

COMMUNITY

Our History

Oregon Connections Academy (ORCA) is an accredited public school serving students in grades K–12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Oregon Connections Academy was founded during the 2005–06 school year as a K–9 school. One grade level was then added per year and Oregon Connections Academy graduated its first 12th grade class in June of 2009.

Our Mission

Oregon Connections Academy has an important mission to provide an inclusive, flexible, academic, and an individualized program by partnering students and families with highly qualified educators to build lifelong learners.

OUR PROGRAM

Oregon Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with a high school enrollment of approximately 2,000 students. Here are some important facts about Oregon Connections Academy:

- The school is fully accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC).
- Oregon Connections Academy has 169 certified/licensed professional staff, most holding advanced degrees.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- Students are able to earn up to 8.0 credits during the school year.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent: Todd Miller

Executive Director: Allison Galvin

HS Assistant Principals: Laura Howard, Matthew Bergdall, Patrick Gilliland

Sr. Mgr. of Counseling: Marci Cammann

High School Counseling Staff: Jesse Rorvig – 10-12 Last Names A-K, Megan Kohl – 10-12 Last Names L-Z, Cathy Wentworth – 9th grade, Sara Magas – 9-12 IEPs/504s

Registrar: Kalani Sloan

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2017 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$634,320 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Art Institute of Portland, Brigham-Young University-Idaho, Corban University, George Fox University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Lewis & Clark College, Linfield College, Oregon State University, Pacific University, Reed College, Seattle University, University of Oregon, University of Washington, Willamette University

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Plan	%
Two-year college	43.9
Four-year college	10.9
Employment	30.3
Vocational Training	7.5
Military	2.9
Other	4.5
Total	100

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Oregon Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie Units. 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. The typical course load is six classes per semester.

24 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math*	3
Science**	3
Social Studies	3
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Humanities/CTE***	2
Career Ed	1
Other Electives	5
Total	24

COURSE OFFERINGS

Oregon Connections Academy offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum, with courses in a wide range of disciplines. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. All science courses include hands-on laboratory units. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Foundations programs.

AP course offerings include: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, English Language, English Literature, and U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science, English 9–12, Geometry, U.S. History, and World History.

TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2015-16:

Math	21
Reading.....	25
English	24
Science	23
Composite	23

SAT school averages for 2015-16:

Math	475
Writing.....	501
Critical Reading.....	548
Combined	1523

AP testing for 2015–16:

- 40 students (5.4% of 11th & 12th graders)

* Algebra 1 or higher

** Including 2.0 credits of lab science

*** Fine Arts, World Languages, Technology, Career Technical Education

Please view all of our high school courses

GRADING 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+	97–100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	93–96	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90–92	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	87–89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	83–86	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80–82	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	77–79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	73–76	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70–72	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	67–69	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	63–66	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60–62	0.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–60	0.00	0.00	0.00



Transcript Abbreviations

- CO** Course completed
- EN** Scheduled in section
- IP** Active in section
- PC** Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading
- WF** Failing grade at time of withdrawal from course
- WP** Passing grade at time of withdrawal from course

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student’s cumulative weighted GPA for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College and University representatives are cordially invited to connect with our students through web-conferencing technology. A two-week advanced notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web-conference session, please contact Marci Cammann at (503) 941-5419 or mcammann@orca.connectionsacademy.org.