NORTH CAROLINA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

2026-2027 School Profile

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

North Carolina Connections' mission is to help students meet performance standards and maximize their potential through an individualized learning program. The school's tailored approach prepares students of all abilities to succeed in school and life.

OUR PROGRAM

North Carolina 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.

North Carolina Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with enrollment of approximately 300 high school students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- The 2026-2027 school year is the founding year for North Carolina Connections Academy.
- School is in session from August through June.
- 100% of the teaching staff are licensed professionals. All are highly qualified; over 60% have advanced degrees.

CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

Students in grades K-12 will have multiple opportunities aimed at fostering College and Career Readiness, ensuring they are well-prepared for success right after graduation. Through our career exploration programs, students can explore career pathways, such as computer science, artificial intelligence, business and much more. Additionally, our emphasis on connecting students with Higher Education and Coursera Professional Industry Certificates will help bridge the gap between high school and true career readiness.

CONTACT INFORMATION

SCHOOL WEBSITE

https://www.NorthCarolinaConnectionsAcademy.com

SCHOOL ADDRESS

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Honors & Advanced Course Offerings Include:

Honors English I, II, III, IV	Honors Biology	Honors World History
Honors Math I, II, III, IV	Honors Chemistry	Honors American History
Honors Spanish III, IV	Honors Physics	Honors Economics & Personal Finance
		Honors Foundations US & NC Civics

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

North Carolina Connections Academy operates on a credit system utilizing Carnegie units. One full course credit is earned for each class each semester (block scheduling). Students who have taken high school courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is 4 credits per semester.

All students must earn at least **22 credits** in the **Future-Ready Course of Study** to graduate from high school. The Future-Ready Course graduation requirements ensure that a student is prepared for life and whatever pathway they choose after they graduate.

Students at North Carolina Connections Academy may also take courses through our partnership with Pearson Online Academy with administrator approval.

These courses are designated as **PearsonOnlineAcademy-nc3** on the student's official transcript.

Mandatory In-Person Testing

- **Math 1 EOC**
- **English II EOC**
- **Biology EOC**
- **Math 3 EOC**
- **The ACT (11th)**
- **ACT WorkKeys (12th)**
- **CPR (Grad. Req.)**

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GRADUATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

AREA/SUBJECT	#UNITS FOR GRADUATION
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	4
Health & P.E.	1
Elective (CTE, Arts, WL)	2
Computer Science	1
Other Electives	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	90-100	4.0	4.50	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	3.50	4.0
C	70-79	2.0	2.50	3.0
D	60-69	1.0	1.50	2.0
F	0-59	0.0	0.0	0.0