

2021-2022 School Profile

CEEB Code # 060541 (Mapleton)

CEEB Code # 060219 (Durango)

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Connections Academy schools have an important mission: to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

HISTORY

Colorado Connections Academy is an accredited, 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 2002-03 school year as a K-8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005-06 and added one grade per year since then. Colorado Connections Academy's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

OUR PROGRAM

Colorado Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1,500 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Colorado Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA/CASI) an accrediting division of Cognia, formerly AdvancED.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.
- Colorado Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit.

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ACCREDITATIONS



SAMPLING OF COLLEGE

ACCEPTANCES

Adams State University, Colorado College, Colorado Mesa University, Regis University, University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado Springs and Denver, University of Northern Colorado, and University of Wyoming.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Colorado Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honor, College Preparatory, and Standard programs. Students also can participate in the PSEO program, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

AP Course Offerings Include: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, English Language & Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. Government and U.S. History

Honors Course Offerings Include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Earth Space Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Marine Science, Physical Science, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings include: Accounting, Anatomy and Physiology, Business Communications, Business Information Systems, Business Law, Business Math, Career Planning & Skill Development, College Prep with ACT and SAT, Criminal Investigation, Developmental Writing, Intro to Astronomy, Intro to Business, Intro to Criminal Justice, Intro to Early Childhood Education, Intro to Finance, Intro to Homeland Security, Intro to Law, Intro to Medical Assisting, Intro to Sociology, Java Programming I & II, Life Management Skills, Medical Terminology, Medical Law and Ethics, Speech and Debate, and Sports Management.

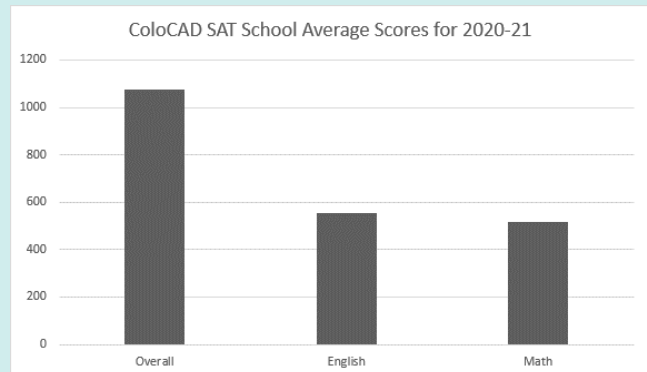
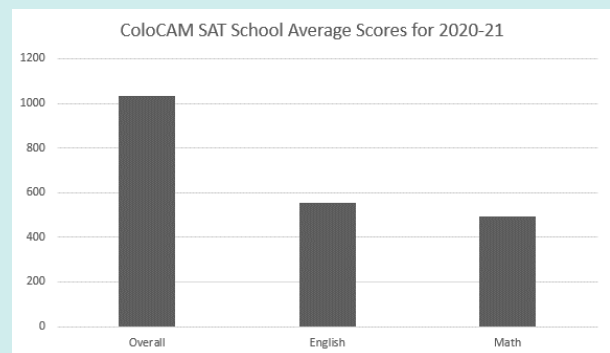
Please feel free to view all our high school courses at: <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/colorado-online-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Colorado Connections Academy operated on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. The typical course load is 6 courses per semester. 22 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science (2 must be lab-based)	4
Social Studies	3
Health & Physical Education	1
Foreign Language	1
Technology	0.5
Humanities and Fine Arts	0.5
Freshman Success	0.5
College Prep with SAT	0.5
Electives	4
Total	22

Average Test Scores



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. Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

GRADE SCALE

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
A+	98-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92-97	4.00	4.50	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	1.83	2.33
D	62-67	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60-61	.67	1.17	1.67
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Students must demonstrate college or career readiness in English AND Math based on at least **ONE** of the following measures:

Measure	English	Math
Accuplacer (classic)	62 on Reading Comprehension or 70 on Sentence Skills	61 on Elementary Algebra
Accuplacer (Next Generation)	241 on Reading on 236 on Writing	255 on Arithmetic (AR) or 230 on Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QAS)
ACT	18 on ACT English	19 on ACT Math
SAT	English 470	Math 500
Advanced Placement (AP Exam)	English 3	Math 3
ASVAB	31 on the AFQT (Score of 50% or higher on WK and PC Sections)	31 on the AFQT (score of 50% or higher on AR and MK Sections)
Concurrent Enrollment	Passing Grade 70% or higher	Passing Grade of 70% or higher
IB	4	4
Graduation Portfolio *District Capstone	Individualized	Individualized