



## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

We ensure a high-quality education by providing a supportive structure through the delivery of an individualized, rigorous, and innovative curriculum.

### OUR PROGRAM

Washington Connections Academy will include a comprehensive high school program with a projected enrollment of 1637 students in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- WACA operates through a partnership with the Mary M Knight School District.
- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, which is accredited by AdvancED.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Students on the traditional pacing are able to earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 7 classes per semester.



## STUDENT POPULATION

Washington Connections Academy enrolls 1750+ students in grades K-12. Students enroll from throughout the state of Washington.



## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Washington Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs.

**Honors course offerings include:** Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-10, Geometry, Marine Science, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

Students may also choose from a number of Advanced Placement courses as well.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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**SENIOR MANAGER OF**

**COUNSELING:** Adam Hawks

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**OFFICE MANAGER:** Tosha Knight

## SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 62 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 24 have earned advanced degrees.



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Washington Connections Academy operates on a semester system using Carnegie units. One semester equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have the opportunity to be granted high school credit. Non-credit graduation requirements include Washington State history, English and Mathematics Smarter Balanced

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science (with 2 lab science)	3
Social Studies	3
Arts**	2
World Language**	2
Health	.5
PE	1.5
Career and Tech Ed	1
Other Electives	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

Assessments, and a Biology end-of-course exam.

\*\*Students may elect a personalized pathway option.

## Testing Information

Washington Connections Academy adheres to all state and national testing requirements, and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.

Required High School State Testing

Smarter Balanced Assessment in English

Smarter Balanced Assessment in Math

Biology End-of-Course exam

### AP

During the 2018-2019 school year, seven WACA students participated in AP courses.

### 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.



## GRADE 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	92-100	4.00	4.5	5.00
A-	90-91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68-69	1.33	1.33	1.33
D	60-67	1.00	1.00	1.00
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00