

2024-2025 School Profile

CEEB Code # 991621

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Lafayette Connections Academy has dedicated teachers and administration who are focused on your student's well-being and fulfilling the CSUSA's mission: relentless commitment to student greatness in school and in life while focusing on Lafayette Connections Academy's mission: to help each student maximize their potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

OUR PROGRAM

Lafayette Connections Academy's high-tech, high-touch, virtual learning environment combines the best in virtual education with very real connections among students, families, teachers, and the community. The program combines a first-class curriculum, high-quality teachers, state-of-the-art technology, community connections, and a personalized learning approach that works together to maximize student learning. Here are some important facts about the program:

- The school was founded in 2024. School is in session between the months of August and May.
- Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Virtual Schools, which is accredited by Cognia.

STUDENT POPULATION

Lafayette Connections Academy is a virtual learning pod serving about 200 students in grades 6-11 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school's first operating year is the 2024-2025 school year.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

AP Course Offering Include: Biology, English Language & Composition, U.S. History

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL LEADER:

Tara Carr

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Alexis Lear

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 9 licensed professional staff. Of these, 9 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.

ACCREDITATION

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a high school diploma and to participate in graduation ceremonies, scholars will follow the Louisiana State Department of Education High School model for graduation requirements. Scholars must earn 23 or 24 Carnegie units and must pass all required components of the High School EOC/LEAP 2025, pending approval by BESE.

TOPS Tech Diploma

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	2
Social Studies	2
Physical Education	1.5
Health Education	.5
Electives	9
Total	23

DIPLOMA PATHWAYS

Every 9th and 10th grade scholar will take core academic classes to work towards a diploma. Following the scholar's 10th grade year, a scholar may choose to work toward a Jump Start TOPS Tech Pathway or pursue the TOPS University Pathway. Decisions are made with counseling and guidance, based on the scholar's interests, capabilities, and ambitions.

TOPS University Diploma

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Foreign Language	2
Art	1
Physical Education	1.5
Health Education	.5
Electives	2
Financial Literacy	1
Total	24

GRADE SCALE

The grades given for any course are the grades determined by the teacher of the course. The determination of the student's grade by the teacher, in the absence of a clerical mistake, shall be final.

Official grading scales are from the Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy Handbook.

Grade	Numerical Percentage
A	90-100
B	80-89.9
C	70-79.9
D	60-69.9
F	0-59.9