

# 2026-2027 School Profile

CEEB #: Application in progress

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

Ohio Bridge Connections Academy provides a supportive, flexible, and student-centered learning environment that prioritizes meaningful relationships and individualized academic pathways. Through clear expectations, intentional guidance, and ongoing support, we help students navigate obstacles, remain engaged, and graduate with the skills, confidence, and direction needed for life beyond high school.

### OUR HISTORY

Ohio Bridge Connections Academy was established to expand educational options for students whose needs were not fully met by traditional high school models. The school evolved from a successful pilot program that demonstrated the effectiveness of providing students with a focused course schedule, targeted academic support, and a pathway tailored to their individual circumstances. Building on the lessons learned through that initiative, Ohio Bridge Connections Academy became a standalone school for the 2026-27 school year.

### OUR PROGRAM

Ohio Bridge Connections Academy is a fully virtual dropout prevention and recovery school serving approximately 300 students in grades 9-12. The school offers a comprehensive four-year high school program designed to help students earn their diploma while balancing the unique demands and challenges of their lives.

Students typically work in two to three courses at a time, enabling them to focus on mastering course content and earning credits toward graduation. Most students are expected to complete approximately 10 courses each year, earning up to 5.0 credits annually, or the remaining credits needed to graduate.

In addition to academic coursework, students participate in career exploration and postsecondary planning activities that help them prepare for college, workforce training, military service, and other pathways after high school.

Ohio Bridge Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), a division of Cognia (formerly AdvancED). The school year consists of 180 instructional days and runs from August through June.

<https://www.connectionsacademy.com/ohio-alternative-school/>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**PRINCIPAL:** Jason Swinehart

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:** Lesley Maxey

**MANAGER OF COUNSELING:**

Alana Pustay

**MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

Jennifer Geyer

## SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

The school has 22 licensed professional staff. Of these, 8 have earned advanced degrees.

## ACCREDITATIONS



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

20 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. General requirements include:

| Subject Area                | # Graduation Credits |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| English Language Arts       | 4.0                  |
| Mathematics                 | 4.0                  |
| Science                     | 3.0                  |
| Social Studies              | 3.0                  |
| Health / Physical Education | 0.5 / 0.5            |
| Fine Art                    | 1.0                  |
| Personal Finance            | 0.5                  |
| Additional Electives        | 3.5                  |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>20</b>            |

## GRADE SCALE

OHBCA uses the following grading scale to calculate student grade point averages (GPAs). While OHBCA does not currently offer Honors or AP courses, eligible transfer courses may receive additional quality points as outlined in the chart. Class rank is calculated at the end of each semester, twice per year, and is based on a student's cumulative weighted GPA across all high school coursework, including eligible transfer credits.

| Grade | Grade % | Passing? | Non Weighted | Weighted (Honors) | Weighted (AP) |
|-------|---------|----------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| A+    | 98–100  | Yes      | 4.00         | 4.50              | 5.00          |
| A     | 92–97   | Yes      | 4.00         | 4.50              | 5.00          |
| A-    | 90–91   | Yes      | 3.67         | 4.17              | 4.67          |
| B+    | 88–89   | Yes      | 3.33         | 3.83              | 4.33          |
| B     | 82–87   | Yes      | 3.00         | 3.50              | 4.00          |
| B-    | 80–81   | Yes      | 2.67         | 3.17              | 3.67          |
| C+    | 78–79   | Yes      | 2.33         | 2.83              | 3.33          |
| C     | 72–77   | Yes      | 2.00         | 2.50              | 3.00          |
| C-    | 70–71   | Yes      | 1.67         | 2.17              | 2.67          |
| D+    | 68–69   | Yes      | 1.33         | 1.83              | 2.33          |
| D     | 62–67   | Yes      | 1.00         | 1.50              | 2.00          |
| D-    | 60–61   | Yes      | 0.67         | 1.17              | 1.67          |
| F     | 0–59    | No       | 0.00         | 0.00              | 0.00          |