

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

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

**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 PROGRAM**

Oregon Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with a high school enrollment of approximately 2,200 students. Here are some important facts about Oregon Connections Academy:

- Oregon Connections Academy is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), an accrediting division of AdvancED.
- Oregon Connections Academy has 186 certified/licensed professional staff, most holding advanced degrees.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- Students can earn up to 8.0 credits during the school year.

**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 (971) 800-1281 or [mcammann@orca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:mcammann@orca.connectionsacademy.org).

**ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

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, Environmental Science, Biology, 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. Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/oregon-online-chool/curriculum/high-school/courses>

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

<https://www.connectionsacademy.com/oregon-online-school>

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**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

**Superintendent:** Todd Miller

**Executive Director:** Allison Galvin

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**Sr. Mgr. of Counseling:**  
Marci Cammann

**High School Counseling Staff:**  
Shannon Churchill – 9/10 (A-J),  
Melissa Johnson – 9/10 (K-Z), Sara  
Magas 11/12 (A-G & 504s), Megan  
Kohl – 11/12 (H-Z), Charity  
Vandehey - Counseling Assistant,  
Carie Bartolazzi – Registrar

**ACCREDITATIONS****TOP 5 ELITE SCHOOLS TO  
WHICH STUDENTS WERE  
ACCEPTED:**

- Amherst College
- Brandeis University
- California Polytechnic State University
- Fordham University
- New York University



## 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 standard diploma requirements include:

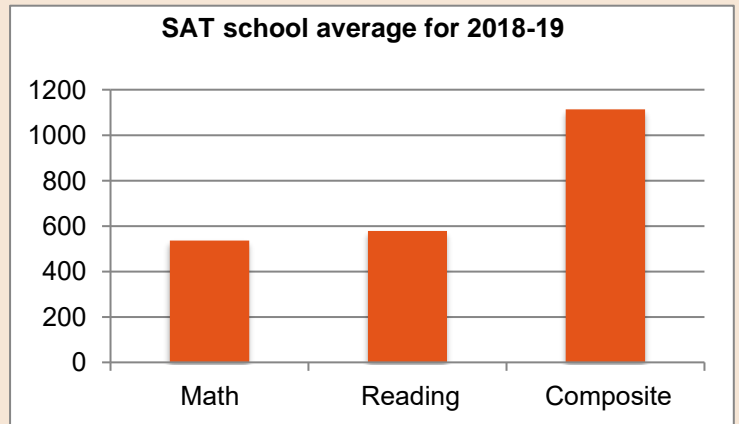
Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math*	3
Science**	3
Social Studies	3
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Humanities/CTE***	3
Career Ed	1
Other Electives	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

\*Algebra 1 at or higher

\*\*Including 2.0 credits of lab science

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

## AVERAGE TEST SCORES





## GRADE SCALE

Grade	Percentage	Passing?	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
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

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses.

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the end of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student's cumulative weighted G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses.