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Connections Academy



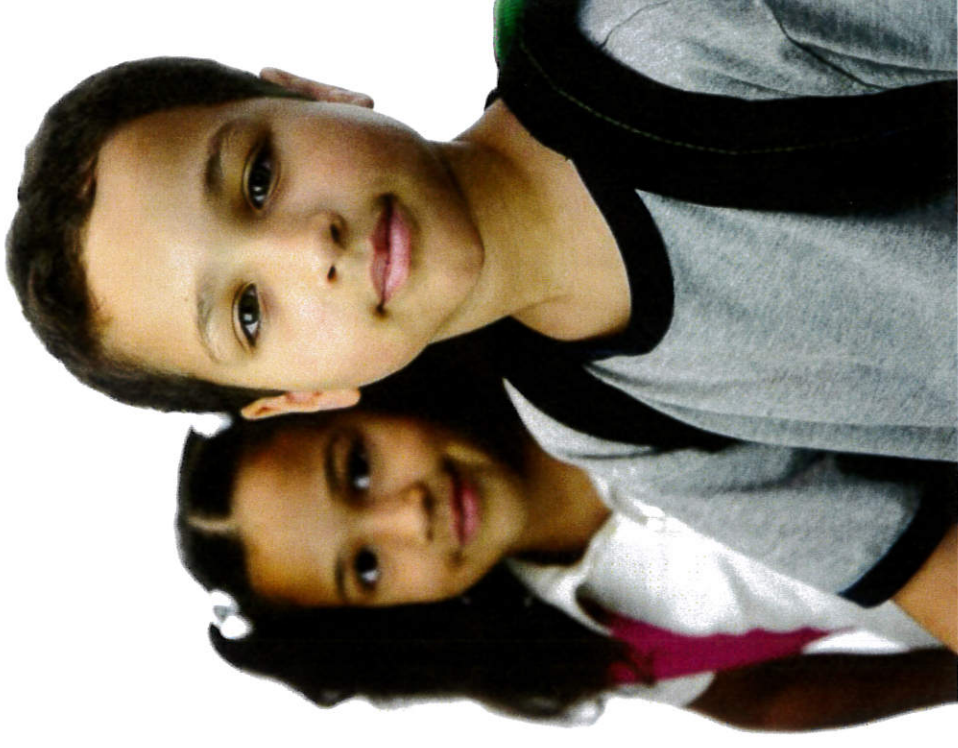
Our Mission

The mission of Connections Academy is to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program. We tailor our approach for students of all abilities—preparing students to succeed in school, and in life.

