

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Colorado 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 2002–03 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06, and added one grade level per year since then. Colorado Connections Academy's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

Our Mission

Connections Academy schools have an important mission: to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

OUR PROGRAM

Colorado Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1,458 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Colorado Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCACASI).
- Colorado Connections Academy has 98 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 58 have earned Master degrees and all are Board Certified.
- School is in session 200 days between the months of August and June.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

School Leader: Chaille Hymes

Durango Site Administrator: Amy Davis

High School Assistant Principals: Patrick O'Neill and Thayer Horton

Middle School Assistant Principal: Jennifer Castillo

Elementary Assistant Principal: Amy Davis

Manager of Counseling Services: Jennifer Floersch

Counselors: Katie Cooke, Jessica Terrell, Nicole Smith, Meredith Yowell and Bailey Zerr

Manager of Special Education: Jordan Churchill

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2017 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$530,430 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Adams State College, Art Institute of Colorado, Aims Community College, Arapahoe Community College, Bethany College, Colorado College, Colorado State University, Colorado Mesa University, Colorado School of Mines, Community College of Aurora, Creighton University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Lewis College, Front Range Community College, Johnson & Wales University, Los Angeles College of Music, Loyola University Chicago, Metropolitan State University, Montana State University, Northern Arizona University, Ohio University, Pikes Peak Community College, PIMA Institute, Pueblo Community College, Regis University, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, San Diego State University, Smith College, Texas A&M, United Marine Corp, University of Arizona, University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado Springs and Denver, University of Dallas, University of Denver, University of Kansas, University of Memphis, University of Michigan, University of Nevada, University of Northern Colorado, University of Texas, University of Utah, University of Wyoming, and Western State College of Colorado.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Colorado Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. The typical course load is 6 courses per semester.

22 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subject	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
World Language	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	0.5
Technology	0.5
Humanities and Arts	0.5
Financial Literacy	0.5
ICAP	1
Other Electives	2.5
Total	22

TESTING STATISTICS

SAT school averages for 2016–17:

Average Score 1009
 Avg Math..... 489
 Avg Reading & Writing 519

ACT school results for 2016–17:

Math 22
 Reading..... 22
 English 23
 Science 22
 Composite 22

COURSE OFFERINGS

Colorado 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 PSEO program, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I and Algebra II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Marine Science, Physical Science, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

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Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings include:

Accounting, Anatomy and Physiology, Business Math, Career Exploration, College Prep with ACT and SAT, Criminal Investigation, Developmental Writing, Intro to Finance, Intro to Homeland Security, Intro to Law, Intro to Medical Assisting, Intro to Sociology, Intro to Astronomy, Intro to Criminal Justice, Java Programming I & II, Life Management Skills, Medical Terminology, Medical Law and Ethics, Speech and Debate, and Sports Management.

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

GRADING SCALE

Students are awarded credit only for courses in which they have earned a grade of C- (70%) or higher, while enrolled in Colorado Connections Academy. 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+	97–100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	93–96	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90–92	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	87–89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	83–86	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80–82	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	77–79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	73–76	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70–72	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	67–69	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	63–66	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60–62	0.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00

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.

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.

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Plan	%
Two-year college	27
Four-year college	35
Work Force	23
Vocational Training	7
Military	4
Other	4
Total	100



HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College and University representatives are cordially invited to connect with our students through web-conferencing technology. A two-week advanced notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web-conference session, please contact:

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