

2026-2027 School Profile

CEEB Code # 290240

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of Nevada Connections Academy to produce college/career ready graduates equipped with the social and emotional skills necessary to contribute positively to society.

OUR PROGRAM

Nevada Connections Academy (NCA) is an accredited, public school serving students in grades 9-12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2007-08 school year. NCA's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

NCA includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1000 high school students.

Here are some important facts about the program:

- Nevada 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.
- The school has 56 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those 56 staff members, 29 have earned an advanced degree.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Nevada Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. Students also can participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

AP Course Offerings Include: Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and United States History.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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ACCREDITATIONS



SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)
University of Nevada Reno (UNR)
University of California Irvine
University of California Berkeley
University of Notre Dame
University of Virginia
University of Michigan
University of Texas Permian Basin
University of South Carolina

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	0.5
Physical Education	2
Computer Lit	0.5
Arts/Humanities/JROTC/CTE	1
Electives	6
Total	23

Test Scores

Nevada 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.

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 various pathways, such as Business Administration, Health Sciences, and Information Technology. 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.

- *Graduation requirements include 2 years of College and Career Readiness coursework (CTE, Dual Enrollment, or AP/ Honors).*
- *Math courses must include at least one year of Algebra and one year of Geometry. Students must be enrolled in math for 4 years of high school level courses.*
- *Science courses must include at least one year of a physical science course (Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics or Earth Science) and one year of Biology.*
- *Social Studies courses must include one year each of World History (or Geography), U.S. History, Economics, and American Government.*
- *Students at Nevada Connections Academy may have courses taken through our partnership with Pearson Online Academy. These courses are designated as PearsonOnlineAcademy-nv1 on the transcript.*

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	GPA Points
<i>A</i>	90-100	4.00
<i>B</i>	80-89	3.00
<i>C</i>	70-89	2.00
<i>D</i>	60-69	1.00
<i>F</i>	0-59	0.00