

# 2021-2022 School Profile

CEEB Code # 010013

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

The mission of Alabama Connections Academy is to partner with students and families, focusing on individual student success in a flexible learning environment.

### OUR HISTORY

Alabama Connections Academy (ALCA) began providing virtual, public education to students across Alabama in August 2017. Located in Athens, AL, ALCA serves students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The school is recognized by the Alabama State Department of Education as a Limestone County School District public school and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accrediting division of Cognia, formerly AdvancED.

### OUR PROGRAM

Rooted in the belief that All Learners Can Achieve, Alabama Connections Academy students are able to audition, rehearse, work, participate in research, intern, practice, and compete without having to compromise their educational standards. What started with a small staff of teachers and a group of committed students eager for a new way to learn has grown into a school culture that encourages individuality and provides the opportunity for students to pursue their passion.

Alabama Connections Academy serves elementary school students in grades K-5, middle school students in grades 6-8 and high school students in grades 9-12. Current enrollment for all grades is 4,749 students.

- High school students complete courses on a block schedule typically completing 4 courses in quarters 1 and 2 (fall semester) and 4 courses in quarters 3 and 4 (spring semester). Earning up to 8 course credits each school year.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Kelly Flores (6-8)

Crystal Dodd (9-12)

**MANAGER OF**

**COUNSELING:** Amanda Findlay

**MANAGER OF SPECIAL**

**EDUCATION:** Mari Adkins

**DEAN OF STUDENTS:**

Loyal Olive (K-5)

Jason Crowson (6-8)

Stephanie Adams (9-12)

## ACCREDITATIONS



## TOP 5 STATE SCHOOLS STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO

- University of Alabama
- Auburn University
- Troy University
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of North Alabama

- The formula for awarding credit is based on 140 clock hours = 1.0 credit.
- Elementary and middle school students complete courses yearlong awarding grades at the end of each semester.
- Alabama Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to 13 Advanced Placement Courses and 17 Honors Courses.

## SCHOLARSHIP DATA

Graduates from the class of 2021 earned a combined total of \$2,156,278 toward their post-secondary educational pursuits.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

24 units of credit are required for graduation.

Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
English Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Career Technical/Fine Arts/World Languages	3
Career Preparation	1
Health	.5
Beginning Kinesiology	1
Additional courses Electives	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

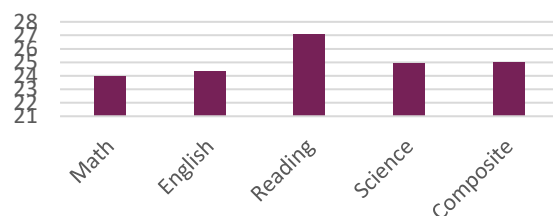
## COVID RESPONSE

Under the guidelines provided by the Alabama State Department of Education, ALCA continues to measure the impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. ALCA's virtual platform and experienced virtual educators make it possible for students to avoid many concerns with in person gatherings. ALCA will use an abundance of caution re-establishing any in person activities that may be permitted by and in accordance with ALSDE guidelines.

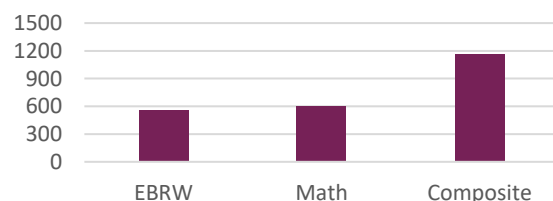
### Average Test Scores

Alabama Connections Academy students participate in all state required testing and high school students are encouraged to take the ACT, SAT, and Advanced Placement Exams.

ACT School Average for 2020-2021



SAT School Average for 2020-2021



## GRADE SCALE

Additional quality points are reflected in the students GPA. Grades posted are actual and do not have additional points weighting added to them. Courses receiving additional quality points will have Honors, Dual Enrollment (DE) or Advanced Placement (AP) in the course name.

Grade	Numerical Percentage	GPA 4-point scale	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP & DE)
<b>A</b>	90-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
<b>B</b>	80-89	3.00	3.50	4.00
<b>C</b>	70-79	2.00	2.50	3.00
<b>D</b>	60-69	1.00	1.50	2.00
<b>F</b>	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

## AP AND HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

AP Courses		Honors Courses	
Art History	Microeconomics	Algebra I with Probability	Geometry with Data Analysis
Biology	Psychology	Algebra II with Statistics	Physical Science
Calculus AB	Spanish Language	Biology	Physics
English Language	Statistics	Chemistry	US History I and II
English Literature	US History	Earth Science	US Govt
Environmental Science	US Govt & Politics	Economics	World History
Human Geography		English 9-12	