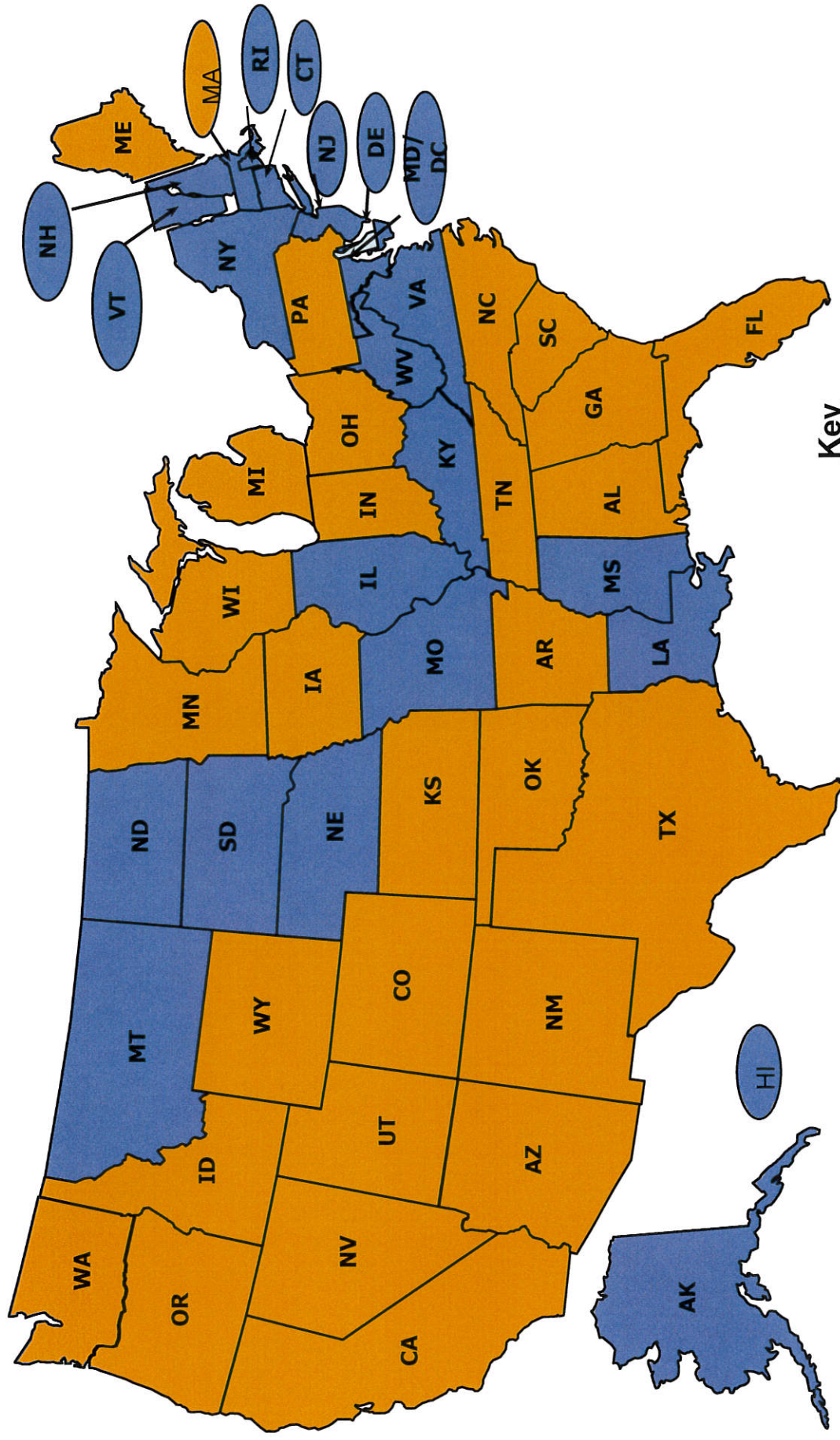


Who We Are and What We Do

- Formerly known as Connections Education, Pearson Online & Blended Learning (POBL) was founded in 2001.
- Support 37 full-time Connections Academy partner schools in 28 states in the 2018-19 school year.
- Served more than 70,000 full-time Connections Academy K-12 students across the U.S. in the 2018-19 school year.
- Support 100+ full-time and part-time partner programs in 30 states.
- Delivered nearly 500,000 online courses in the 2017-18 school year.



Connections Academy Locations



Key

Orange - Connections Academy states

Blue - No Connections Academy

CA Schools Coming in 2019-2020

- Connections Academy Monterey Bay (CA)
- Connections Academy Central Coast (CA)
- Tennessee Connections Academy K-8 (TN)
- Tennessee Connections Academy 9-12 (TN)
- Pacific Northwest Connections Academy (WA)
- Willamette Connections Academy (OR)
- Falcon View Connections Academy (MN)





Partnership with Districts

Partnership

Benefits to Districts

- Full time K-12 partnership.
- Serve students across the state.
- Help stay competitive. ✓
- Will attract students not being served.
- Expand current partnership with a district. ✓
- Increases awareness of school district and community through school outreach efforts.
- Increases recognition by county commissioners, legislators, DOE, etc.
- Meets high academic standards.
- Provides opportunity for economic development. ✓
- Provides funds for authorizing district's administrative services.



