

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION: "Learning for All"

SCCA provides a personalized education for students to master the knowledge and problem-solving skills needed to achieve their college and career goals.

OUR HISTORY

South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA) 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 2008-09 school year as a K-12 school. South Carolina Connections Academy graduated its first 12th grade class in June 2009. The Class of 2021 included 579 graduates.

OUR PROGRAM

South Carolina Connections Academy offers a K-12 comprehensive school program with an enrollment of approximately 6,500 students' school-wide, and 2,500 students in grades 9-12. Here are some important facts about the school:

- The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accrediting division of Cognia, formerly AdvancED.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.

Students in the Class of 2021 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$2,827,005 and were accepted to the following colleges: Anderson University, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, Coker College, College of Charleston, Emerson College, Fordham University, Furman University, Moore College of Art and Design, School of Visual Arts, The Citadel, University of Alabama, University of Notre Dame, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of South Carolina, Vanderbilt University, Wake Forest University, Winthrop University, Wofford College.

Notable scholarship awards include South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: 19, Furman Bell Tower Scholarship, and a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

Athletics: Anderson University (Track and Field), Arizona State University (Tennis), Clemson University (Tennis), Emerson College (Tennis), Fordham University (Baseball) Georgia Tech University (Baseball), Lander University (Golf), Spartanburg Methodist College (Volleyball), University of Arkansas (Tennis), University of Arizona (Tennis), University of Central Florida (Soccer), University of Notre Dame (Baseball), University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (Baseball), University of North Carolina Wilmington (Baseball), University of South Carolina (Tennis), University of Virginia (Soccer), Vanderbilt University (Tennis), Wake Forest University (Baseball).

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Alicia Hughes (Principal), Assistant Principals:
NeKeesha Carter and Jenny Dean

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Erin Hynum (Principal), Assistant Principals:
Jennifer Crosby and Jennifer Bailey

ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATION:

Casey Ahmed (Principal), Assistant Principals:
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HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF:

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Charter Institute at Erskine

SUPERINTENDENT: Cameron Runyan

ACCREDITATION



ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

AP Course Offerings Include: Art History, Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Statistics, and U.S. History.

Honors Course Offerings Include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Economics, English 1-4, Geometry, Marine Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History. Please feel free to view all our high school courses at

<http://www.connectionsacademy.com/south-carolina-virtual-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

South Carolina 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 requirements include:

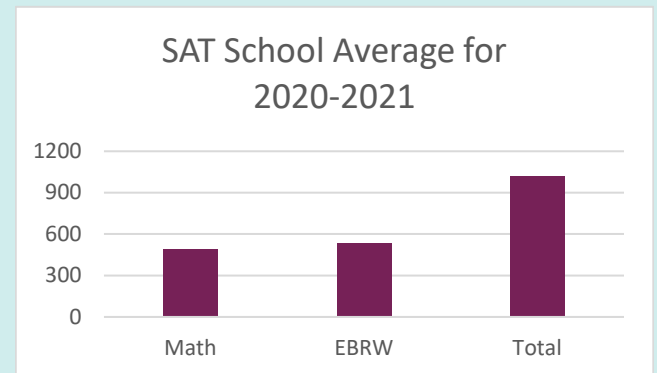
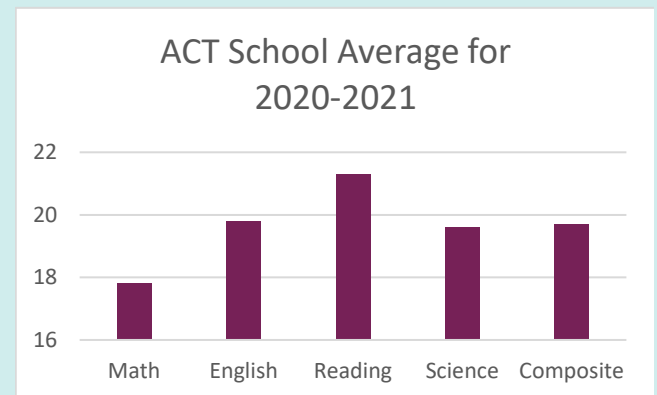
Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	0.5
Physical Education	1
Computer Science	1
World Language or CATE	1
Electives	6.5
Total	24

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

Plan	%
Two-Year College	31
Four-Year College	22
Employment	24
Technical/Vocational Training	6
Military	3
Gap Year	11
Other Plans	3
Total	100

Average Test Scores

- AP Participation 2020-2021
 - 109 Exams taken



GRADE SCALE

South Carolina Connections Academy uses the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale. A student's transcript reflects weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. No credit is awarded for grades of 59% or less.

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

10 Point Grading Scale

South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale Conversions

Grade	Numerical Percentage	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/ Dual Credit Weighting
A	90-100	4.0-5.0	4.5-5.5	5.0-6.0
B	80-89	3.0-3.9	3.5-4.4	4.0-4.9
C	70-79	2.0-2.9	2.5-3.4	3.0-3.9
D	60-69	1.0-1.9	1.5-2.4	2.0-2.9
F	51-59	0.1-0.9	0.6-1.4	1.1-1.9
F	0-50	0.00	0.00	0.00

WF = Withdraw Fail and FA = Failure due to Absences. WF and FA will factor into the student's GPA as a 50. NP = Not Passing and AU = Audit. NP and AU will not affect the GPA and will not earn credit. P = Passing. P will not affect the GPA and will earn credit.

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 (excluding Pass/Fail and Incomplete), including transfer courses. Senior class rank is only assigned to successful Spring Graduates.

South Carolina was approved to waive the 95% participation rate requirements for assessments, accountability, and certain reporting requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act for the 2020-21 school year.

Given the waiver, there was no penalty at the student, teacher, school, district, or state level for a student who did not complete the applicable assessment(s). SCCA's School District, Charter Institute at Erskine, waived the twenty percent final grade requirements for End-of Course (EOC) exams and allowed a school-administered final exam to take the place of the EOC requirements. Students were offered EOC Exams along with non-federally required assessments related to college and career readiness, including Ready to Work, SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement, but were allowed to opt out of testing in the 2020-21 School Year.