

# 2021-2022 School Profile

TNCA CEEB Code # 430057

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## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

TNCA's mission is to help each student maximize his/her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

### OUR SCHOOL

Tennessee Connections Academy is a public school serving students in grades K-12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Our school was approved during the 2018- 2019 school year and opened to accept students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Tennessee Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 1,500 students. Here are some important facts about the Tennessee Connections Academy program:

- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.
- Students are able to earn up to 7 credits during the school year.

### ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Tennessee Connections Academy offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum, with courses in a wide range of disciplines. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. All science courses include hands-on laboratory units. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Dual Enrollment classes, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the state's Move on When Ready program. Under this program a student may complete an early graduation program and be eligible for unconditional entry into a public two-year institution of higher learning or a conditional entry into a public four year institution of higher learning.

**AP course offerings include:** Biology, U.S. History, Spanish Language, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, and Human Geography

**Honors course offerings include:** English 9-12, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, US Government, US History, and World History.

Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at:

<https://www.connectionsacademy.com/tennessee-onlineschool/curriculum/high-school/courses>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**SCHOOL LEADER:** Derek Sanborn

**PRINCIPAL 9-12:** Dawn Kelley-Slifer

**PRINCIPAL K-8:** Shelita Pitman

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 9-12:** Lori Kinter

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL K-8:** Dr. Dusty Reed

**MANAGER OF COUNSELING:** Briana Burress

**MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Ryan Roberts

**ASSISTANT MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Amy Labas

## SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

118 Certified/Licensed Staff Members and 67 have earned advanced degrees

## ACCREDITATIONS

Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Online & Blended Learning, which is accredited by Cognia, formerly AdvancED.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Tennessee 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. Students must also:

- Be enrolled at TNCA during the semester immediately prior to graduation with satisfactory attendance and discipline record, and not be enrolled full time in any other school.
- Earn a minimum of 5 of the credits (or 10 courses) required for graduation at TNCA, with
- at least 1.5 of these credits (or 3 courses) earned in the semester immediately prior to graduation.

22 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
Personal Finance	.5
Wellness	1
Health/Physical Ed	.5
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Other Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

## GRADE SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
<b>A</b>	93-100	4.0	Shall include the addition of 3 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average	Shall include the addition of 5 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average
<b>B</b>	85-92	3.0		
<b>C</b>	75-84	2.0		
<b>D</b>	70-74	1.0		
<b>F</b>	0-69	0.0		