Connections Academy Responsibilities

(98-99%) including:

- Education Program-K-12 Curriculum, State-Certified Teachers, Instructional Materials
- EMS Access
- All Operations Services-Recruitment/Hiring/Supervision/Evaluation of All Staff
- Investigation of all Complaints
- School Counseling and Consultative Services
- Services to Students with Special Needs, including indemnification
- Enrollment and Academic Placement Processing
- Repository of School Records
- Student Records Support
- License for duration of term to use name Personalized Learning Plan Protocol (for each student)
- Testing and Assessments Statewide
- Insurance
- Public Website
- Other Professional and Technical Support Services (24/7 Tech Support; Student Engagement Opportunities (field trips, clubs); Teaching Instructional and Technology Materials; Peer Networking and PD Opportunities; Computer Technology for Students per state policy

District Responsibilities (1-2%) including:

- Oversight-Delegation of Responsibility and Rescission Procedure
- Abide by Established Protocols, Policies, and Procedures
- State Reporting
- Assist with Standardized Testing Administration with in-district students
- Student Data Transfer/Access Request
- Provide a District Coordinator (work with Lead School Administrator)

Turnkey Services

Teaching & Learning		Business / Back Office	
Supplemental Materials	Special Populations	Business Services	Funding Support Services
LiveLesson Subscription	Live Speech	Pension & 403(b) Admin.	Integration: State Sys or SIS
Instructional Consulting & Support	LiveTutor	Benefits Admin Support	Facilities Support
Response to Intervention Support	Math Time to Talk	Insurance Support	Flexible Pacing
Course Instruction	Substitute Services	Internet Subsidy Proc Support	Staff Technology Infrastructure
College & Career Programs		Human Resources Services	Student Technology
Leadership, Brand, & Enrollment		Enrollment Support	Use of CA Brand
Services may vary by state		Academic Placement	Clubs & Activities
		State & Strategic Client Rel	Learning Coach Support
		Board Services	Teacher Prof. Development
		Marketing Outreach	10

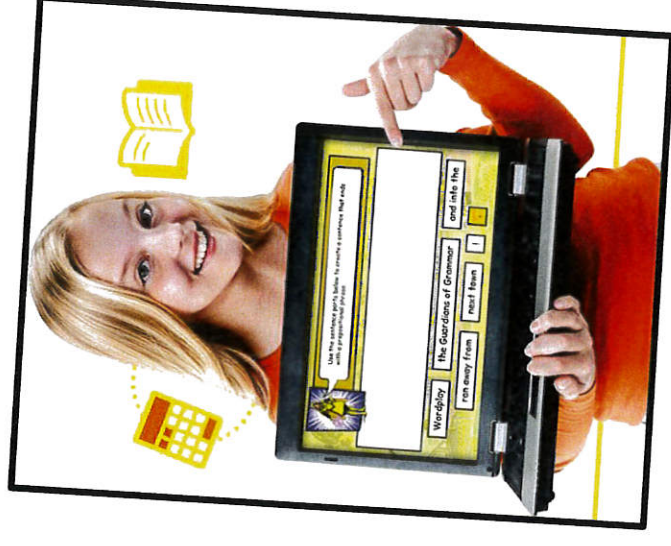


Connections Academy Overview

Award-Winning Curriculum

Connections Academy gives students who need an alternative to the traditional classroom the flexibility to learn from home and enjoy a well-rounded student experience, including:

- A challenging K-12 curriculum developed by leading education experts
- Instruction from state-credentialed teachers experienced in online instruction
- Enhances student achievement with flexible, personalized pacing
- Support from trained counselors, principals and administrative staff.
- Over 100 “a-g” approved courses and curriculum materials needed to participate in a dynamic online learning environment.
- NCAA approved courses and classes for gifted and talented.
- Support for students with 504 plans and special needs, as well as English Language Learners.
- WASC and AdvancED accredited



