 **ABOUT OUR SCHOOL****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 470 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- UCA has 1300 students enrolled in grades K-12.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- High school students can typically earn up to 6 credits during the school year.

 **STUDENT POPULATION**

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. There were 128 graduates in 2020.

 **ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

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. In addition, UCA offers Gifted and Talented opportunities to elementary students who qualify. Our staff is trained in providing rigor and opportunity to students who excel. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Concurrent Enrollment (CE) program, in which they can earn concurrent high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, US History, US Government.

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

Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/utah-online-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>.

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**SCHOOL AND FACULTY
ACCOLADES**

The school has over 50 certified/licensed professional staff, all of which are highly qualified.

ACCREDITATIONS Utah

Connections Academy is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), an accrediting division of AdvancED.

**7 ELITE COLLEGES TO WHICH
STUDENTS WERE ACCEPTED:**

University of Utah, Brigham Young University, North Idaho College, Westminster College, Mount St. Mary's University, Weber State University, Tulane University

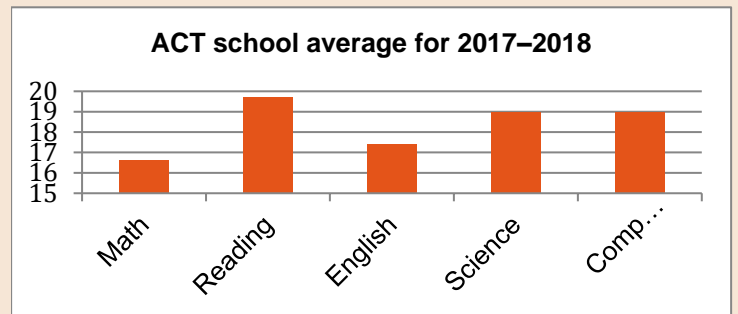
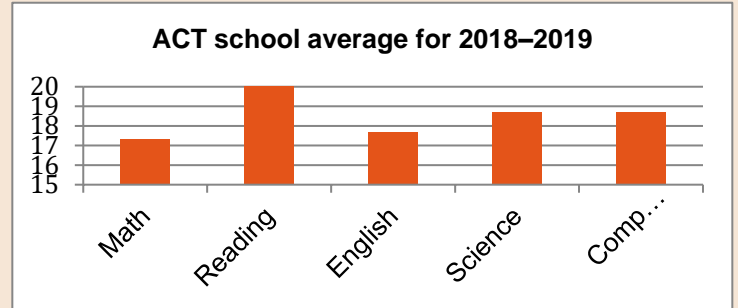


GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

24 credit units are required for graduation with a standard diploma. Other diploma types include the honors diploma and technology diploma. Graduation information for the other diploma types can be found in the UCA handbook.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Health/PE	2
Fine Arts	1.5
Technology	.5
Career and Tech Education	1
Financial Literacy	.5
Other Elective	5
Total	24

AVERAGE TEST SCORES



In 2018-2019, 60.27% of 11th and 12th graders participated in ACT Testing, this was double compared to the 2016-17 school year.

**Due to COVID-19, testing was postponed for the 2019-2020 school year.*



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)
A+	98-100	4.33	4.83	5.33
A	92-97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	70-79	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