



2021-2022 School Profile

CEEB Code # 111141

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

To exemplify a collaborative virtual school where our students meet high expectations through mastery of challenging academic material in preparation for successful college and career experiences.

OUR HISTORY

Georgia Connections Academy is an accredited, public charter school currently serving students in grades 5-12 from across the state of Georgia. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was originally founded during the 2011-12 school year as a K-8 school. Georgia Connections Academy added high school during the 2012-13 school year and graduated its first class May 2013.

OUR PROGRAM

Georgia Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of 2750 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Georgia Connections Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accrediting division of AdvancED
- The district has over 152 certified/ licensed professional staff. Of those, over 108 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified. Of those, 4 staff members hold a doctorate.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.
- Active chapters with the National Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society.
- Our high school counseling program has earned RAMP designation as a Recognized ASCA Model Program, committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

Wendy Aracich

LOWER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Amy Wilcox

LOWER SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

Tricia Weatherspoon

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Maria Sharrett, Director of Special Education

Sabine Cluster, Assistant Director

DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING: David Levin

High School Counseling Staff:

Sara Tran (Head HS Counselor), Precious Williams (College Counseling Specialist), Michelle Weiberg (Dual Enrollment Counselor), Barb Wilson (9-10, A-D), John DeRosso (9-10, E-K), Stephanie Remon (9-10, L-R), Paul Harrelson (9-10, S-Z), Stevie Tompkins (9-10, GAP Counselor), Belina Hughes (11-12, A-G), Shenika Davis (11-12, H-O), Marjorie Herr (11-12, P-Z), Karla Garfield (11-12, PUSH Counselor)

Lower School Counseling Staff:

Stephanie Sexton (5-6th), Enricka Maddox (7th), Rose Robinson (8th), Amber Meeks (5-8th, AIM Counselor)

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

Our high school counseling program has earned RAMP designation as a Recognized American School Counseling Association (ASCA) Model Program

ACCREDITATIONS



ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Georgia Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and On-Level programs. Students also can participate in Georgia's Dual Enrollment 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, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, US Government, and US History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra, Algebra 2, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, English 9–12, Geometry, Pre-calculus, U.S. History, World History and Honors Spanish III.

View all our high school courses and descriptions at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ET_Arllr2e_oUczUHoH_8ffLjO26fDRN_AtDkyK-8Eo/edit#slide=id.p

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

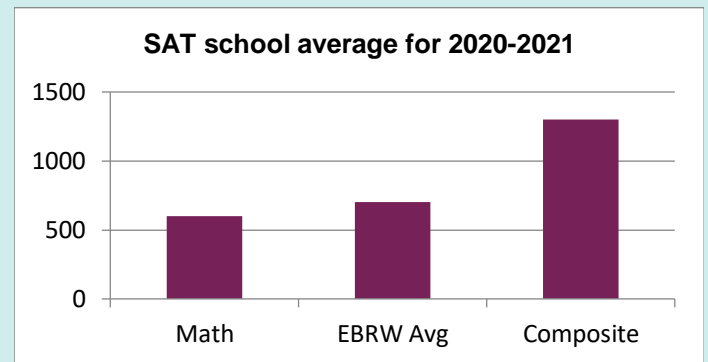
Georgia Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six classes per semester.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Algebra 1	1
Geometry	1
Additional Math	2
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Health	.5
Personal Fitness	.5
Other Electives	7
Total	23

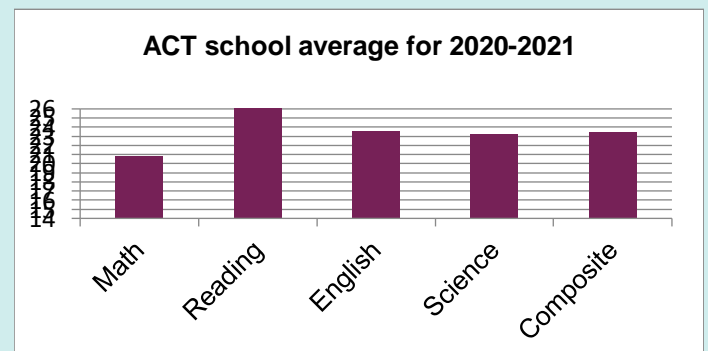
Advanced Placement Scores

57% of our GACA AP exam results scored 3 or higher in 2021. In addition, we had 5 AP Scholars which includes 1 AP Scholar with Honor.

Average Test Scores



*GA Connections is awaiting Collegeboard state report for complete 2021 testing data as of the time of this publication.



PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2021

Plans for Class of 2021	# of Students	Percentage of Students
Four-year college	121	24
Two-year college	96	19
Employment	168	33
Vocational Training	16	3
Military	15	3
Other	91	18

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2021 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$6,302,351 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Agnes Scott College, Berry College, Clemson University, Florida International University, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Kent State University, Mercer University, Rider University, Savannah College of Art and Design University of Georgia, St. John's University, University of North Georgia, University of West Georgia

GRADE SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Grade %	Passing?	Non-Weighted	Weighted	Weighted
A	90 – 100	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
B	80 – 89	Yes	3.00	3.50	4.00
C	70 – 79	Yes	2.00	2.50	3.00
F	0 – 69	No	0.00	0.00	0.00

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student's cumulative weighted GPA for all high school courses, including transfer courses.