



2020-2021
Tennessee Connections Academy
Annual Report

The mission of Tennessee Connections Academy is to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

Accountability of the Virtual School

Goal: State Test Scores

2020-21 Results:

TNCA K-8			
Students scoring proficient or above			
Grade Level	Math		
	School	District	State
2nd Grade	18%	28%	28%
3rd Grade	15%	24%	31%
4th Grade	29%	30%	34%
5th Grade	16%	28%	31%
6th Grade	11%	24%	26%
7th Grade	9%	17%	19%
8th Grade	4%	22%	25%

TNCA K-8			
Students scoring proficient or above			
Grade Level	ELA		
	School	District	State
2nd Grade	17%	22%	22%
3rd Grade	21%	28%	32%
4th Grade	30%	30%	31%
5th Grade	32%	27%	29%
6th Grade	22%	22%	27%
7th Grade	24%	24%	27%
8th Grade	17%	21%	23%

TNCA 9-12			
Students scoring proficient or above			
EOC Course			
	School	District	State
Algebra 1	2%	14%	17%
Algebra 2	4%	5%	18%
Geometry	10%	14%	24%
English 1	31%	27%	30%
English 2	35%	27%	37%
Biology	35%	34%	42%

Goal: Grades K-8 Successful Course Completion

2020-21 Results:

1st Semester

ELA Course Pass Rates		Math Course Pass Rates	
K-5	6-8	K-5	6-8
95%	82%	95%	86%
Science Course Pass Rates		Social Studies Course Pass Rates	
K-5	6-8	K-5	6-8
94%	86%	94%	87%

2nd Semester

ELA Course Pass Rates		Math Course Pass Rates	
K-5	6-8	K-5	6-8
91%	87%	89%	85%
Science Course Pass Rates		Social Studies Course Pass Rates	
K-5	6-8	K-5	6-8
94%	89%	93%	87%

Goal: High School Successful Course Completion

2020-21 Results:

1st Semester

ELA Course Pass Rates		Math Course Pass Rates	
9-12		9-12	
75%		79%	
Science Course Pass Rates		Social Studies Course Pass Rates	
9-12		9-12	
88%		86%	

2nd Semester

ELA Course Pass Rates		Math Course Pass Rates	
9-12		9-12	
80%		82%	
Science Course Pass Rates		Social Studies Course Pass Rates	
9-12		9-12	
89%		90%	

Goal: Parent Satisfaction

2020-21 Results:

Overall parent satisfaction at 86.3%

Sample questions from the survey

THUS FAR, WHAT GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE THE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY PROGRAM THIS YEAR? (Grades of A and B)	DO YOU RECOMMEND CONNECTIONS ACADEMY TO PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE NOT ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM?	OVERALL, HOW SATISFIED IS YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WITH THE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY PROGRAM?	MY CHILDREN ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.
86.30%	91.60%	92.10%	90.20%

Goal: Student Retention

2020-21 Results:

During School Year withdrawal rate was 22%

Goal: Financial and Fiscal

2020-21 Results:

TNCA continues to meet all financial obligations. The Schools' fiscal health is backed by the financial stability of Pearson.

Evidence of Pearson's financial stability at the following

website: <https://www.pearson.com/investors/financial-results-and-annual-reports-and-accounts.html>

Benchmark Assessment Results

2020-21 Results:

TNCA used the Renaissance Star benchmark assessment as the universal screening measure

TNCA K-8

Reading	Total Tested	Tier 1 #	Tier 1 %	Tier 2 #	Tier 2 %	Tier 3 #	Tier 3 %
Fall	1553	1166	75%	201	13%	158	12%
Winter	1423	1087	76%	171	13%	162	11%
Spring	1291	927	72%	162	13%	213	15%
Math	Total Tested	Tier 1 #	Tier 1 %	Tier 2 #	Tier 2 %	Tier 3 #	Tier 3 %
Fall	1225	928	76%	166	14%	132	10%
Winter	1270	978	77%	144	11%	147	12%
Spring	1156	810	70%	150	13%	195	17%

TNCA 9-12

Reading	Total Tested	Tier 1 #	Tier 1 %	Tier 2 #	Tier 2 %	Tier 3 #	Tier 3 %
Fall	1166	803	69%	211	18%	152	13%
Winter	1179	769	65%	201	17%	209	18%
Spring	562	332	59%	92	16%	138	25%
Math	Total Tested	Tier 1 #	Tier 1 %	Tier 2 #	Tier 2 %	Tier 3 #	Tier 3 %
Fall	1073	851	79%	118	11%	104	10%
Winter	1143	831	73%	154	13%	158	14%
Spring	541	351	65%	81	15%	107	20%

