

# 2021-2022 School Profile

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

The mission of Missouri Connections Academy is to create a personalized, student-centered learning experience with certified teachers dedicated to helping students succeed in school and in life. Learning Coaches, usually parents, guide students daily and get a front row seat to their academic journey. Missouri Connections Academy School has an important mission: We will grow. We will serve. We will explore.

### OUR PROGRAM

Missouri Connections Academy offers a four-year comprehensive high school program with a projected enrollment of 700+ 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 May.
- Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit per their resident district policy.
- Missouri Connections Academy students participate in all state testing requirements with their resident district and MOCA encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.

## STUDENT POPULATION

Missouri 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 2020-2021 school year as a K-12 school.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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## SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 23 certified/licensed professional staff and one Administrative Assistant and a Business Manager. Of those, 50% have earned advanced degrees and all staff are highly qualified.

## ACCREDITATIONS

Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, which is accredited by Cognia (formerly AdvancED).



## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Missouri 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:** Algebra I and II, Geometry, American Government, U.S. History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and English I, II, III, and IV.

**Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings:** Spanish, English, Calculus, Statistics, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Biology, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, U.S. History, US Government and Politics, Art and World Cultures, Art History, and Human Geography. Please feel free to view all our high school courses at <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/missouri-online-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students' course loads and schedules are determined by the students' resident districts. MOCA operates on a semester system; one semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. 24 credits are required for Missouri graduation. Students must be aware of their Resident District graduation requirements.

| Area/Subjects      | #Units for Graduation |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Language Arts      | 4                     |
| Math               | 3                     |
| Science            | 3                     |
| Social Studies     | 3                     |
| Health             | .5                    |
| Physical Education | 1                     |
| Technology         | 1                     |
| Practical Arts     | 1                     |
| Personal Finance   | .5                    |
| Fine Arts          | 1                     |
| Other Electives    | 7                     |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>24</b>             |

Specific state requirements include:

- Pass all state-mandated tests, including examinations on the provisions of American Civics, and the Missouri and U.S. Constitutions.
- Students must complete one semester of institutions, branches, and functions of federal, state, and local government, and in the electoral processes. Coursework may be completed any time while in grades 9-12.
- Receive thirty (30) minutes of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction and training as required by state law.

## GRADE SCALE

Missouri Connections Academy grading scale is provided below

| <b>Grade</b> | <b>Numerical<br/>Percentage</b> | <b>Non-Weighted</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>(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                 |

Please note, the Student's Resident District will follow their Board approved grading scale.