



CONNECTIONS EDUCATION NAMED “TOP WORKPLACE” BY *THE BALTIMORE SUN* FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

**-- Employees Praise Online Learning Innovator for Stand-out Work Environment,
Compensation and Benefits, and Company Leadership --**

BALTIMORE, December 8 – Connections Education (www.ConnectionsEducation.com), a leading provider of virtual education solutions for students in grades K–12, has been selected as one of the top five of *The Baltimore Sun* Top



Workplaces for 2014, an award based solely on employee feedback, for the second consecutive year. Connections Education was ranked third among large companies (400+ employees), up from the company’s fourth place ranking in 2013

The Baltimore Sun Top Workplace for 2014 accolade reflects Connections Education’s long-standing corporate culture of caring and excellence. A recent employee satisfaction survey conducted by the company revealed that 81% of employees rated their overall satisfaction working at Connections Education an A or a B; 96% of employees said customer focus is better/significantly better than at their previous job; 91% of employees said the work environment is better/significantly better than at their previous job.

The Connections Education workforce numbers nearly 4,000 nationwide. More than 400 work in its Baltimore headquarters, roughly 1100 across Maryland, and, perhaps unsurprisingly for an e-learning company, 46% of company employees nationwide work from home.

Founded in 2001, Connections Education has helped to re-define public education in the United States by supporting high-quality, highly accountable virtual and blended schools for students in grades K-12. Today, 36 Connections Academy-supported (virtual) and Nexus Academy-supported (blended) public schools spanning 25 states serve more than 60,000 K-12 students. More than 1,000 schools, school districts, state departments of education and other educational institutions, serving tens of thousands of students throughout the United States and beyond, also utilize the company’s digital learning solutions.

“This award is particularly meaningful this year with the passing of our inspirational leader Barbara Dreyer, co-founder, president and CEO of Connections Education,” Dr. Steven Guttentag, Connections Education co-founder and president, said. “Our employees are incredibly talented and hardworking individuals dedicated to helping students succeed and to expanding access to high-quality digital learning. Barbara would be extremely proud, as we are, that Connections has once again been recognized, and we honor her memory as we celebrate this award.”

For a complete list of Connections Education employee benefits, visit the [“Careers”](#) section of the Connections Education website.

The Baltimore Sun published the complete list of Top Workplaces on Sunday, December 7.

About Connections Education

Connections Education is a provider of high-quality, highly accountable virtual education solutions for students in grades K–12. Since 2001, the company’s Connections Academy has delivered individualized learning to students through tuition-free virtual public schools. Connections Education offers an online private school for students worldwide and delivers blended learning via tuition-free, public, Nexus Academy schools. The Connections Learning by Pearson division meets the needs of schools, school districts, and other institutions with a range of digital learning solutions for grades K–12. Connections Education is part of the global learning company Pearson.