20-21 Reading	Below 10 PR		10-24 PR		25-39 PR		At / Above 40 PR	
Grade	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
K	4	4%	2	2%	1	1%	85	92%
1	25	9%	17	6%	16	6%	212	79%
2	12	15%	5	6%	11	14%	53	65%
3	15	15%	7	7%	15	15%	63	63%
4	20	19%	11	11%	14	13%	59	57%
5	17	19%	11	12%	8	9%	54	60%
6	32	24%	21	16%	17	13%	61	47%
7	41	23%	35	20%	23	13%	79	44%
8	51	23%	44	20%	27	12%	98	45%
9	60	18%	57	17%	39	12%	176	53%
10	51	17%	41	14%	27	9%	174	59%
11	48	19%	37	15%	25	10%	141	56%
12	17	11%	22	15%	32	21%	80	53%

20-21 Math	Below 10 PR		10-24 PR		25-39 PR		At / Above 40 PR	
Grade	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
K	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	6	5%	14	11%	12	10%	93	74%
3	9	7%	14	11%	19	15%	89	67%
4	19	13%	14	9%	15	10%	98	68%
5	19	13%	23	16%	12	8%	88	63%
6	27	16%	18	10%	19	11%	106	63%
7	32	16%	26	13%	25	12%	112	59%
8	34	14%	30	13%	34	14%	139	59%
9	57	15%	56	15%	52	14%	215	56%
10	37	12%	39	13%	24	8%	203	67%
11	36	12%	32	11%	40	13%	192	64%
12	28	18%	21	14%	18	11%	87	57%

Student Enrollment and Demographic Details

2020-21 Results:

Enrollment

EOY – June 30, 2021		Number	Percent
Total YTD Enrollment K-8		1410	NA
Total YTD Enrollment 9-12		1418	NA
Grade Distribution	Kindergarten	117	4.1%
	1	117	4.1%
	2	123	4.3%
	3	126	4.4%
	4	136	4.8%
	5	131	4.6%
	6	166	5.8%
	7	224	7.9%
	8	270	9.5%
	9	458	16.1%
	10	406	14.3%
	11	357	12.6%
	12	197	6.9%
New/Returning	New	1841	65%
	Returning	987	35%

Demographics

EOY – June 30, 2021		Number	Percent
Gender	Female	1566	55%
	Male	1262	45%
	X		
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	227	8%
	Not Hispanic or Latino	2601	92%
Distinct Race/Ethnicity	American Indian or Alaskan Native	10	1%
	Asian	24	1%
	Black/African American	485	17%
	Hispanic or Latino	227	8%
	Multiple Races	179	6%
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	1%
	White/Caucasian	1896	67%
Primary Language Spoken at Home	English	2777	98.1%
	Spanish	43	1.5%
	Arabic	7	0.2%
	Portuguese	1	0.1%
F.A.R.M. Eligibility	Qualifies for Reduced	208	7.3%
	Qualifies for Free	734	25.9%

The FARM Eligibility is based on Income verification process through the school's enrollment process and not direct cert numbers from the state.

Special Populations

EOY – June 30, 2021		Number	Percent
Special Populations	Gifted	105	2.7%
	IEP	269	10.2%
	504	120	3.7%

Attendance Data

Reporting Period	K-8 Percent	9-12 Percent
8/10/20 – 9/4/20	95.9%	92.2%
9/8/20 – 10/6/20	97.3%	90.1%
10/7/20 – 11/11/20	95.4%	85.0%
11/12/20 – 12/14/20	95.7%	86.4%
12/15/20 – 1/27/21	97.5%	88.3%
1/28/21 – 2/25/21	96.5%	86.8%
2/26/21 – 4/5/21	94.3%	84.9%
4/6/21 – 5/3/21	91.6%	88.4%
5/4/21 – 5/28/21	88.8%	81.7%
Annual	94.8%	86.9%

Graduation Rate

Tennessee Connections Academy graduation rate for 2020-21 was 67.38%

Special Accomplishments for 2020-21

- *Staff survey results for fall and spring at 91% and 86% positive engagement*
- *Uninterrupted learning for all students during a pandemic year that saw many students across the state suffer learning loss due to continual transition between in-person and virtual learning*
- *We saw 175 student graduate in the 2021 School Year.*
- *Conducted TCAP and EOC testing in 20 different locations across the state and had met the 80% for the district to be held harmless for the results*

“What’s Next”

During the 2021-22 school year, TNCA will focus on the following area:

- We will continue to strive for pass rates above 90% in English, science and social studies, and math.
- We are committed to meeting or exceeding our double AMO on the state achievement tests in the spring.
- We will continue to work toward improving ACT scores.
- We will continue to support all high school students in graduating on-time, in 4-years and significantly improve our graduation rate.
- We will reduce our chronic absenteeism rate by 50%