

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 1,798 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, 57 have earned Master degrees and all are Board Certified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- 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 six classes per semester.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

School Leader: Chaille Hymes

Durango Site Administrator: Amy Davis

High School Principal: Jennifer Castillo

High School Assistant Principal: Thayer Horton

K-8 Principal: Amy Davis

K-8 Assistant Principal: Ruth Weaver

Sr. Mgr. of Counseling Services: Jennifer Floersch

Director of Special Education: Jordan Churchill

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

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2018 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$530,430 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Adams State College, Aims Community College, Arapahoe Community College, Bob Jones University, California State University, Colorado State University, Colorado Mesa University, Community College of Aurora, Colorado Mountain College, Fort Lewis College, Front Range Community College, Grinnell College, Johnson & Wales University, Metropolitan State University, Northeastern Junior College, Northwestern Community College, Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Red Rocks Community College, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, University of Colorado- Colorado Springs, University of Portland, and Washington State University.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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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 2017-18:

SAT score..... 988
 Math 473.5
 Reading & Writing..... 514.9

ACT school results for 2017-18:

Math 22
 Reading..... 24
 English 23
 Science 23
 Composite 23

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 post-secondary 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, Earth Space Science A & B, English 9-12, Geometry, Marine Science, Physical Science, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

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 2018

Plan	%
Two-year college	28
Four-year college	34
Work Force	13
Vocational Training	15
Military	3
Other	7
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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