Constant Evaluation

for Continual Improvement

Lesson 1: Echoes from the Past: Unit Introduction

English 9 B Unit 1: Echoes from the Past



Instruction



Activity



Review



Assessment



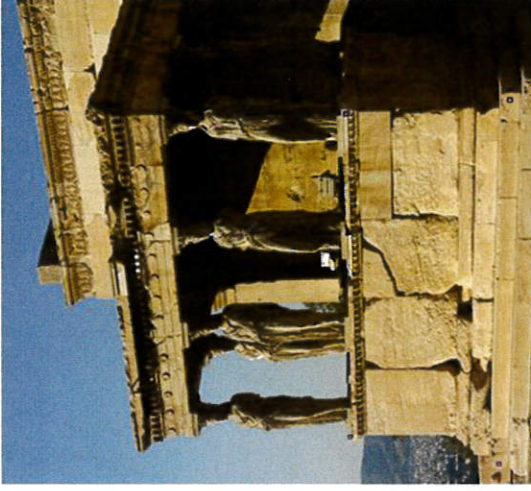
Echoes from the Past: Unit Introduction

English 9 B: Course Introduction

Welcome to English 9 B! In this course, you will read a variety of fiction and nonfiction selections including brief and extended prose works, poetry, and drama. You will also use the writing process to develop compositions in various genres. Throughout the course, you will practice strategies for analyzing literature, improving comprehension, and enhancing your vocabulary. You will also learn elements of grammar, usage, and style and apply them in your writing.

In this lesson, you will do the following:

- Preview the major skills and concepts covered in this unit.
- Preview the selections you will read in this unit, along with related vocabulary.
- Review the characteristics of an effective summary.
- Review the use of pronouns.



Nearly
4 million

ratings,
averaging
an excellent
4.2 out of 5!



1 of 5



Mobile Friendly

Equipped for Learning

- Materials from leading academic publishers
- A rich mix of online and offline resources
- Elementary supplies include Letter Tiles, Art Kits, Math Manipulatives, Science Kit, Yoga DVD's and Jump Rope
- Complete curriculum available online, 24/7
- Interactive multimedia tools bring concepts to life
- Elementary includes 12 electives such as Chinese, Sign Language, and Discovering Music



Inspiring Professional Educators

- Experts at engaging students in learning
- Certified in grade and subjects
- Bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, and beyond
- Connected and available every school day
- Build strong personal relations



JAMES SPALDING

Connections Academy teacher

Real Instruction and Interaction

- Teachers provide instruction, assess work, and grade
- Phone, WebMail, and live classroom interaction
- Group and one-on-one instruction
- LiveLesson sessions connect teacher, student, and classmates



