

2026-2027 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 251 GRCA High School graduates in the 2025-2026 school year.

OUR PROGRAM

Great River Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), a division of Cognia (formerly AdvancED).

The school serves approximately 1,800 students in grades K-12 and offers a comprehensive four-year high school program. Great River Connections Academy's college and career-focused curriculum is designed to prepare students for success after high school. Students have access to a variety of academic pathways, including Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), college preparatory, and career and technical education (CTE) courses.

The academic year consists of 180 instructional days, running from August through June. The high school operates on a semester schedule and uses the Carnegie unit system to award credit. Students typically enroll in six courses each semester, with each semester-long course earning 0.5 high school credit.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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MANAGER OF COUNSELING:

Alana Pustay

MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Jennifer Geyer

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 100 licensed professional staff. Of these, 54 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

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

A minimum of 20 Carnegie units is required for graduation. Beginning with the Class of 2026, students must also earn 0.5 credit in a Financial Literacy course to meet graduation requirements. Students who successfully complete high school-level coursework while in middle school may be eligible to earn high school credit for those courses.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health and Physical Ed	1
Financial Literacy	*0.5
Fine Arts	1
Additional Courses	3.5
Total	20

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