



2021-2022 School Profile

CEEB Code # 450640

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Utah Connections Academy is a pioneering virtual public charter school whose mission is to maximize academic achievement for students in grades K-12 throughout the state of Utah who need an alternative to the traditional classroom.

OUR PROGRAM

Utah Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 470 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- UCA has 1250 students enrolled in grades K-12.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- High school students can typically earn up to 6 credits during the school year.

STUDENT POPULATION

Utah 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 was founded during the 2011-12 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2012. There were 128 graduates in 2020.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Utah Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. In addition, UCA offers Gifted and Talented opportunities to elementary students who qualify.

Our staff is trained in providing rigor and opportunity to students who excel. Students also can participate in the Concurrent Enrollment (CE) program, in which they can earn concurrent high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, US History, US Government.

Honors course offerings include: English 9-12, Precalculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Marine Science, Physical Science, American Government, US History, and World History.

Concurrent Enrollment: UCA has contracts with 3 four-year colleges and 1 two-year college.

Please feel free to view all our high school courses at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/utah-online-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 50 certified/licensed professional High School staff. Of those, 21 have earned advanced degrees.

ACCREDITATIONS



SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of Utah, Brigham Young University, North Idaho College, Westminster College, Mount St. Mary's University, Weber State University, Tulane University

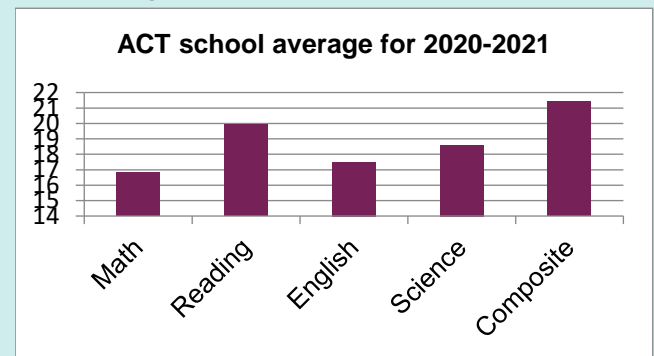
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

24 credit units are required for graduation with a standard diploma. Other diploma types include the honors diploma and technology diploma. Graduation information for the other diploma types can be found in the UCA handbook.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Health/PE	2
Fine Arts	1.5
Technology	.5
Career and Tech Education	1
Financial Literacy	.5
Other Electives	5
Total	24

Average Test Scores

In 2020-2021, 80 11th and 12th graders participated in ACT Testing,



PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2021

Plans for Class of 2021	# of Students	Percentage of Students
Four-year college	19	19.8
Two-year college	13	13.5
Employment	16	16.7
Vocational Training	4	4.2
Military	2	2.1
Other (Undecided, Gap Year, Mission Work)	28	38.8

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)
A+	98-100	4.33	4.83	5.33
A	92-97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	70-79	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68-69	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62-67	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60-61	0.67	1.17	1.67
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00