

2023-2024 School Profile

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

California Connections Academy Schools educate to empower compassionate global citizens by leveraging 21st 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.

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High School Principal: Kara Mannix
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Director of Student Services: Harold Roney

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The six charter schools share staff between all the affiliated California Connections Academy schools, which each serve students in different geographic regions. Together, the California Connections Academy organization has over 350+ 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
University of Southern California
University of California Berkeley
University of California Los Angeles
Washington University in St. Louis
Boston University
Carnegie Mellon University
Arizona State University
Texas A&M University
Stanford 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 **8900+** during the 2023-24 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.

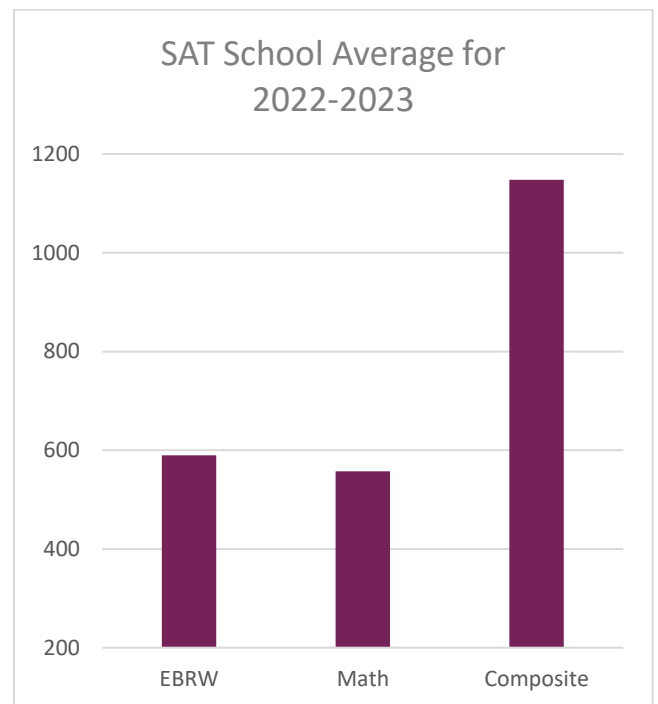
22 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

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
Total	22

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

Plan	%
Two-Year College	43
Four-Year College	18
Gap Year	7
Work Force	15
Vocational Training	9
Fine Arts/Music/Theater	2
Military	2
Sports/Athletics	2
Undecided	2
Total	100

AVERAGE TEST SCORES



2023 AP Exam Information

Total AP Students	311
Number of Exams	230
AP Students with Scores 3+	125

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.

Northern California

California Connections Academy Northern California 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 Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, 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, Earth Science, Physical Science, and Physics.

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 through the Saddleback Pathways program and 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

