

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

We empower students with the tools and experiences needed to create an individualized path to lifelong personal success through a culture that encourages growth, service, and exploration.

**OUR HISTORY**

Willamette 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 2019-2020 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June of 2020.

**OUR PROGRAM**

Willamette Connections Academy is a four-year comprehensive high school program serving students throughout Oregon in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- The school has 62 certified/licensed professional staff and five Administrative Assistants. Of those, all eight licensed professionals have earned advanced degrees and all staff are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of Sept.8 and June 17th.
- Students on the traditional pacing can earn up to 6 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6 classes per semester. However, students can take additional courses if requested by student or caretaker.
- The school operates on a semester system.
- 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.
- Willamette 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: SBAC; Optional Testing: PSAT 9/10, PSAT 10, SAT, ACT WorkKeys.

**ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

Willamette 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:** Algebra I and II, English, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, Marine Science, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

<https://www.connectionsacademy.com/oregon-virtual-school/about>

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**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

**Principal:** Chris Long

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**Manager of Special Education:**

Shelly Shumpert

**Manager of Counseling:**

Angela Smith

**Lead Administrative Assistant:**

Kristy Eckhardt

**ACCREDITATIONS**

Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Online & Blended Learning, which is accredited by Cognia, formerly AdvancED.

**Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings:** Spanish, English, Calculus, Statistics, Computer Science, Biology, Microeconomics, Psychology, U.S. History, Environmental Science.  
 Please feel free to view all our high school courses at <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/oregon-virtual-school>.



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	2
Health	1
Second Language, Career Technical Education, The Arts	3
Other Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

24 credits are required for Oregon graduation.  
 Specific requirements are:



## GRADE SCALE

A+	97 – 100	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92 – 96	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90 – 91	Yes	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	87 – 89	Yes	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82 – 86	Yes	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80 – 81	Yes	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	77-79	Yes	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72-76	Yes	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	Yes	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	67-69	Yes	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62-66	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