



# 2021-2022 Profile

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Rhode Island Connections Academy is to create a student-centered, rigorous learning experience in a flexible environment. We are committed to providing a positive, safe, and stimulating environment for children to learn and where all are valued.

## OUR PROGRAM

- ✓ Rhode Island Connections Academy is an online public-school program for K–12 students residing in Rhode Island.
- ✓ This program is tuition-free for families and is funded through local school districts in partnership with East Bay Educational Collaborative.
- ✓ This unique, public-school program combines the active parental involvement of learning from home with professional expertise, accountability, and a flexible public school learning environment.
- ✓ Through personalized relationships, RhoCA provides tools and supports students in an online setting while addressing students' social-emotional development through building genuine relationships.
- ✓ Our Rhode Island certified teachers are dedicated to collaborating with Learning Coaches to help students to succeed in school and in life beyond their public education.

## PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Our leadership council works with the student's district to:

- ✓ complete a transcript review and plan an appropriate course of study (K-12).
- ✓ participate in all state testing requirements.
- ✓ prepare for college entrance exams, AP testing, and graduation.
- ✓ provide accountability for attendance mandates.
- ✓ review student progress of mastery towards Common Core Standards/ National Standards monthly.
- ✓ comply with accommodations stated in a students' IEP/504, although individual services remain in the district.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Sherry Hernandez

## SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The program has 12 Rhode Island certified/licensed professional staff and one Administrative Assistant. Of those, 95% have earned advanced degrees and all staff are highly qualified. We pride ourselves in working collaboratively with local school districts to provide accessible general education curriculum to all students.

## ACCREDITATIONS

Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, which is accredited by AdvancED.

## SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Students who receive Special Education services will continue to have services provided by their resident school district. Rhode Island Connections Academy will provide our standard education program in accordance with any IEP, or 504 plan shared by the school district, setting forth necessary Accommodations and Modifications in the general education setting to support students.

Please visit Rhode Island Course Accommodations for Special Education and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act linked [HERE](#) to review the accommodations made available to students attending Rhode Island Connections Academy.

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students' course loads and schedules are determined by the students' resident districts and reviewed with the RhoCA counseling staff. Typically, students must successfully complete at least 20 credits to receive a Rhode Island high school diploma. Students receive their diplomas and graduate from their resident district. Districts are responsible for working with RhoCA in ensuring students meet graduation requirements. District staff work cooperatively with our counseling services to regularly perform credit audits to ensure students are on track to graduate and meet the appropriate district and state requirements.

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## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Rhode Island Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, and College Preparatory classes. Pearson Virtual Schools supplements RhoCA with Honors and AP classes.

### **Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings:**

AP English Literature & Composition, AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Microeconomics, AP United States Government and Politics, AP United States History, AP Computer Science A

Please view all our high school courses linked [HERE](#).

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