



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Great River Connections Academy collaborates with families to assist learners to find success by connecting learning and academic growth through meaningful relationships, individualized support, and an engaging curriculum.

OUR HISTORY

Great River 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 2018-2019 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2019.

OUR PROGRAM

Great River Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with enrollment of 1500 students in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Great River Connections Academy 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 June.
- Students on the traditional pacing can earn up to 6 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6 classes per semester.
- The school operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units.
- One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit.
- Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit.

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 Jackson Haas at jahaas@grca.connectionsacademy.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACCREDITATIONS



TOP 5 SCHOOLS TO WHICH STUDENTS ACCEPTED:

University of Findlay, Miami
University, Wittenburg University,
University of Akron, Kent State
University

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Great River Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

AP course offerings include: AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Computer Science, AP US Government and Politics, AP Art History, AP Spanish Language, AP English Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition, AP Psychology, AP US History.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health and Physical Ed	1
Financial Literacy	
Fine Arts	1
Additional Courses	4
Total	20

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



Testing

Great River 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.

Required State Testing: End of Course Exams



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+	98–100	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92–97	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90–91	Yes	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88–89	Yes	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82–87	Yes	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80–81	Yes	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78–79	Yes	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72–77	Yes	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70–71	Yes	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68–69	Yes	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62–67	Yes	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60–61	Yes	0.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–59	No	0.00	0.00	0.00