



2023-2024 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 K-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 2950 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 Cognia.
- The district has over 285 certified/ licensed professional staff. Of those, over 137 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified. Of those, 5 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:
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MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Katrina Wills

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:
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SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Sabine Claster, Sr. Manager of Special Education

Maria Sharrett, Director of Special Education
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Ashley Clark, Assistant Director

COUNSELING:

David Levin, Director of Counseling
Sara Tran, Assistant Director

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT WEBSITE: bit.ly/GACA-Counseling

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

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

STEAM Academy

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 Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Psychology, Statistics, US Government, and US History.

Honors course offerings include Algebra, Algebra 2, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science, English 9–12, Geometry, Pre-calculus, U.S. History, and World History. View descriptions [here](#)



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

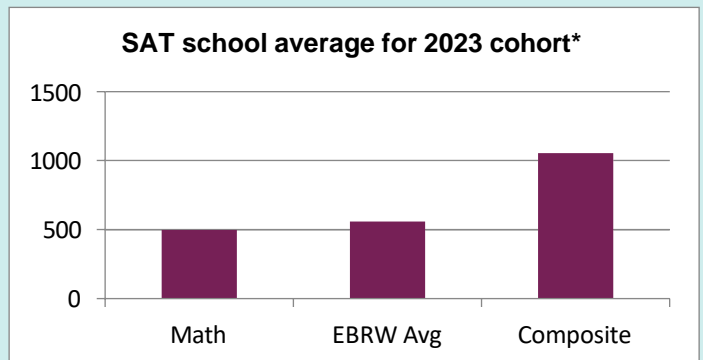
Georgia Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six classes per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

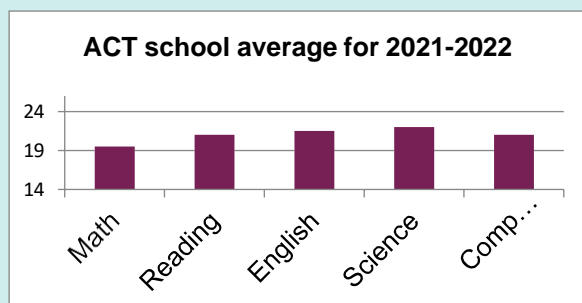
Advanced Placement Scores

70% of our GACA AP exam results scored 3 or higher in 2023. In addition, we had 21 AP Scholars which includes 3 AP Scholars with Honor and 4 AP Scholars with Distinction.

Average Test Scores



*GA Connections is awaiting state report for complete 2023 testing data as of the time of this publication.



PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2023

Plans for Class of 2023	# of Students	Percentage of Students
Four-year college	212	41%
Two-year college/ Vocational Training	106	20%
Employment	83	16%
Military	12	2%
Other	15	2.9%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2023 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$6,914,688 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Kennesaw State University, Stevenson University, Georgia State University, Columbus State University, Gallaudet University, University of Oklahoma, University of North Georgia, Savannah College of Art and Design, Middle Georgia State University, Georgia Southern University, Albany State University, University of Colorado, University of West Georgia, University of Georgia, University of Alabama, Alabama State University, Clemson University, Georgia College and State University, Clayton State University, Virginia Tech, University of Memphis, Georgia Institute of Technology, Valdosta State University, Oglethorpe University, University of Nevada, Penn State, Mercer University, Morehouse College, Texas A&M University, Ithaca College, Johnson & Wales University, Portland State University, Smith College, Brenau University, Shorter University, Colorado State University

GRADE SCALE

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

Grade	Grade %	Passing?	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
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 through their 1st semester of senior year, including transfer courses.