

2026-2027 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 2026 included 695 graduates.

OUR PROGRAM

SCCA offers a K-12 comprehensive school program with an enrollment of approximately 6,800 students school-wide, and 3,100 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.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) CLUSTER PATHWAYS

SCCA offers 20 CTE courses aligned to six Career Cluster Pathways:

1. **Digital Technology:** Game and Interactive Media Design, Programming and Software Development, & Web and Digital Communications Programs
2. **Education:** Family and Computer Science Program
3. **Healthcare & Human Services:** Healthcare Science & Sports Medicine Programs
4. **Management & Entrepreneurship:** General Management & Human Resource Management Programs
5. **Marketing & Sales:** Marketing Management Program
6. **Arts, Entertainment, & Design:** Digital Art and Design Program (*concentrator program only*)

Students are encouraged to choose educational pathways that can lead to post-secondary success. To be a Pathway Completer or Concentrator, SCCA follows [SCDE guidance](#) for required courses and certifications.

CONTACT INFORMATION

<https://www.connectionsacademy.com/south-carolina-virtual-school/>

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HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Josh Kitchens

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER: Amanda Crum

HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Jenny Dean

Assistant Principals: Anne Richardson,
Jennifer Reeves, Keesha Carter

COUNSELING ADMINISTRATION:

Director: Shea Heller

Assistant Directors: Sydney Brown, Kim Messervy

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF:

Lisa Aglietti, Jessica Calhoun, Stephanie Canter,
January Diamond, Danielle Green, Alison Lavelle,
Lisa McCullion, Marla McKenzie, Bethany Proffitt,
Kat Robinson, Hannah Tripp, Brian Yarasheski

SECONDARY SPECIAL SERVICES:

Director: Courtney Boyd

Assistant Director: Heather Evans

SCHOOL SUPPORT:

Director: Caroline O'Neill

Assistant Director: 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, Statistics, and U.S. History.

Honors Course Offerings Include: Algebra I, Algebra 2 with Probability, Biology, Chemistry 1, Earth Science, Economics and Personal Finance, English 1-4, Geometry with Statistics, Modern World History, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. Government, and U.S. History. Please feel free to view all our high school courses at <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/south-carolina-virtual-school/academics/curriculum/>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SCCA has a modified block schedule, where most High School courses are completed within one semester. The typical course load is seven 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	1
Physical Education	1
Computer Science	1
World Language or CTE	1
Personal Finance	0.5
Electives	5.5
Total	24

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

Plan	%
Two-Year College	44%
Four-Year College	22%
Employment	21%
Technical/Vocational Training	7%
Military	3%
Gap Year	3%
Total	100

Testing

AP Participation: 80 Exams Facilitated

SAT Participation: 215 Tests

ACT Participation: 54 Tests

WIN Participation:

98% Participation rate by the Class of 2027
(during 2025-26 School year.)

Scholarships

SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship:

25 Eligible Seniors

SC LIFE Scholarship:

450 Seniors Met Eligibility Requirements

Total Reported Scholarship Dollars:

\$4,154,226

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
0-50 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 at the conclusion of the spring semester for enrolled students.

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.

ACCREDITATION



As a public school, SCCA is held accountable to meet 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.