



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Ohio 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. The school was founded during the 2004–2005 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06, and added one grade level per year since then. Ohio Connections Academy’s first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

Our Mission

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

OUR PROGRAM

Ohio Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1500 high school students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- Ohio Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- The school has 137 certified/ licensed professional staff. Of those, 80 have earned master’s degrees, one PhD, and all are highly qualified. We have one staff member that is nationally board certified.
- School is in session 175 days between the months of August and June.
- Students are able to earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6–7 classes per semester.
- The school operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent: Marie Hanna

Assistant Principal: 9th and 11th grade - Christy Lamb,
10th and 12th grade - Katy Brentnan

Manager of Counseling: Molly Heidenreich

Coordinator of Counseling Services: Megan Brautigam (10)

Counseling Staff: Deanne Anderson (12), Larry Beeble (11),
Mallorie Klemm (9), Cesarina DiPietro-Bloom (K-8)

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2015 were accepted to the following colleges: Art Institute of Atlanta, Ashland University, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berklee College of Music, Bowling Green State University, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Butler University, California University of Pennsylvania, Calvin College, Capital University, Cleveland State University, College of Mount St. Joseph, College of Wooster, Columbia College Chicago, Columbus College of Art and Design, Denison University, DePaul University, Eastern Michigan University, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida International University, Gannon University, Heidelberg University, Hiram College, Indiana University Bloomington, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Kent State University Stark Campus, Kent State University - Trumbull, Liberty University, Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Miami University, Miami University- Middletown campus, Miami University-Hamilton Campus, Miami University-Hamilton OH, Mount Union College, Muskingum University, North Central University, Northern Kentucky University

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2015–16 School Profile

- Ohio Connections Academy has 120 students participating in the College Credit Plus Options program throughout the state. One semester class equals one full college credit.
- 182 Ninth grade students have taken high school level courses while in middle school for high school credit.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science*	3
Social Studies	3
Personal Finance**	0.5
Economics**	0.5
Health	0.5
Physical Education	0.5
Technology	1
Fine Arts	1
Other Electives***	4
Total	21

*The approved advanced science courses are Earth Science, Honors Earth Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physics, Honors Marine Science, Honors Earth Space Science, and any AP science.

**These courses are required for financial literacy purposes and are Social Studies curriculum and can count as the third Social Studies credit. If financial literacy is completed at another school that does not count it as a Social Studies elective, the student will need an additional elective credit from the approved Social Studies elective options.

***The additional elective credits are to be taken in curricular areas specified in the statute, i.e., they must be selected from "one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, technology, agricultural education, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required."

TESTING STATISTICS

ACT school averages for 2014–15:

Math	19
Reading.....	21
English	20
Science	20
Composite	23

SAT school averages for 2014–15:

Math	486
Writing.....	487
Critical Reading.....	524
Combined	1609

AP results for 2014–15:

Students took 36 exams in US Government, Biology, Psychology, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, US History, Physics, Statistics, Calculus BC, and Calculus AB. Students scored a 3 or higher on 20 of these exams.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Students in the graduating class of 2015 received a total of \$ 2,045,775.00 in scholarships.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Ohio 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 have the opportunity to participate in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Earth Space Science, English 9–12, Geometry, Marine Science, Physical Science, Pre-calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

GRADING 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+	98–100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92–97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90–91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88–89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82–87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80–81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78–79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72–77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70–71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68–69	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62–67	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60–61	0.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00

Transcript Abbreviations

- CO** Course completed
- EN** Scheduled in section
- IP** Active in section
- PC** Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading
- WF** Failing grade at time of withdrawal from course
- WP** Passing grade at time of withdrawal from course.

FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2015

Plan	%
Two-year college	14
Four-year college	35
Employment	39
Vocational Training	4
Military	5
Other	3
Total	100

CLASS RANK POLICY

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student’s cumulative weighted G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College and university representatives are cordially invited to connect with our students through web conferencing technology. Two weeks’ notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please contact **Deanne Anderson, 12th grade counselor at danderson@connectionseducation.com, 614-515-2341** or **Megan Brautigam, Coordinator of Counseling Services, at mbrautigam@connectionseducation.com or 614-515-4042**



SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

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Ohio Dominican University, Ohio State University: Columbus Campus, Ohio State University: Lima Campus, Ohio University, Ohio University: Chillicothe Campus, Ohio University: Eastern Campus, Ohio University: Lancaster Campus, Ohio Wesleyan University, Otterbein College, Ozark Bible Institute, Park University, Peace College, Point Park University, Purdue University, Ringling College of Art and Design, Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design, Shawnee State University, St. Leo University, State University of New York at Purchase, Texas Woman’s University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, University of Cincinnati – Blue Ash Campus, University of Connecticut, University of Dayton, University of Kentucky, University of Mobile, University of New Hampshire at Manchester, University of North Carolina at Asheville, University of Oklahoma, University of Pittsburgh, University of Toledo, University of Utah, Urshan College, Utah State University, Valparaiso University, Westminster College, Wilmington College, Wittenberg University, Wright State University, Xavier University, Youngstown State University