

 **ABOUT OUR SCHOOL****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 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 PROGRAM

Alabama Connections Academy is a K-12 school that includes a four-year comprehensive high school program. Current enrollment is 2477 students in grades K-12. An enrollment increase in excess of 400 students for the 2019-2020 school year. It is projected that enrollment will reach 2500 by the end of this year. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Alabama Connections Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement, an accrediting division of AdvancED.
- The school has 86 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 80 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days, August 5th, 2019 – May 21, 2020.
- Students on the traditional pacing can earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is four classes per semester (block schedule in high school) and 6 courses in K-8.
- The school operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. (Block scheduling for 9-12)
- Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may be granted high school credit.

 **SCHOLARSHIP DATA**

Graduates from the class of 2019 earned a combined total of \$774,012 toward their post-secondary educational pursuits.

 **ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

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.

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ACCREDITATIONS**TOP 5 ELITE SCHOOLS
STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO**

- University of Alabama
- Auburn University
- Troy State
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of North Alabama



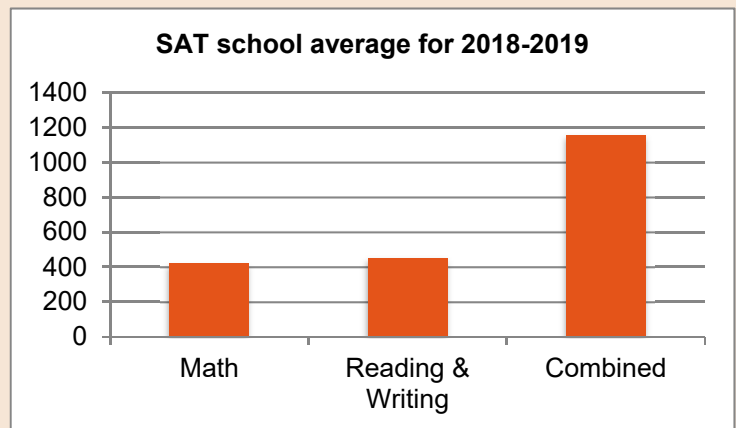
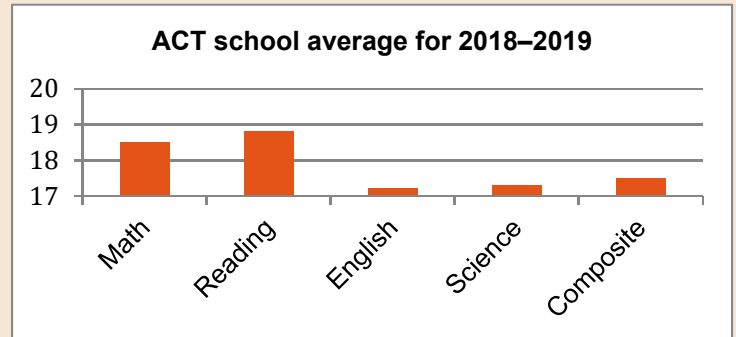
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

AVERAGE TEST SCORES

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.



GRADE SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

| | Numerical Percentage | GPA 4 point scale | 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 |



AP AND HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

| AP Courses | | Honors Courses | |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Art History | English Literature | Algebra I & | English 9-12 |
| Biology | Spanish Language | Algebra II | Geometry |
| Calculus AB | Statistics | American Govt | Physical Science |
| Chemistry | US History | Biology | Pre-Calculus |
| English Language | US Govt & Politics | Calculus | US History |
| | | Chemistry | US Govt |
| | | Earth Science | World History |