

2022-2023 School Profile

CEEB Code # 480033

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

We ensure a high-quality education by providing a supportive structure through the delivery of an individualized, rigorous, and innovative curriculum.

OUR PROGRAM

Washington Connections Academy Goldendale has a comprehensive high school program with a projected enrollment of 1600 students in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- The school has over 120 professional staff. All teachers and administration are certified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Students on the traditional pacing can earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 7 classes per semester.
- The school operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units.
- One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit.
- Washington Connections Academy Goldendale is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), an accrediting division of Cognia.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Washington Connections Academy Goldendale core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors, Advance Placement, College Preparatory, and Basic programs.

Honors course offerings include:

English 9-12, Algebra I and II, Geometry, and Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Civics, United States History, and World History.

Advanced Placement course offerings include:

Computer Science Principles, English Language and Composition, Environmental Science, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, and Statistics.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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PRINCIPALS:

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Carrie Meadows (6-8)
Mike Bryant (9-12)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Nicole McCauley (K-8)
Gillian Morgan (9-12)

MANAGER OF COUNSELING:

Rachel Thomas

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Lisa Perry

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

Washington Connections Academy Goldendale has over 100 highly qualified teachers.

COVID-19 GRADING UPDATES:

During the 2019-2020 School Year, students were awarded their grade as it stood on March 17th, 2020. Any student with a grade of an F was given an Incomplete on their transcript with the opportunity to earn that credit and a grade of Pass the following year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Washington Connections Academy Goldendale operates on a semester system using Carnegie units. One semester equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have the opportunity to be granted high school credit. Non-credit graduation requirements include Washington State History, Graduation Pathway for English and Math, and completion of High School and Beyond Plan.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science (with 2 lab sciences)	3
Social Studies	3
Arts**	2
World Language**	2
Health	.5
PE	1.5
Career and Tech Ed	1
Other Electives	4
Total	24

***Students may elect a personalized pathway option*

GRADE SCALE

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	GPA Points
A	92-100	4.00
A-	90-91	3.7
B+	88-89	3.33
B	82-87	2.7
B-	80-81	3.00
C+	78-79	2.3
C	72-77	2
C-	70-71	1.7
D+	68-69	1.3
D	60-67	1
F	0-59	0

Testing Information

Washington Connections Academy at Goldendale adheres to all state and national testing requirements, and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.

Required High School State Testing:

- Smarter Balanced Assessment in English
- Smarter Balanced Assessment in Math
- Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science

High School Virtual Visitation

College representatives are invited to connect with our students through web conferencing technology. Two weeks' notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please contact Rachel Thomas, Manager of Counseling Services at racthomas@waca.connectionsacademy.org.