



# 2023-2024 School Profile

CEEB Code # 230904

## 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 PROGRAM

Lighthouse Connections Academy will include a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 2000 students in grades K-12.

Here are some important facts about our program:

- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- Students on the traditional pacing are able to earn up to 6 credits during the school year.
- The typical course load is 6 classes per semester.
- The school 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.

## STUDENT POPULATION

Lighthouse Connections Academy is a tuition free virtual 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 2018- 2019 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2019.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Teresa Woods

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**MANAGER OF**

**COUNSELING SERVICES:** Shanna Shepherd

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**EDUCATION:** Ashley Gutowski

**MANAGER OF STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY:**

Abby Davis

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Amber Graham

### SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has grown to 120 staff members comprised of 8 Administrators, 105 Certified K12 Teachers, 6 School Counselors, 9 Advisors and 6 Office Personnel.

### ACCREDITATION

Lighthouse 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.



### SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University

## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Lighthouse Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs.

**Honors course offerings include:** Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-10, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History. Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/michigan-online-school/curriculum/high-school>

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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<b>Area/Subjects</b>	<b>#Units for Graduation</b>
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
Foreign Language	2
Visual Performing Arts	1
Additional Courses*	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

## GRADE SCALE

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the end 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:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Numerical Percentage</b>	<b>Non-Weighted</b>	<b>Weighted (Honors)</b>	<b>Weighted (AP)</b>
<b>A+</b>	98-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
<b>A</b>	92-97	4.00	4.50	5.00
<b>A-</b>	90-91	3.67	4.17	4.67
<b>B+</b>	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
<b>B</b>	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
<b>B-</b>	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
<b>C+</b>	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
<b>C</b>	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
<b>C-</b>	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
<b>D+</b>	68-69	1.33	1.83	2.33
<b>D</b>	62-67	1.00	1.50	2.00
<b>D-</b>	60-61	.67	1.17	1.67
<b>F</b>	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00