



2022-2023 School Profile

CEEB Code # 240021

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

Falcon View Connections Academy will include a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of more than 400 students in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Online & Blended Learning, which is accredited by Cognia, formerly AdvancED.
- School is in session 175 days between the months of September and June.
- Students can earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load minimum is 6 classes per semester.
- Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit.
- Falcon View Connections Academy adheres to all state testing requirements and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.
- FVCA is proud to have a National Honor Society and a National Junior Honor Society.
- We have over 133 courses that are NCAA Certified.

STUDENT POPULATION

Falcon View Connections Academy is a tuition free virtual public school serving students in grades K-12 from across the state of Minnesota. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2019-2020 school year. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2021.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

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

Dual Credit Courses: FVCA partners with local colleges and universities through MDE PSEO program to offer opportunities for qualified students to earn college credits while in high school. For more information visit this website.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Language Arts, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

AP course offerings include: Biology, English Language & Composition, Human Geography, Psychology, U.S. Government & Politics, and U.S. History. Please feel free to view all our high school courses at <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/minnesota-virtual-school/curriculum/high-school>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 25 licensed professional staff. Of these, 12 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.

SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Mankato State University, St. Cloud State University, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, University of Minnesota Morris, Bemidji State University, University of Northwestern St. Paul

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3.5
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Career Planning	1
Art	1
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
Business Technology	.5
Other Electives	5.5
Total	23

FVCA implemented an early intervention tracking system to identify and support students in achieving on-time graduation.

Starting in the Fall of the 2020-2021 school year, in response to COVID-19, FVCA initiated Star 360, a nationally recognized diagnostic tool, to assess for learning gaps.

GRADE SCALE

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Passing?	GPA
A+	98-100	Yes	4.00
A	92-97	Yes	4.00
A-	90-91	Yes	3.67
B+	88-89	Yes	3.33
B	82-87	Yes	3.00
B-	80-81	Yes	2.67
C+	78-79	Yes	2.33
C	72-77	Yes	2.00
C-	70-71	Yes	1.67
D+	68-69	Yes	1.33
D	62-67	Yes	1.00
D-	60-61	Yes	.67
F	0-59	No	0.00