

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

We ensure a high-quality education by providing a supportive structure through the delivery of an individualized, rigorous, and innovative curriculum.

OUR PROGRAM

Pacific Northwest Connections Academy will include a comprehensive high school program with a projected enrollment of 500 students in grades 7-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Online & Blended Learning, which is accredited by AdvancED. We have a partnership with South Kitsap School District.
- The school has 62 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 24 have earned advanced degrees.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Students on the traditional pacing are able to earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 7 classes per semester.
- The school operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units.
- One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit.

 **ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

Pacific Northwest 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, Marine Science, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

Students may also choose from a number of Advanced Placement courses as well.

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

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**SCHOOL AND FACULTY
ACCOLADES**

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pacific Northwest Connections Academy operates on a semester system using Carnegie units. One semester equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have the opportunity to be granted high school credit. Non-credit graduation requirements include Washington State history, English and Mathematics Smarter Balanced

Assessments, and a Biology end-of-course exam.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science (with 2 lab science)	3
Social Studies	3
Arts**	2
World Language**	2
Health	.5
PE	1.5
Career and Tech Ed	1
Other Electives	4
Total	24

**Students may elect a personalized pathway option.



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)
A	92-100	4.00	4.5	5.00
A-	90-91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68-69	1.33	1.33	1.33
D	60-67	1.00	1.00	1.00
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

Testing Information

Pacific Northwest Connections Academy adheres to all state and national testing requirements, and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.

Required High School State Testing:

Smarter Balanced Assessment in English

Smarter Balanced Assessment in Math

AP

PNWCA was not opened in the 2018-2019 School Year and therefore did not have any students take AP tests.

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 Adam Hawks, Manager of Counseling Services at AHawks@waca.connectionsacademy.org.