Student Academic Performance Highlights

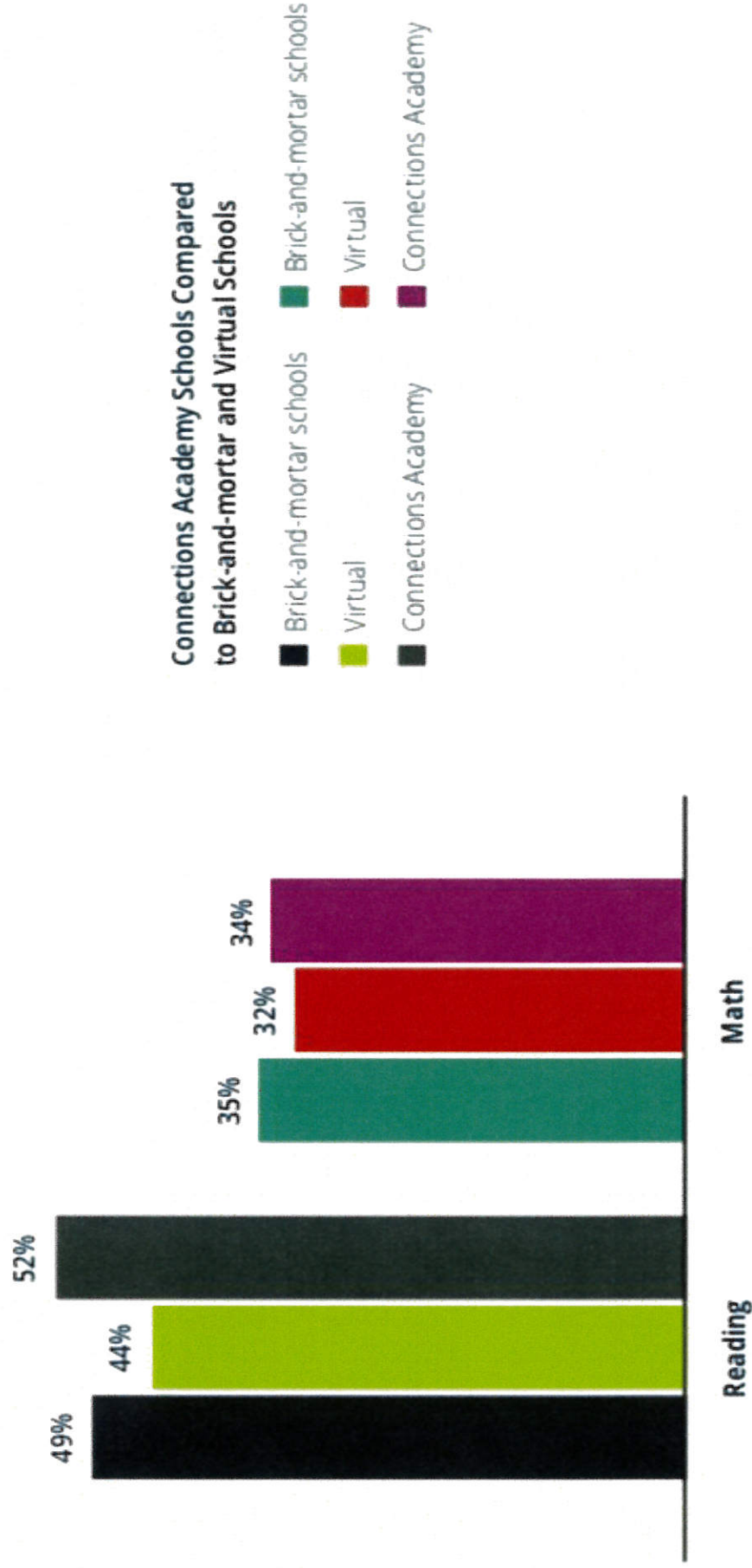
- AP Test Results-National Average of Scoring 3 or Higher-58% (8 of our Connections Academy Schools exceeded the National Average).
- Reading Proficiency (Based on data from 2016-2017) Connections Academy Schools compared to Brick-and-Mortar and other Virtual Schools:
 - 52% Connections Academy Schools
 - 49% Brick-and-Mortar
 - 44% Other Virtual Schools
- Math Proficiency (Based on data from 2016-2017) Connections Academy Schools compared to Brick-and-Mortar and other Virtual Schools:
 - 34% Connections Academy Schools
 - 35% Brick-and-Mortar
 - 32% Other Virtual Schools
- Mobility Rate of Connections Academy Schools vs. Traditional Schools:
 - 41% Connections Academy Schools
 - 17% Traditional Schools



Reading and Math Results

Results

Percent proficient on state tests



Academic Highlights:

ACT & SAT 2016-2017

Assessment	National	Connections
ACT - Math	21	21
ACT - Reading	20	20
ACT - English	21	22
ACT - Science	21	20
ACT - Overall Average	21	21
SAT – Reading & Writing	533	532
SAT – Math	527	499
SAT - Overall Average	1060	1027

