

2025-2026 School Profile

CEEB Code # 380066

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

The mission of Oregon Connections Academy (ORCA), a public virtual charter school, is to provide an inclusive, flexible, academic, and individualized program by partnering students and families with highly qualified educators to build life-long learners. Our core values are Engage, Excel, and Empower.

OUR PROGRAM

Oregon Connections Academy is a K-12 school with a four-year comprehensive high school program and an enrollment of 1050 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- The school was founded during the 2020-21 school year as a K-5 school. ORCA's first year as a K-12 school is the 2021-22 school year.
- School is in session for 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Virtual Schools, which is accredited by Cognia.



STUDENT POPULATION

Oregon 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL LEADER: Janel Scurlock

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Lori Kinter

MANAGER OF COUNSELING: Megan Lapidus

MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION: Kelli Fast

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

AP Course Offerings Include: Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Human Geography, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, United States Government and Politics, and United States History

Honors Course Offerings Include: English 9-12, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics, World History

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ORCA uses a standard whereby one credit equals approximately 180 hours of instruction, referred to as Carnegie Units. Students are required to be enrolled in a minimum of six courses per semester in grades K-11 and four courses in grade 12 to be considered full-time students.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Mathematics—Algebra 1 or above	3
Science—A minimum of 2 science credits must be designated lab science courses	3
Social Studies	3
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Second Language	2
The Arts	
Career & Technical	
Career Education	1
Higher Education	0.5
Personal Finance	0.5
Electives	5
Total	24

Students at ORCA may also take courses through our partnership with Pearson Online Academy. These courses are designated as PearsonOnlineAcademy-or3 on the transcript.

STATE AND NATIONAL TESTING REQUIREMENTS

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

CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

Students in grades K-12 will have multiple opportunities aimed at fostering College and Career Readiness, ensuring they are well-prepared for success right after graduation. Through our career exploration programs, students can explore various pathways, such as Business Administration, Health Sciences, and Information Technology. Additionally, our emphasis on connecting students with Higher Education and Coursera Professional Industry Certificates will help bridge the gap between high school and true career readiness.

GRADE SCALE

Oregon Connections Academy students are awarded credit for courses in which they have earned a grade of D- (60%) or higher. This applies both to courses taken at ORCA and at other schools. Courses required for graduation must be re-taken by the student if a grade of D- (60%) is not earned and re-taking such courses may delay the student's graduation. The grading scale is provided below.

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	.67	1.17	1.67
F	0-59	No	0.00	0.00	0.00