

# 2021-2022 School Profile

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

California Connections Academy Schools educate to empower compassionate global citizens by leveraging 21<sup>st</sup> century education resources on behalf of students who need a more personalized approach to learning to maximize these students' potential and meet the highest performance standards.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### ADMINISTRATION

**Executive Director:** Dr. Richard Savage  
**Southern California Regional Site Administrator:** Heather Tamayo  
**Northern California Regional Site Administrator:** Kara Mannix  
**Central California Regional Site Administrator:** Marcus White  
**High School Principal:** Kara Mannix  
**Middle School Principal:** Heather Tamayo  
**Elementary School Principal:** Marcus White  
**Director of Student Achievement:** Dr. Richie Romero  
**Director of Business Services:** Dr. Franci Sassin  
**Director of Finance:** LaChelle Carter  
**Director of Student Services:** Harold Roney  
**Director of Counseling:** Mia Hardy  
**Manager of Academic Support:** Hazel Eng

## SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The six charter schools share staff between all of the affiliated California Connections Academy schools, which each serve students in different geographic regions. Together, the California Connections Academy organization has over 300 credentialed professional teaching and counseling staff. All teaching staff are fully qualified within the areas they support.

## ACCREDITATION



## SAMPLING OF ELITE SCHOOLS TO WHICH STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

Harvard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
University of Southern California  
Pepperdine University  
University of California Berkeley  
University of California Los Angeles  
Washington State University

## OUR PROGRAM

California Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program, plus rigorous middle school and elementary school programs, with a total enrollment estimated at **7500+** during the 2021-22 school year. School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.

Over 100 California Connections Academy courses meet the “a-g” requirements for admission to the University of California and are listed at the following site: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist/institution/5079/schools>

All California Connections Academy schools are accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

California Connections Academy operates on a semester system using 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 6 classes per semester.

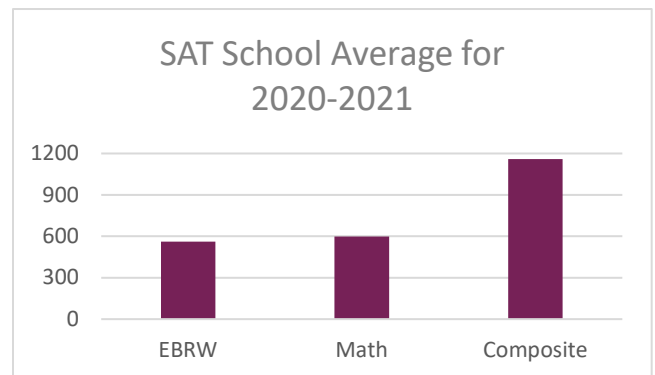
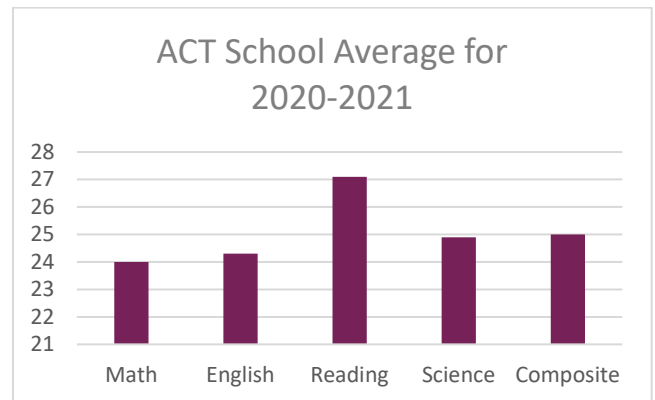
22 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	2
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	2
Humanities, Arts, or CTE	1
Other Electives	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

## PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

Plan	%
Two-Year College	43
Four-Year College	17
Gap Year	13
Work Force	11
Vocational Training	4
Fine Arts/Music/Theater	3
Technical School	3
Military	2
Sports/Athletics	2
Undecided	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## AVERAGE TEST SCORES



2021 AP Exam Information

Total AP Students	113
Number of Exams	215
AP Students with Scores 3+	77
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	68.14%

## HISTORY AND STUDENT POPULATION

California Connections Academy Schools are made up of six accredited, virtual public charter schools, each of which are authorized to operate in a different geographic region of California. All six schools share the same curriculum, instructional model, and staff. The students who attend California Connections Academy schools come from urban, suburban, and rural communities.

### **Southern California**

California Connections Academy Southern California serves students in grades TK–12 in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. The school first opened during the 2004–05 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06 and added one grade level per year until all grades TK–12 were included. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

### **Ripon**

California Connections Academy Ripon serves students in grades TK–12 in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento, Amador, Calaveras, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties. The school first opened during the 2012–13 school year as a K–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2013.

### **Central Valley**

California Connections Academy Central Valley serves students in grades TK–12 in Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties. The school first opened during the 2006–07 school year as a K–10 school. The school added one grade level per year until all grades K–12 were included. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

### **North Bay**

California Connections Academy North Bay serves students in grades TK–12 in Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Yolo counties. The school first opened during the 2014–15 school year as a TK–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2015.

### **Central Coast**

California Connections Academy Central Coast serves students in grades TK–12 in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The school first opened for the 2019–20 school year as a TK–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2020.

### **Monterey Bay**

California Connections Academy Monterey serves students in grades TK–12 in Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties. The school first opened for the 2019–20 school year as a TK–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2020.

## COURSE OPTIONS

California 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. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

**AP course offerings include** Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, AP Art History, Environmental Science, Statistics, United States Government, and United States History.

**Honors course offerings include** English (9-12), Algebra (1&2), Geometry, Pre-Calculus, American Government, US History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, and Earth Science.

**UC a-g approved visual and performing arts courses:** California Connections Academy offers visual and performing art courses for AP Art History, Art History, Introduction to Graphic Design, Living Music (I/II), Speech and Debate, and Introduction to Drawing. Visual and performing art courses provide California Connections Academy students the opportunity to fulfill the UC/CSU "f" visual and performing arts requirement.

**Career Technical Education:** (CTE) courses, which allow students to combine both college preparation and workforce skills development into one customized education program. CTE courses encourage students to explore and prepare for careers in finance, marketing, psychology, criminal justice, and more.

**Dual Enrollment:** Students also have the opportunity to complete courses at their local community college on campus and/or online where they can earn high school and college credit.

## 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	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92-97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90-91	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	.67	1.17	1.67
F	0-59	0.00	0	0