CONNECTIONS
ACADEMY

## 2023-2024 School Profile

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

## OUR MISSION

Inspire's mission is to help each student maximize their potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

## OUR PROGRAM

Inspire has an enrollment of over 1,200 students in grades K-12 and includes a four-year comprehensive high school program. Here are some key facts about the Inspire program:

- Inspire Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, and the Southern Association of Colleges \& Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), which are accrediting divisions of Cognia.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.


## STUDENT POPULATION

Inspire, the Idaho 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 2005-2006 school year as a K9 school. Inspire's first $12^{\text {th }}$ grade class graduated in June 2009.

## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Inspire's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Dual Credit, Honors, and Basic programs.

AP Course Offerings Include: Biology, Calculus AB, English Language \& Composition, English Literature and Composition, Statistics, United States Government, and United States History. We partner with Idaho Digital Learning Alliance to offer Psychology, Computer Science, and Computer Science Principles.

Dual Credit Course Offerings: We partner with Idaho Digital Learning Alliance to offer 30+ dual credit courses.

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL LEADER: Kenny McAlister HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Beth Sampson
K-8 DEAN OF STUDENTS: Natasha Flook DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION: Eric Lichte MANAGER OF ACCOUNTABILITY: Cook Jones MANAGER OF COUNSELING: Barbie Green

## SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has fifty-two licensed professional staff. Many of the teachers and staff hold multiple state teaching certifications in a variety of areas, along with master's degrees and higher.

## ACCREDITATIONS



## TOP 5 ACCEPTANCES

Azusa Pacific University, Boise State University, Montana State University, University of Idaho, Western Washington University

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Inspire 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 earn high school credit with a C or better. The typical course load is six classes per semester.

23 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Students must complete a Senior Project and pass the Civics Exam. Specific subject area requirements include:

| Area/Subjects | \#Units for <br> Graduation |
| :--- | :---: |
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Math | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| Health | 0.5 |
| Humanities | 1 |
| Speech \& Debate | 0.5 |
| Other Electives | 8 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 3}$ |

## 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

