

# 2024-2025 School Profile

CEEB Code # 410524

## 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 2024 included 694 graduates.

### OUR PROGRAM

South Carolina Connections Academy offers a K-12 comprehensive school program with an enrollment of approximately 6,300 students' school-wide, and 2,900 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.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.

South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipients: 19

Students in the Class of 2024 were accepted to the following colleges: Anderson University, Appalachian State University, Arizona State University, Augusta State University, Belmont Abbey College, Brevard College, Bob Jones University, Charleston Southern University, Claflin University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, Colorado State University, Columbia College, Columbia International University, Elon University, Erskine College, Francis Marion University, Furman University, Georgia Southern University, Lander University, Lynchburg College, Newberry College, North Greenville University, Oklahoma State University, Oregon State University, Presbyterian College, Queens University, Radford University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Spartanburg Methodist College, South Carolina State University, University of Alabama, University of Colorado, University of Hawaii, University of Maine, University of Minnesota, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Western Carolina University, West Virginia University, Winthrop University

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Josh Kitchens

**CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER:** Amanda Crum

### HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Jenny Dean; Assistant Principals:  
Keesha Carter and Jennifer Reeves

### COUNSELING ADMINISTRATION:

Director: Shea Heller

Assistant Director: Kim Messervy

### HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF:

Lisa Aglietti, Sydney Brown, Jessica Calhoun,  
Stephanie Canter, January, Diamond, Alison  
Lavelle, Marla McKenzie, Carly Passante, Kat  
Robinson, Hannah Tripp

### SPECIAL SERVICES:

Director: Courtney Boyd

Assistant Director: Heather Evans

### SCHOOL SUPPORT:

Director: Caroline O'Neill

Assistant Directors: Nicole Retsos, Adriana  
Sapienza

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

Charter Institute at Erskine

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Cameron Runyan

## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

**AP Course Offerings Include:** Biology, Calculus, Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, 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, Modern World History, Physics, Pre-Calculus, and U.S. 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

In the 2022-23 School Year and prior, South Carolina Connections Academy operated on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equaled one-half of a high school credit. For the 2023-24 School Year, SCCA transitioned to primarily year-long 1 credit courses. The typical course load is six classes per semester, and 6 credits per year. 24 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

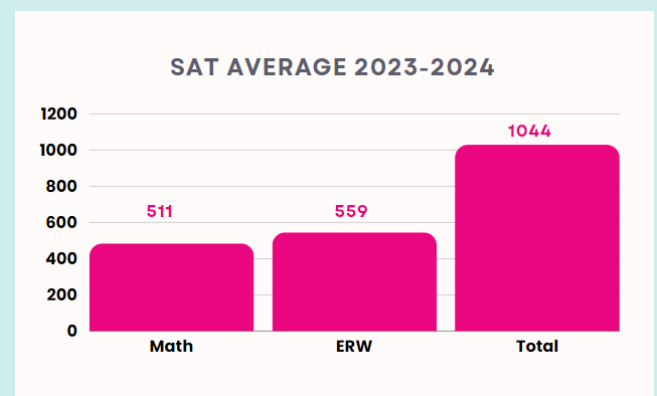
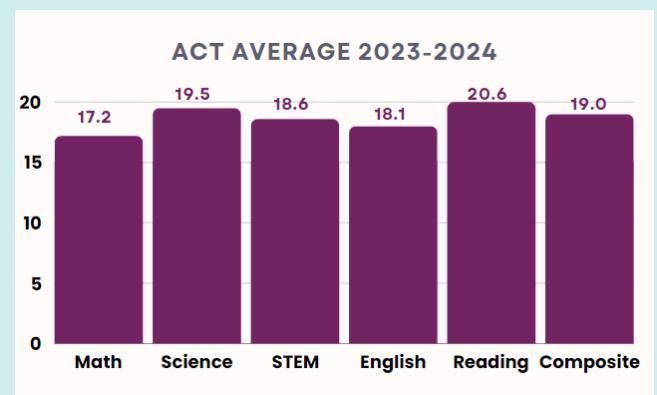
Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	0.5
Physical Education	1
Computer Science	1
World Language or CATE	1
Personal Finance	0.5
Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

### PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

Plan	%
Two-Year College	19
Four-Year College	23
Employment	18
Technical/Vocational Training	11
Military	2
Gap Year	16
Other Plans	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### Average Test Scores

- AP Participation 2023-2024
  - 63 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
<b>A</b>	90-100	4.0-5.0	4.5-5.5	5.0-6.0
<b>B</b>	80-89	3.0-3.9	3.5-4.4	4.0-4.9
<b>C</b>	70-79	2.0-2.9	2.5-3.4	3.0-3.9
<b>D</b>	60-69	1.0-1.9	1.5-2.4	2.0-2.9
<b>F</b>	51-59	0.1-0.9	0.6-1.4	1.1-1.9
<b>F</b>	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.*

*In the 2023-24 School Year, class rank was calculated at the conclusion of the spring 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 calculated for enrolled 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students at the end of the academic year.*

### ACCREDITATION



As a public school, SCCA is held accountable to meeting the 95% participation rate requirement in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. In addition, by the time students graduate high school, they must satisfy the college and career readiness requirement demonstrating their preparedness for college or a career upon graduation. In order to demonstrate this, students are required to earn a minimum on the ACT, SAT, AP exam, or National Career Readiness Assessment or meet dual enrollment requirements or earn a minimum score on the ASVAB.