

2026-2027 School Profile

TNCAJ CEEB Code #430071

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 4-12 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: Students have access to enroll in over 22 AP courses through the TN AP Access for All program. These offerings include: Biology, U.S. History, Calculus, Computer Science Principles, English as well as many others.

Honors course offerings include: English 9-12, Algebra I & II, Geometry, 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

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MANAGER OF COUNSELING: Michelle White

MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:
Dr. Kathy Woods

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

135 Certified/Licensed Staff Members and many of the teachers and staff hold multiple state teaching certifications in a variety of areas, along with master's degrees and higher.

ACCREDITATIONS

Tennessee Connections Academy Johnson is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, and the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), which are accrediting divisions of Cognia.

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 4 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.

Total Required Credits: 22

- **Math:** 4 credits, including Algebra I, II, Geometry and a fourth higher level math course (Students must be enrolled in a mathematics course for at least three out of four years of high school, effective in the 2024-25 school year).

- **English:** 4 credits

- **Science:** 3 credits, including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab course

- **Computer Science (CS):** 1 credit, CS may be substituted for a fourth math credit or third lab science credit.

- **Social Studies:** 3 credits, including U.S. History and Geography, World History and Geography, U.S. Government and Civics, and Economics

- **Physical Education:** 0.5 credit

- **Wellness:** 1 credit

- **Personal Finance:** 0.5 credits (Three years of JROTC may be substituted for one-

half unit of Personal Finance if the JROTC instructor attends the Personal Finance training.)

- **World Language:** 2 credits (May be waived by the local school district for students, under certain circumstances, to expand and enhance the elective focus)

- **Fine Arts:** 1 credit (may be waived by the local school district for students, under certain circumstances, to expand and enhance the elective focus)

- **Elective Focus:** 3 credits consisting of Math and Science, Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts, Humanities, Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB)

Tennessee State Board of Education (SBE) High School Policy 2.103(1)(e) states, “A public high school student may complete an early high school graduation program and be eligible for unconditional entry into a public two-year institution of higher education or conditional entry into a public four-year institution of higher education, if the student meets the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-6-8103,” also known as the Move on When Ready Act. Students who are interested in

graduating before their senior year through the Move on When Ready program must complete this [intent form](#) available from the department of education. For more information, please see the Move on When Ready FAQ. Completed intent forms should be sent to MoveOn.WhenReady@tn.gov.

Beginning with the incoming 2024-2025 freshman cohort, candidates for regular high school diplomas must receive at least one Computer Science Foundation credit in high school.

GRADE SCALE

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

Grading Scale for Grades 4-8

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Passing?
A	90-100	Yes
B	80-89	Yes
C	70-79	Yes
D	60-69	Yes
F	0-69	No

Grading Scale for Grades 9-12

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Passing?	Regular Course	Honors	AP
A	90-100	Yes	4.0	4.0	4.0
B	80-89	Yes	3.0	3.0	3.0
C	70-79	Yes	2.0	2.0	2.0
D	60-69	Yes	1.0	1.0	1.0
F	0-59	No	0.0	0.0	0.0

Uniform Grading System- Weighting of Grades for Advanced Coursework

Honors Courses: Shall include the addition of three (3) percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average	Local and Statewide Dual Credit Courses, Capstone Industry Certification, Aligned Courses and Dual Enrollment Courses: Shall include the addition of four (4) percentage points to the grade used to calculate the semester average.	Advanced Placement, Cambridge International, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate Courses: Shall include the addition of five (5) percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average.
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