College Acceptances



HARVARD
UNIVERSITY

Stanford University



TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY



UF | UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA



PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY



Cornell University

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



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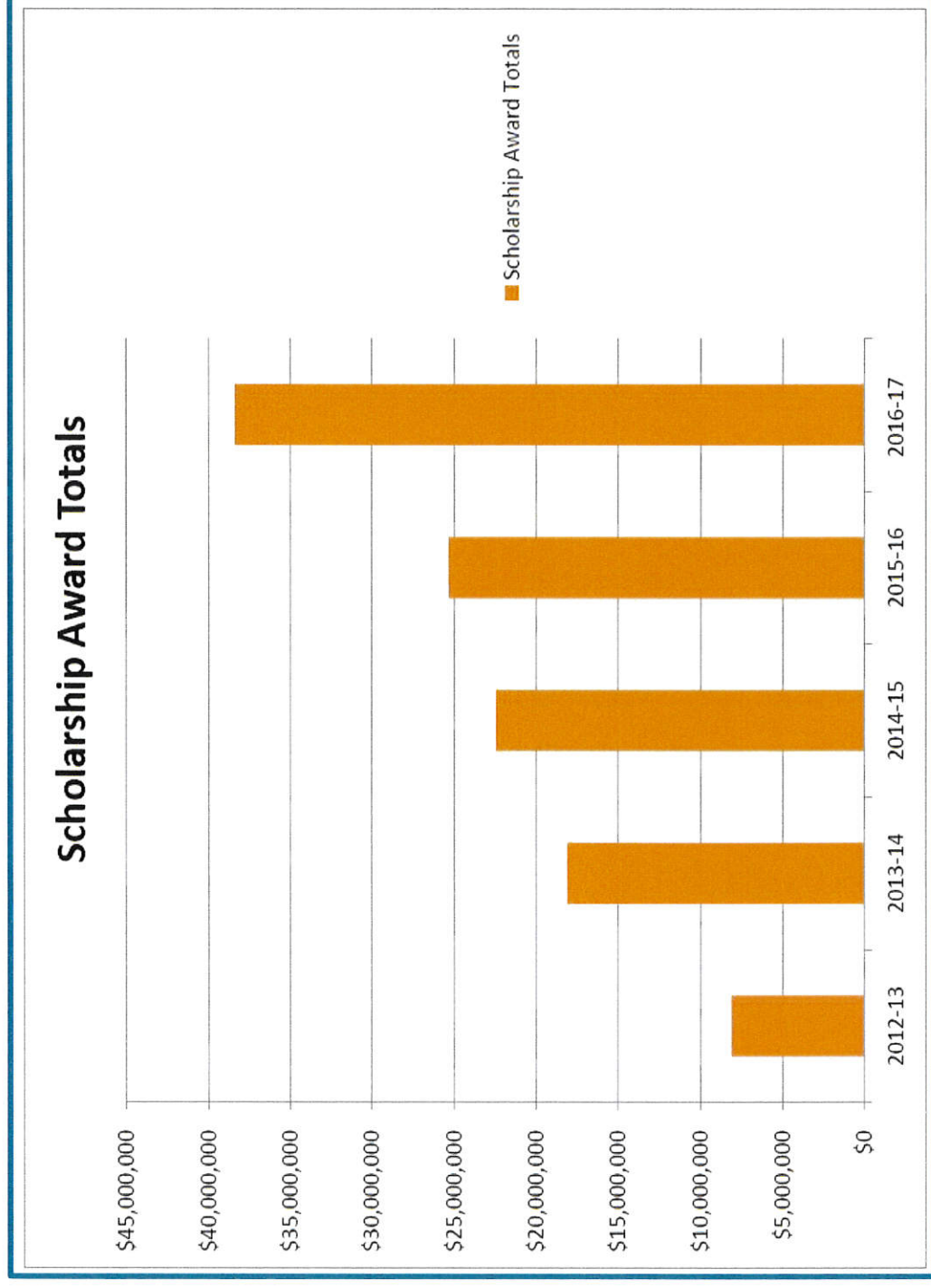
What supports are available for College & Career?

