



### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

#### Our History

Oklahoma 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-8 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in May, 2013.

#### Our Mission

Oklahoma Connections Academy will help each student maximize his/her potential and meet the highest academic standards through a uniquely individualized learning program which includes a flexible schedule, high-level teacher interaction, rigorous curriculum, and family involvement.

### OUR PROGRAM

Oklahoma Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1575 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Oklahoma Connections Academy is accredited by Advanced Ed.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.
- 92.5% of students from the Class of 2017 who were planning to attend college were accepted to a two- or four-year college.

### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

**Principal:** Tammy Shepherd

**Assistant Principal:** Melissa Gregory, Jennifer Dewar

**Manager of Special Education:** Rebecca James

**Lead Counselor:** Linda Lemmons

**Counselor:** Neva Johnson

### PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

| Plan                | %          |
|---------------------|------------|
| Two-year college    | 19.2       |
| Four-year college   | 30.9       |
| Employment          | 23.4       |
| Vocational training | 13.8       |
| Military            | 5.3        |
| Other               | 7.5        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>100</b> |

### SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2017 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$262,120 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Julliard School, Midwestern State University, Montana State University: Bozeman, Murray State University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma State University, Rogers State University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Nazarene University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Tulsa Community College, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, University of Central Oklahoma, University of North Texas, University of Oklahoma.

### COURSE OFFERINGS

Oklahoma 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 Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

**AP course offerings include:** Art History, Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

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

[\*\*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:

| Grade | Score  | Grade Points | Honors Grade Points | AP Grade Points |
|-------|--------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| A     | 90–100 | 4.00         | 4.50                | 5.00            |
| B     | 80–89  | 3.00         | 3.50                | 4.00            |
| C     | 70–79  | 2.00         | 2.50                | 3.00            |
| D     | 60–69  | 1.00         | 1.50                | 2.00            |
| F     | 0–59   | 0.00         | 0.00                | 0.00            |

*\*Note: Honors and AP Grade Points will be used for internal ranking only.*

### 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 GPA for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

### TESTING STATISTICS

#### ACT school averages for 2016–17:

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Math .....      | 21 |
| Reading.....    | 25 |
| English .....   | 22 |
| Science .....   | 23 |
| Composite ..... | 23 |

#### AP testing for 2016–17:

- 22 11th & 12th grade students participated in AP exams during the spring of 2017. 64.3% of OKCA students scored a 3 or higher on their exams compared to 47% of students statewide.

### 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

Oklahoma 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 include:

| Area/Subjects                                       | # Units for Graduation |
|---|------------------------|
| Language Arts                                       | 4                      |
| Math  | 3                      |
| Science   | 3                      |
| Social Studies                                      | 3                      |
| Technology or 2 units of the same<br>World Language | 2                      |
| One additional credit from the<br>above subjects    | 1                      |
| Personal Financial Literacy                         | 0.5                    |
| Art or Speech                                       | 1                      |
| Other Electives                                     | 6.5                    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>24</b>              |



### COLLEGE VISITATION

Oklahoma Connections Academy provides opportunities for students to visit 5-7 colleges in person each year. College representatives are also 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 Linda Lemmons at [lscribner-lemmons@okca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:lscribner-lemmons@okca.connectionsacademy.org) or Neva Johnson at [njohnson@okca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:njohnson@okca.connectionsacademy.org).