

 **ABOUT OUR SCHOOL****OUR MISSION**

TNCA's mission is to help each student maximize his/her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

**OUR SCHOOL**

Tennessee Connections Academy is a public school serving students in grades K–12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Our school was approved during the 2018- 2019 school year and opened to accept students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Tennessee Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 1350 students. Here are some important facts about the Tennessee Connections Academy program:

- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.
- Students are able to earn up to 8 credits during the school year.

**ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

Tennessee Connections Academy offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum, with courses in a wide range of disciplines. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. All science courses include hands-on laboratory units. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Dual Enrollment classes, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the state's Move on When Ready program. Under this program a student may complete an early graduation program and be eligible for unconditional entry into a public two-year institution of higher learning or a conditional entry into a public four year institution of higher learning.

**AP course offerings include:** Biology, Psychology, U.S. History, Spanish Language, Calculus AB, Computer Science, English Language & Composition, Microeconomics, and Statistics

**Honors course offerings include:** English 9-12, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, US Government, US History, and World History.

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

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**SCHOOL AND FACULTY  
ACCOLADES**

63 Certified/Licensed Staff  
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**ACCREDITATIONS**

Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, which is accredited by AdvancED



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Tennessee Connections Academy 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. The typical course load is six classes per semester. Students must also:

- Be enrolled at TNCA during the semester immediately prior to graduation with satisfactory attendance and discipline record, and not be enrolled full time in any other school.
- Earn a minimum of 5 of the credits (or 10 courses) required for graduation at TNCA, with at least 1.5 of these credits (or 3 courses) earned in the semester immediately prior to graduation.

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

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Family and Consumer Science	.5
Wellness	1
Health/Physical Ed	.5
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Other Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>



## GRADE 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)
<b>A</b>	90–100	4.00	Shall include the addition of 3 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average	Shall include the addition of 5 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average
<b>B</b>	80–89	3.00		
<b>C</b>	70–79	2.00		
<b>D</b>	60–69	1.00		
<b>F</b>	0–59	0.00		