

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 will graduate in June 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 950 students in grades K-12. An enrollment increase of 1,200+ students during the 2017-2018 school year is projected. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Connections Academy is a division of Connections Education which is accredited by AdvancedEd.
- The school has 26 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 22 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days, August 14, 2017 – May 18, 2018.
- Students on the traditional pacing can earn up to six credits during the school year. The typical course load is six classes per semester.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Jodie Dean
Assistant Principal: Carrie Fox
Manager of Special Education: Phaidra Thompson
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
Total	24

**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

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
- ASPIRE
- WorkKeys

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.

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, Manager, of Counseling, at: sdaniel@alca.connectionsacademy.org

