

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

The mission of Willamette Connections Academy is to create a personalized, student-centered learning experience with certified teachers dedicated to helping students succeed in school and in life. Learning Coaches, usually parents, guide students daily and get a front row seat to their academic journey. Willamette Connections Academy School has an important mission: We will grow. We will serve. We will explore.

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 will graduate in June 2020

OUR PROGRAM

Willamette Connections Academy will include a four-year comprehensive high school program with a projected enrollment of 100 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 eight certified/licensed professional staff and one Administrative Assistant. 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.3 and June 12th.
- 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: Essential Skills, SBAC and ELA, 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, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, 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

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Administrative Assistant:
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ACCREDITATIONS

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Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings: Spanish, English, Calculus, Statistics, Computer Science, Biology, Microeconomics, Psychology, U.S. History.

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
Total	24

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



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

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