passing credit.

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student's cumulative weighted GPA for all high school courses, including transfer courses.



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.