

 **ABOUT OUR SCHOOL****OUR HISTORY**

Falcon View Connections Academy is a tuition free virtual public school serving students in grades K-10 from across the state. Falcon View Connections Academy will grow to be K-12 at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2019-2020 school year. The school's first 12th grade class will graduate in June, 2021.

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

OUR PROGRAM

Falcon View Connections Academy will include a four-year comprehensive high school program with a projected enrollment of 350 students in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, which is accredited by AdvancED.
- The school has 11 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 9 have earned advanced degrees.
- School is in session 177 days between the months of August and June.
- Students on the traditional pacing are able to earn up to 6 credits during the school year. The typical course load minimum 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.
- Falcon View 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

Reading: MCA (grades 3-8, 10)

Mathematics: MCA (grades 3-8, 11)

Science: MCA (grades 5, 8, and once in high school)

**ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

Falcon View 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 9-10, Geometry, Physical Science, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

AP course offerings include: Biology, English Language & Composition, Human Geography, and U.S. History.

Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/minnesota-virtual-school/curriculum/high-school>

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACCREDITATIONS

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3.5
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Career Planning	1
Art	1
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
Business Technology	.5
Other Electives	5.5
Total	23



GRADE SCALE

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Grade %	Passing?	GPA
A+	98 – 100	Yes	4.00
A	92 – 97	Yes	4.00
A-	90 – 91	Yes	3.67
B+	88 – 89	Yes	3.33
B	82 – 87	Yes	3.00
B-	80 – 81	Yes	2.67
C+	78 - 79	Yes	2.33
C	72 - 77	Yes	2.00
C-	70 - 71	Yes	1.67
D+	68 - 69	Yes	1.33
D	62 - 67	Yes	1.00
D-	60 - 61	Yes	0.67
F	0 - 59	No	0.00

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