- National LiveLesson sessions focused on academic achievement, personal growth and college and career readiness hosted by licensed school counselors from across the country.
 - Every Friday for high school students, and twice monthly for middle school students.
- College and Career-focused Newsletter.
- Regularly scheduled Career Fireside Chats, Chat with a Grad and College Admissions LiveLesson sessions..
- College and Career Clubs
 - College Planning Club (gr 9-12)
 - High School Career Club (gr 9-12)
 - Middle School Career Club (gr 6-8)



Scholarships for Connections Academy Students

Graduates were awarded a total of \$38,381,663 in scholarship awards, representing an increase of more than 10 million over the previous year.



Field Trips That Connect

- Socialization and learning for the whole family
- Field Trips
 - Museum of Florida History
 - Air Force Armament Museum
 - Challenger Learning Center
 - Kennedy Space Center
- Museum Exhibitions
- Farm Visits
- Nature Hikes
- School Parties
- Open House
- College Visits
 - University of Central Florida
 - Florida State University
 - University of Florida



Clubs and Activities

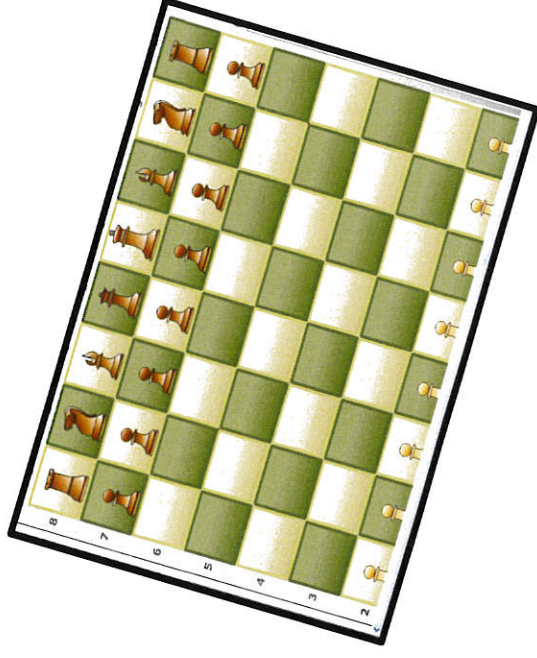


Summer Connections

- Daily Student Polls
- Weekly LL Sessions
- Bimonthly mini-newsletters

20 Clubs and Activities

- Art Club
- Arts & Crafts
- Book Club
- Broadcast Club
- Chess Club
- Debate Club
- Environmental Club
- Leadership & Global Awareness
- Math Clubs I and II
- *Monitor* – Student Newspaper
- National History Day
- *Pens and Lens* – Student Literary Magazine
- Pen Pals
- Poetry Corner
- Quiz Bowl
- Robotics Club
- Science Fair
- Science in the Kitchen
- Student Leadership and Service
- Yearbook



Featuring interactive content, teachlet tutorials, LiveLesson sessions, Message Boards, national chess tournament, poetry readings and slams, guest speakers (Florida Aquarium)

2019 Parent Satisfaction Results



of parents agree that the program's curriculum is high quality.



of parents are satisfied with the helpfulness of their child's teacher.



of parents recommend Connections Academy to other parents.



of parents say that our technology improves their child's learning experience.



The Heart of What We Do

"I have been homeschooling my kids for the last 9 years...I was fearful of losing control in the process of reducing my burden. I decided to take a leap of faith, knowing I could always go back to my old way if it didn't work out. I AM SO GLAD I DID! I couldn't be happier with my experience with Connections Academy. First and foremost I love all 3 of my kids' teacher as well as the principal. Whoever did the hiring for my school really is a great judge of character! Second of all, I don't feel out of control and I do have a great relief with regards to my responsibilities with lesson planning. Lastly, the topper is that my kids LOVE Connections Academy. They have gone from pretty much just me and textbooks, to teachers, live lessons, science projects, field trips, and so much more! I only wish I had found Connections Academy years ago!."

California Connections Academy @Ripon Parent

