

### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

#### Our History

Alabama Connections Academy is a tuition free virtual 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 2017–2018 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated May 21st, 2018.

#### Our Mission

The Mission of Alabama Connections Academy is to partner with students and families, focusing on individual student success in a flexible learning environment.

### OUR PROGRAM

Alabama Connections Academy is a K-12 school that includes a four-year comprehensive high school program. Current enrollment is 1887 students in grades K-12. An enrollment increase of in excess of 700 students for the 2018-2019 school year. It is projected that enrollment will reach 2000 by the end of this year. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Online & Blended Learning, which is accredited by AdvancED.
- The school has 53 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 40 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days, August 8th, 2018 – May 24, 2019.
- Students on the traditional pacing can earn up to 6 credits during the school year. The typical course load is six classes per semester.



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

**Principal:** Jodie Dean

**Assistant Principa K-8:** Carrie Fox

**Manager of Special Education:** Mari Adkins

**Manager of Counseling:** Shelia Daniel

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
English Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Career Technical/Fine Arts/World Languages	3
Career Preparation	1
Health	.5
Life PE	1
Additional courses*	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

*\*Additional courses are from those listed approved for credit toward graduation by the school including approved vocational education courses*

- The school operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units.
- Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may be granted high school credit.

### COURSE OFFERINGS

Alabama Connections Academy’s core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to 16 Advanced Placement, 14 Honors, and College Preparatory programs.

#### College Board approved AP offerings include:

Art History	Human Geography
Biology	Macroeconomics
Calculus AB	Microeconomics
Calculus BC	Psychology
Computer Science A	Spanish Language
English Language	Statistics
English Literature	US History
Environmental Science	US Government and Politics

#### Honors course offerings include:

Algebra I and II	Geometry
American Government	Physical Science
Biology	Pre-Calculus
Chemistry	U.S. History
Earth Science	World History
English 9-10	

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

### GRADING 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	90–100	4.00	4.50	5.00
B	80–89	3.00	3.50	4.00
C	70–79	2.00	2.50	3.00
D	60–69	1.00	1.50	2.00
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Transcript Abbreviations

**CO** Course completed    **EN** Scheduled in section    **IP** Active in section    **WF** Failing grade at time of withdrawal from course  
**WP** Passing grade at time of withdrawal from course.    **PC** Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading

### TESTING

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

#### ACT school averages for 2017–18:

Math .....	18.6
English .....	20.6
Reading.....	21.4
Science .....	20.1
Composite .....	20.2

#### SAT school averages for 2017–18:

Math .....	420
Reading and Writing.....	450
Combined .....	870

#### AP results for 2017–18:

- 12 students participated in AP courses.

#### Required State Testing

Scantron .....	Grades 3–8
Pre-ACT .....	10th Grade
ACT.....	11th Grade
WorkKeys.....	12th Grade

### CLASS RANK POLICY

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.

### 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. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please contact Shelia Daniel, Counselor Manager, at: [sdaniel@alca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:sdaniel@alca.connectionsacademy.org)



### SCHOLARSHIP DATA

Graduates from the class of 2018 earned a combined total of \$165,800.00 toward their post-secondary educational pursuits.

### SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Alabama Coastal Community College, Auburn University, Bevill State Community College, Calhoun Community College, Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College, Northwest Shoals Community College, Oakland University, Oglethorpe University, Shelton State Community College, Snead State Community College, Southern Union, Trenholm State Community College, Troy University, University of Alabama, University of Monteballo, University of South Alabama, and Wallace Community College.

### PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Plan	%
Two-year college	40.5
Four-year college	24.3
Employment	16.2
Vocational Training	5.3
Military	8.1
Other	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>