

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 1323. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Oklahoma Connections Academy is accredited by Advanced Ed.
- The school has 48 certified/ licensed professional staff. Of those, 23 have earned advanced degrees, 6 are or have been National Board Certified, and all are highly qualified.
- School is in session 1380 hours between the months of August and May.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Tammy Shepherd

Assistant Principal: Jennifer Dewar (K-8), Ryan Huff (9-12)

Counselor: Neva Johnson

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

| Plan | % |
|---------------------|------------|
| Two-year college | 15.6 |
| Four-year college | 28.6 |
| Employment | 40.1 |
| Vocational training | 10.9 |
| Military | 4.1 |
| Other | 7 |
| Total | 100 |

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2018 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$288,906 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Cameron University, Julliard School, Northeastern State University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma State University, Pittsburg State University, Rogers State University, Seattle Pacific University, Southern Nazarene University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, Tulsa Community College, University of Texas Arlington, University of Tulsa, University of Central Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma, University of Science and Arts 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 G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2017–18:

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Math | 19.4 |
| Reading..... | 23.7 |
| English | 21.2 |
| Science | 21.3 |
| Composite | 21.3 |

AP testing for 2017–18:

- 14 students participated in AP exams during the spring of 2018.

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 World Language | 2 |
| One additional credit from the above subjects | 1 |
| Personal Financial Literacy | 0.5 |
| Art or Speech | 1 |
| Other Electives | 6.5 |
| Total | 24 |



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 Neva Johnson at

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