

# 2023-2024 School Profile

CEEB Code # 361862

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

Great River Connections Academy collaborates with families to assist learners in finding success by connecting learning and academic growth through meaningful relationships, individualized support, and an engaging curriculum.

### OUR HISTORY

Great River Connections Academy is a tuition-free virtual 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 2018-2019 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th-grade class graduated in June 2019. There were 192 GRCA High School graduates in the 2022-2023 school year.

### OUR PROGRAM

Great River Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 1600 students in grades K-12.

### Here are some important facts about our program:

- Great River 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 August and June.
- The typical course load is 6 classes per semester.
- The school operates on semesters, utilizing Carnegie units where a semester class equals 1/2 high school credit.
- Students who take high school level courses while in middle school may be granted high school credit.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**PRINCIPAL:** Jason Swinehart

**HS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:**

Antoine Jumelle

**K-8 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:**

Laura Barber-Purvis

**MANAGER OF COUNSELING:**

Alana Pustay

**MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

Jennifer Geyer

**ASST. MANAGER OF SPECIAL**

**EDUCATION:**

Victoria Adams

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY:**

Lesley Maxey

### SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 65 licensed professional staff. Of these, 37 have earned advanced degrees including one staff member who holds a doctorate.

### ACCREDITATIONS



### SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of Findlay, Miami University, Wittenburg University, University of Akron, Kent State University, University of Cincinnati

## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Great River Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors, College Preparatory, Career-Technical, and Basic programs.

**Honors course offerings include:** English 9-12, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physical Science, Physics, American Government, U.S. History, Economics and World History.

**AP course offerings include:** AP English Literature & Composition, AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, AP US Government and Politics, AP US History, AP Computer Science.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

20 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation.

Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health and Physical Ed	1
Financial Literacy	1/2 *
Fine Arts	1
Additional Courses	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

\*Financial Literacy- Class of 2026 and beyond will require 1/2 credit of Financial Literacy. Class of 2025 and prior only required instruction in Financial Literacy.

### Testing Information

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

Required State Testing: End of Course Exams

## GRADE SCALE

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.

Grade	Grade %	Passing?	Non Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
A+	98–100	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92–97	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90–91	Yes	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88–89	Yes	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82–87	Yes	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80–81	Yes	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78–79	Yes	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72–77	Yes	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70–71	Yes	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68–69	Yes	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62–67	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