

### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

#### Our History

Wyoming Connections Academy (WYCA) 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 under the name of Jackson Hole Connections Academy during the 2009–10 school year as a K–12 school. Currently, in partnership with Big Horn County School District No. 1, the school operates as Wyoming Connections Academy.

#### Our Mission

It is the mission of Wyoming Connections Academy to work collaboratively with students, families, and colleagues to design and develop student-driven education for positive learning experiences.

### OUR PROGRAM

Wyoming Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with a current enrollment of 407 students, 187 of these students are in grades 9–12. Here are some important facts about the Wyoming program:

- Wyoming Connections Academy is a program of Big Horn County School District #1, which is accredited by NCA CASI.
- Wyoming Connections Academy has 17 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 12 have earned advanced degrees. All teachers are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Students are able to earn up to 7 credits during the school year.
- Students attending Wyoming Connections Academy will be administered the Wyoming Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP), as required by the state of Wyoming. Students in grades 3–10 will be



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

**Principal:** Shannon Siebert

**School Counselor:** Molly Mulcahy

**Manager of Special Education:** Whitney Romwell

administered tests in reading and math. Additionally, students in grades 4, 8, and 10 will be administered a science test and students in grades 3, 7, and 9 will be administered a writing test. 11th graders will take the ACT in place of the Wyoming Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP) Travel will be required to the assigned test site for testing. If a student does not test on the assigned test date, he/she will be required to attend make-up testing, which will take place at the WYCA office in Cody, WY. If a student fails to attend make-up testing, he/she will not be allowed to enroll at WYCA the following school year.

### SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2018 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$156,900 and were accepted to the following colleges:

University of Wyoming

Wyoming Community College

Illinois State University

Northwest College

Weber State University

Arizona State University

Brigham Young University

Sheridan College

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Wyoming 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 required course load is seven classes per semester.

Students attending Wyoming Connections Academy must meet the graduation requirements set by our partner, Big Horn County School District #1.

**Big Horn County School District #1 Graduation Requirements:** 26 Carnegie units of credits are required for graduation. (Note: These requirements may not meet those necessary for admission to all colleges and post-high school programs.)

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Economics	0.5
Health	1
Physical Education	0.5
Fine/Performing Arts	0.5
Career/Vocational	1.5
Other Electives	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

### GRADING SCALE

Student transcripts reflect the numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	%	Passing	Grade Points
A	90-100	Yes	4.00
B	80-89	Yes	3.00
C	70-79	Yes	2.00
D	65-69	Yes	1.00
F	<64	No	0.00

### TESTING STATISTICS

#### ACT school averages for 2016–17:

Math .....	18.0
Reading.....	20.6
English .....	17.9
Science .....	19.9
Composite .....	19.3

#### AP results for 2016–17:

- 13 students took AP tests

### PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Plan	%
Two-year college	34.4
Four-year college	9.4
Employment	25
Vocational Training	6.3
Military	9.4
Total	100

There were thirty two students in the graduating Class of 2018. Of those, over 50.1% planned to attend a 2-year, 4-year college or completing vocational training. Over 25% planned on entering the work force. Over 15.5% of students fell into the category of other and planned on attending a mission, volunteering, and to prepare for the field of ministry.

### CLASS RANK POLICY

Wyoming Connections Academy does not calculate and document class rank, but the school does provide individual rank.

### COURSE OFFERINGS

Wyoming Connections Academy offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum, with courses in a wide range of disciplines. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. All science courses include hands-on laboratory units. 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, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions. Through our global online curriculum, students have the opportunity to pursue advanced studies.

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

**[Please view all of our high school courses](#)**

### HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College and University representatives are cordially invited to connect with our students through web-conferencing technology. For more information about setting up a web-conference session, please contact Natasha Harris, WYCA School Counselor, at (720) 504-5201, or [nharris@pearsoneducator.com](mailto:nharris@pearsoneducator.com) or Molly Mulcahy at 307-213-3448 or [molmulcahy@wyca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:molmulcahy@wyca.connectionsacademy.org)



### 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.