

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

North Carolina Connections Academy (NCCA) is a tuition free virtual public school serving students in grades K-11. The school will add one grade per year, ultimately serving students in grades K-12. Our students come from all across North Carolina, creating a diverse student population. NCCA submitted its charter application to the North Carolina Office of Charter Schools. In February of 2015, the North Carolina State Board of Education unanimously approved NCCA to start during the 2015-2016 school year.

Our Mission

North Carolina Connections Academy has a mission to empower children with knowledge, skills and character traits to be successful in their education through an engaging, personalized learning experience in a full-time virtual school.

OUR PROGRAM

North Carolina Connections Academy (NCCA) will include a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 2160 students in grades K-11. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Connections Academy is a division of Connections Education which is accredited by AdvancEd.
- NCCA currently employs 65 full-time core and Special Education teachers, 2 full-time school counselors and 1 school social worker to help meet individual student needs.
- 100% of teachers are certified in the areas that they teach.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent: Nathan Currie

Principals: Gerita Walden (K-8), Christina Robinson (9-11)

Assistant Principal(s): Elizabeth Matson (K-5), Christina Street (6-8)

Director of Testing: Gerita Walden

Director of Student Services: Temple Crutchfield

Manager of Counseling: Katrina Kremer

Counseling Staff: Janice Harris (Grade 10 & Grade 11 Last Names A-M), Twala Timmons (Grade 9 & Grade 11 Last Names N-Z), John Kozlowski (Grades 6-8)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

North Carolina Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. 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 and 100 hours of community service are required for graduation. Specific course requirements for graduation include:

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	4
Health/P.E.	1
Approved Electives	8
Total	24

- The maximum age for enrollment in NCCA is 21 and Special Education is 22.
- NCCA allows for more individualized attention and flexibility in pacing of curriculum and instruction.

COURSE OFFERINGS

North Carolina 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 Foundation programs. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in North Carolina’s Career and College Promise program, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: Biology, Calculus, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, and U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Math II, Math III, Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Environmental Science, English 9-12, Physical Science, Pre-Calculus, American History I and II, 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	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
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

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 Katrina Kremer at kkremer@ncca.connectionsacademy.org.

TESTING

- All North Carolina 10th graders will take the Pre-ACT.
- All 11th graders in North Carolina will take the ACT.
- We encourage interested 10th graders to take the PSAT and 11th and 12th graders who think they might apply for college to take the SAT as well.

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.

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