

# 2022-2023 School Profile

CEEB Code # 060219 (Durango)

CEEB Code # 060643 (Summit)

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

Connections Academy schools have an important mission: to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

### OUR HISTORY

Colorado Connections Academy is an accredited public school serving students in grades K-12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2002-03 school year as a K-8 school. The school served 9<sup>th</sup> graders for the first time in 2005-06 and added one grade per year until they had grades K-12 in 2008-2009. Colorado Connections Academy's first 12<sup>th</sup> grade class graduated in June 2009.

### OUR PROGRAM

Colorado Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 3,000 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Colorado Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA/CASI) an accrediting division of Cognia, formerly AdvancED.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Shannon Cox

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**MANAGER OF COUNSELING:** Nikki Smith

**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Barbara Sinar

## ACCREDITATIONS



## SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Adams State University, Colorado College, Colorado Mesa University, Regis University, University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado Springs and Denver, University of Northern Colorado, and University of Wyoming

## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Colorado Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honor, College Preparatory, and Standard programs. Students also can participate in the PSEO program, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

**AP Course Offerings Include:** Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science Principles, English Language & Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Psychology, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics and U.S. History

**Honors Course Offerings Include:** Algebra I, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Physical Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History

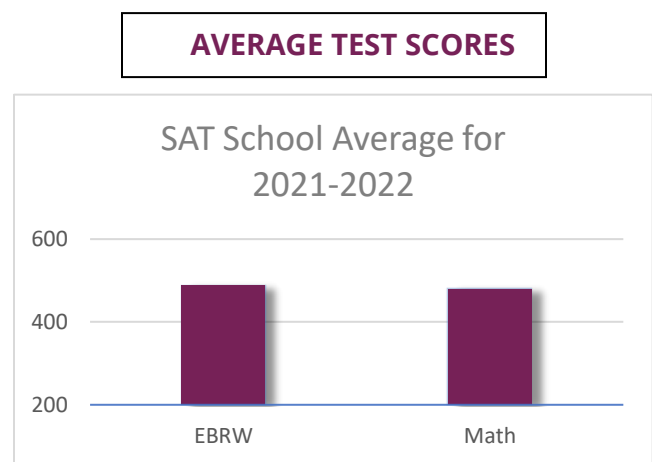
**Career and Technical Education (CTE) Offerings Include:** Career Planning & Skill Development, Careers in Criminal Justice, College Prep with ACT and SAT, Cosmetology, Early Childhood Education, Health Science: Public Health, Internship & Work Study, and Sports Management

Please feel free to view all our high school courses at: <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/colorado-online-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Colorado Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. The typical course load is six courses per semester. Students enrolled in Colorado Connections Academy are required to earn 22 Carnegie units of credit to graduate.

Area/Subject Requirements	# of Credits for Graduation
English	4
Math (at least through Algebra 2)	3
Science (2.0 must be lab-based)	4
Social Studies (0.5 Government/Civics, 1.0 of <i>either</i> US or World History, 0.5 Financial Literacy)	3
Health & Physical Education (0.5 of each) <i>During their high school career, students may earn a max of 1 credit in physical Education or general elective credits when they complete 2 seasons of a sport.</i>	1
World Language (if pursuing college 2.0 is recommended)	1
ICAP	1
Additional/Required Electives (0.5 technology, 0.5 art, 0.5 financial literacy)	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>



Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student's cumulative weighted G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses. Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

## GRADE SCALE

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)	Weighted (Concurrent Enrollment)
<b>A+</b>	97-100	4.0	4.5	5.0	--
<b>A</b>	93-96	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.0
<b>A-</b>	90-92	3.67	4.17	4.67	--
<b>B+</b>	87-89	3.33	3.83	4.33	--
<b>B</b>	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.0
<b>B-</b>	80-82	2.67	3.17	3.67	--
<b>C+</b>	77-79	2.33	2.83	3.33	--
<b>C</b>	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.0
<b>C-</b>	70-72	1.67	2.17	2.67	--
<b>D+</b>	67-69	1.33	1.83	2.33	--
<b>D</b>	63-66	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0
<b>D-</b>	60-62	.67	1.17	1.67	--
<b>F</b>	0-59	0.0	0.0	0.0	0

## COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Students must demonstrate college or career readiness in English AND Math based on at least **ONE** of the following measures:

Measure	English	Math
Accuplacer (classic)	62 on Reading Comprehension or 70 on Sentence Skills	61 on Elementary Algebra
Accuplacer (Next Generation)	241 on Reading on 236 on Writing	255 on Arithmetic (AR) or 230 on Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QAS)
ACT	18 on ACT English	19 on ACT Math
SAT	English 470	Math 500
Advanced Placement (AP Exam)	English 3	Math 3
ASVAB	31 on the AFQT (Score of 50% or higher on WK and PC Sections)	31 on the AFQT (score of 50% or higher on AR and MK Sections)
Concurrent Enrollment	Passing Grade 70% or higher	Passing Grade of 70% or higher
IB	4	4
Graduation Portfolio *District Canstone	Individualized	Individualized