

2026-2027 School Profile

CEEB Code # **365769**

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Ohio Connections Academy (OCA) partners with families, students, and educators to provide a high quality and personalized online education that meets the individual needs of students and empowers them with the skills required for success in a changing world.

OUR PROGRAM

OCA includes a comprehensive K-12 program with an enrollment of over 6,000 students. Important facts about the program:

- OCA is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accrediting division of Cognia.
- OCA has 275 full-time staff, 148 of which have earned Master's degrees and three have earned a PhD.
- School is in session 169 days between the months of September and June.
- Students can earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6 classes per semester.
- Last year, OCA had about 170 students throughout the state participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program, and 45 students dually enrolled in Ohio Career Centers.
- Class of 2026 graduates earned almost \$2.3 million dollars in scholarship awards.
- Last year, 23 students were awarded the Governor's Merit Scholarship and one Gates Scholarship winner.
- The Class of 2026 included 59 graduates who had been enrolled with OCA since elementary school.

STUDENT POPULATION

Ohio 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 2003-2004 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–2006 and added one grade level per year since then. Ohio Connections Academy's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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K-12 PRINCIPAL: Katie Brecheisen

HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION: Molly Heidenreich, Christine Opsitnick, Jason Regnier

COUNSELING LEADERS: Cerina DiPietro-Bloom, Elise Kechele and Tisha Rinker

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF:

Cohort 10-12th A-Ce: Melissa Salyer

Cohort 10-12th Ch-Ge: Wendy Gabes

Cohort 10-12th Gi-J: Angeline Burke

Cohort 10-12th K-M: Deanne Anderson

Cohort 10-12th N-Sh: Robyn Warren

Cohort 10-12th Si-Z: Rachel Reitz

Cohort 9th A-J: Betsey van de Heijning

Cohort 9th K-Z: Ellie Kraft

HS Social Worker: Courtney Jenkins

College Credit Plus: Heather Paxson

ACCREDITATIONS



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

Case Western Reserve
University, Fordham
University, Michigan State
University, The Ohio
State University and
Wake Forest University

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Ohio Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and career readiness. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Standard programs. In addition to AP, students have the opportunity to participate in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

AP Course Offerings Include: Biology, Calculus AB, Cybersecurity, English Language, English Literature, Human Geography, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

OCA 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.

20 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation.

Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science, including one Advanced Science*	3
Social Studies	3
Financial Literacy**	0.5
Health	0.5
Physical Education	0.5
Fine Arts	1
Other Electives***	3.5
Total	20

*The approved advanced science courses are Earth Science, Honors Earth Science, Conservation Science, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physics, and any AP or CCP science course.

**This course is required by the State of Ohio.

***The additional elective credits are to be taken in curricular areas specified in the statute, i.e., they must be selected from "one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, technology, agricultural education, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required."

GRADE SCALE

Semester and year-end GPA calculations will follow a four-point scale (below). Grade point averages will only include graded courses; pass/fail courses will not be averaged into a student's GPA. Grades for Honors courses are weighted with one-half (0.5) extra grade point. Grades for Advanced Placement (AP®) courses are weighted with one (1) extra grade point. College Credit Plus (CCP) courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Technology and World Languages are weighted with one (1) extra grade point.

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