

2022-2023 School Profile

CEEB Code # 240021

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

The mission of Virginia Connections Academy (VACA) is to help each student maximize their potential and meet the highest performance standards through uniquely individualized learning program.

OUR PROGRAM

Virginia Connections Academy will include a two-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of more than 500 students in grades 6-10. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Virtual Schools, which is accredited by Cognia.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Students can earn up to 6 credits during the school year. The typical course load minimum is 6 classes per semester.
- Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may be granted high school credit.
- Virginia Connections Academy adheres to all state testing requirements and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.
- We have over 46 courses that are NCAA Certified.

STUDENT POPULATION

Virginia Connections Academy is a tuition free virtual public school serving students in grades 6-10 from across the state of Virginia. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded in 2022.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Virginia Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors and Standard courses.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Earth Science, Physical Science, English 9, English 10, Pre-Calculus, American Government, U.S. History, and World History I, World History II.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 17 licensed professional staff. Of these, 2 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.

ACCREDITATIONS

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



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Standard Diploma

22 units of credit are required for a Standard Diploma. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics	3	1
Laboratory Science	3	1
History and Social Sciences	3	1
Health and PE	2	0
World Language, Fine Arts, or CTE	2	0
Economics and Personal Finance	1	0
Electives	4	0
Student Selected Test	0	0
Total	22	5

Advanced Diploma

26 units of credit are required for the Advanced Diploma. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics	4	1
Laboratory Science	4	1
History and Social Sciences	4	1
Health and PE	2	0
World Language	3	0
Fine Arts or C.T.E.	1	0
Economics and Personal Finance	1	0
Electives	3	0
Total	26	5

GRADE SCALE

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Passing?	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors/AP)
A	90-100 %	Yes	4.00	5.0
B	80-89%	Yes	3.00	4.0
C	70-79%	Yes	2.0	3.0
D	60-69%	Yes	1.0	2.0
F	0-59%	No	0.0	0.0