

# 2023-2024 School Profile

CEEB Code # 410087

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

The mission of Lowcountry Connections Academy (LCCA) is to help students maximize their potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program, supported by teachers and Learning Coaches.

### OUR PROGRAM

Lowcountry Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of about 700 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- The school was founded during the 2021-22 school year as a K-12 school. School is in session for 1200 hours between the months of August and June.
- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Virtual Schools, which is accredited by Cognia.

## STUDENT POPULATION

Lowcountry 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's first operating year was the 2021-2022 school year.

## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

**AP Course Offerings Include:** Psychology

**Honors Course Offerings Include:** Algebra I, Algebra II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Economics, English 9-12, Geometry, PreCalculus, U.S. History and Constitution, and World History.

**Dual Enrollment:** Students have the opportunity to take dual enrollment courses through their local two year or four-year college.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

### SCHOOL LEADER:

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### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

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### MANAGER OF COUNSELING:

Lisa DiTroia

### MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Tanesha Lewis

## SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 24 licensed professional staff. Of these, 16 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.

## ACCREDITATION

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

LCCA 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 five courses in grade 12 in order to be considered full-time students.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Algebra	1
Geometry	1
Any in the Area of Mathematics	2
Biology	1
Any in the Area of Science	2
U.S. History and Constitution	1
Government	.5
Economics	.5
Other Social Studies Course	1
Physical Education or Junior ROTC	1
Computer Science	1
Foreign Language OR a Career Technical Education course	1
Electives	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

### COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION

LCCA offers lessons to all students, K-12, in career exploration. Beginning in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students and counselors meet to discuss the student's Individual Graduation Plan, where students explore careers and post-secondary options. High School students are invited to attend college visits. LCCA offers middle and high school students lesson that explore college admissions and scholarships. Students will be invited, by grade level, to attend field trips that include career exploration within South Carolina's vast industrial partners.

## GRADE SCALE

Lowcountry 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	Honors	AP/IB/Dual Credit
<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