

i ABOUT OUR SCHOOL**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.

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 PROGRAM

Colorado Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1,740 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 (NCA/CASI) an accrediting division of Cognia, formerly AdvancED.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.
- 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.

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: Nikki Smith 720-295-4340

SCHOLARSHIPS/COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Students in the Class of 2020 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,716,682. Top college acceptances include: Adams State University, Brigham Young University, Colorado College, Colorado Mesa University, Florida State University, Metropolitan State University-Denver, Regis University, University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado Springs and Denver, University of Northern Colorado and University of Wyoming..

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ACCREDITATIONS



ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Colorado Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Standard programs. Students also can participate in the PSEO program, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science, 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, 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 Communication, Business Information Systems, Business Law, Business Math, Career Planning & Skill Development, College Prep with ACT and SAT, Criminal Investigation, Developmental Writing, Intro to Astronomy, Intro to Business, Intro to Criminal Justice, Intro to Early Childhood Education, Intro to Finance, Intro to Homeland Security, Intro to Law, Intro to Medical Assisting, Intro to Sociology, Java Programming I & II, Life Management Skills, Medical Terminology, Medical Law and Ethics, Speech and Debate, and Sports Management.

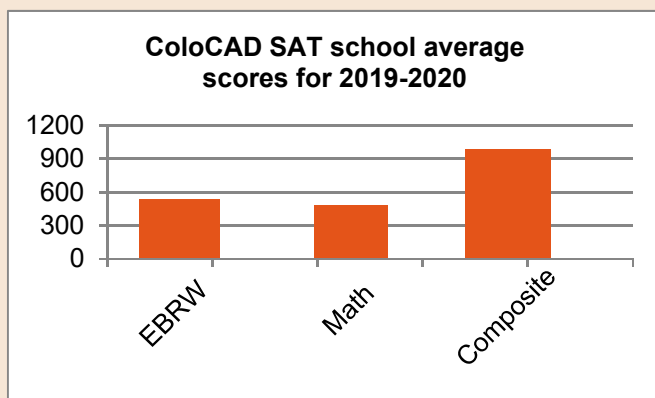
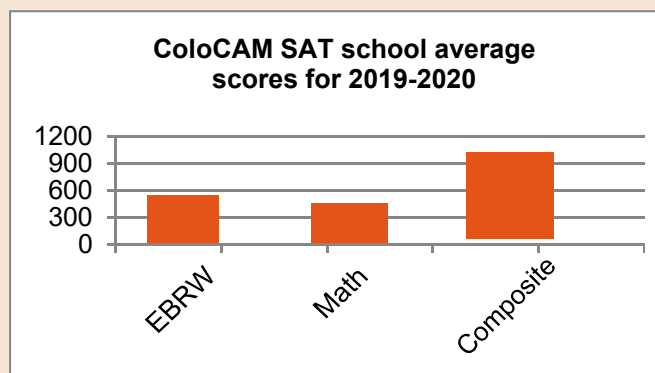
Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/colorado-online-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>.



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:

| Area/Subjects | #Units for Graduation |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Math | 3 |
| Science (2 must be lab-based) | 4 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| Health & Physical Educaiton | 1.0 |
| Foreign Language | 1.0 |
| Technology | .5 |
| Humanities and Fine Arts | .5 |
| Freshman Success | .5 |
| College Prep with SAT | .5 |
| Other Electives | 4 |
| Total | 22 |



The average score of our students taking the AP exams was a 3. We had 70% of our students earn a score of a 3 or higher and 32% of our students earned a score of a 4 or 5.


GRADE SCALE

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.

| Grade | Grade % | Passing? | Non-weighted | Weighted (Honors) | Weighted (AP) |
|-------|----------|----------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| A+ | 97 – 100 | Yes | 4.00 | 4.50 | 5.00 |
| A | 93 – 96 | Yes | 4.00 | 4.50 | 5.00 |
| A- | 90 – 92 | Yes | 3.67 | 4.17 | 4.67 |
| B+ | 87 – 89 | Yes | 3.33 | 3.83 | 4.33 |
| B | 83 – 86 | Yes | 3.00 | 3.50 | 4.00 |
| B- | 80 – 82 | Yes | 2.67 | 3.17 | 3.67 |
| C+ | 77 – 79 | Yes | 2.33 | 2.83 | 3.33 |
| C | 73 – 76 | Yes | 2.00 | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| C- | 70 – 72 | Yes | 1.67 | 2.17 | 2.67 |
| D+ | 67 – 69 | No | 1.33 | 1.83 | 2.33 |
| D | 63 – 66 | No | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 |
| D- | 60 – 62 | No | 0.67 | 1.17 | 1.67 |
| F | 0 -59 | No | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Completion Requirements

Students must demonstrate college or career readiness in English **AND** Math based on at least **ONE** of the following measures.

| Measure | English | Math |
|--|---|---|
| Accuplacer (classic) | 62 on Reading Comprehension or 70 on Sentence Skills | 61 on Elementary Algebra |
| Accuplacer (Next Generation) | 241 on Reading on 236 on Writing | 255 on Arithmetic (AR) or 230 on Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QAS) |
| ACT | 18 on ACT English | 19 on ACT Math |
| SAT | English 470 | Math 500 |
| Advanced Placement (AP Exam) | English 3 | Math 3 |
| ASVAB | 31 on the AFQT (Score of 50% or higher on WK and PC Sections) | 31 on the AFQT (score of 50% or higher on AR and MK Sections) |
| Concurrent Enrollment | Passing Grade 70% or higher | Passing Grade of 70% or higher |
| IB | 4 | 4 |
| Graduation Portfolio *District Capstone | Individualized | Individualized |