

# 2023-2024 School Profile

CEEB Code # 232851

## 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 HISTORY

Michigan Connections Academy (MICA) is a public-school, serving students in grades K-12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Our school was established during the 2010-11 school year as a K-12 school. June 2011 marked the graduation of our first class.

### OUR PROGRAM

Michigan Connections Academy has an enrollment of approximately 1,700 students in grades K-12 and includes a four-year comprehensive high school program developed around the Michigan Merit Curriculum. Important facts about the Michigan program include:

- MICA has 92 certified/licensed professional staff, most of which have earned advanced degrees, and one is National Board Certified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June
- Summer school is offered in a variety of subject areas for credit recovery and enrichment.
- MICA offers many clubs and activities, including National Honor Society, Science, Book, Music, and College Planning Club
- All juniors take the M-Step and MME/SAT exam in the spring.

## Plans for the Class of 2022

| Plan                                 | %          |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Two-Year College                     | 22         |
| Four-Year College                    | 23         |
| Employment                           | 16         |
| Vocational Training/Technical School | 7          |
| Gap Year                             | 13         |
| Other                                | 13         |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>100</b> |

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**SCHOOL LEADER:** Bryan Klochack

**HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:** Niebal Atiyeh

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:** Kyle Luft

**ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL:** Kim Roberts

**MANAGER OF COUNSELING:**

Melissa Norman-Dunton

**MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

Jamin Jones

## STUDENT ACCOLADES

Students in the Class of 2023 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$677,108

## ACCREDITATIONS

Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Virtual Schools, which is accredited by Cognia.

## TESTING INFORMATION

Michigan 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION

College representatives are invited to connect with our students through web conferencing technology. Two weeks' notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information, please contact Elon Brissette or Traci Westphal at 517-507-5390.

## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Michigan Connections Academy offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum, with courses in a wide range of disciplines. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. All science courses include hands-on laboratory units. Students have access to Advanced Placement, Honors and Standard programs. High school Students are permitted to take up to eight Advanced Placement courses while attending Michigan Connections Academy. In addition, eligible high school students also can participate in dual enrollment at a local community college, college, or university, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit.

**AP Course Offerings Include:** Biology, Calculus, Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, and U.S. History

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

Please feel free to view all our high school courses at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/michigan-virtual-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Michigan 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.

22 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

| Area/Subjects                     | #Units for Graduation |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Language Arts                     | 4                     |
| Math                              | 3                     |
| Science                           | 3                     |
| Social Studies                    | 3                     |
| Health & P.E.                     | 1                     |
| Visual, Performing & Applied Arts | 1                     |
| World Language*                   | 2                     |
| Other Electives                   | 4                     |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>22</b>             |

\*Graduation requirements can be altered to 1 year of World language and 2 years of VPAA based on post-secondary goals

## 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          |

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