

2022-2023 School Profile

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Students, parents, and teachers work collaboratively to ensure that all students experience a positive, caring, and personalized learning environment through which they are able to maximize their potential and meet the highest performance standards.

OUR PROGRAM

Coastal Connections Academy is a full-time, virtual, public, charter school that offers a rigorous academic program to students in grades K-12 and operates under the authorization of Santa Rosa County School District.

STUDENT POPULATION

Coastal CA opened its doors to K-12 students in the 2021-2022 school year. It has an enrollment of nearly 900 students with a high school population of nearly 450 students. We serve students with a variety of unique talents, strengths, and needs from almost every one of Florida's 67 counties.

CURRICULUM

Coastal Connections Academy offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum that is aligned with Florida Standards as mandated by the Florida Department of Education. Courses include a wide range of disciplines at various levels of rigor. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. We are currently offering many Honors and AP courses.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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MANAGER OF COUNSELING SERVICES: Jessica Pedraza

MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION: Tiffani Donnelly

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

Many of our teachers and staff hold multiple state teaching certifications in a variety of areas, along with master's degrees and higher.

ACCREDITATION

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



ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Current AP Course Offerings Include: AP Biology, AP English Composition, AP English Literature & Composition, AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, and AP Spanish Language & Culture

Current Honors Course Offerings Include: Algebra 1 Honors, Algebra 2 Honors, Biology Honors, Chemistry Honors, Economics Honors, English 1-4 Honors, French 3 & 4 Honors, Physical Science Honors, Physics Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, Probability & Statistics with Applications Honors, Spanish 3 Honors, US Government Honors, US History Honors, World History Honors

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Coastal Connections Academy operates on a semester system. One semester class equals one-half (0.5) of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six classes per semester. 24 credits are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

| Area/Subjects | #Units for Graduation |
|---|-----------------------|
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Math | 4 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| Physical Education with Health | 1 |
| Fine/Performing or Practical Arts/Speech & Debate | 1 |
| Other Electives | 8 |
| Total | 24 |

[FLDOE Graduation Requirements for 22/23 School Year](#)

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 | GPA Points 4-point scale | Weighted Grade Point Average 5-point scale |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| A | 90-100 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| B | 80-89 | 3.00 | 4.00 |
| C | 70-79 | 2.00 | 3.00 |
| D | 60-69 | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| F | Below 60 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

TESTING INFORMATION

Coastal Connections Academy adheres to all state and national testing requirements and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.

Required State Testing

FAST Early Literacy/Reading & Math, Grades K-10

Statewide Science Assessment, Grades 5 & 8

End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments: Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, U.S. History, and Civics

ACCESS for ELLs

Advanced Placement (AP) Assessments: Optional exams, not required

Students currently enrolled in Grades 11 & 12 must have an acceptable Grade 10 FSA ELA score to graduate (or concordant score).