

# Connections Academy

## Grade 9-12 Enrollment Application

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### Attention:

# Class of 2028!

### The Summerville Showcase

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Summerville High Gym

5:00 PM

Lasagna Dinner in the Bear Rock Cafe

*Dinner provided by the Summerville High Foundation*

5:30-7:00 PM

Showcase in the Gym

*Presentations, program displays, meet the teachers.*

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Please contact Kellene Ditler at 928-4228, ext 6232, or [kditler@summbears.net](mailto:kditler@summbears.net) to schedule a registration interview.

#### Registration Checklist

- ☐ 2 most recent report cards/progress reports
- ☐ Course selections form
- ☐ Registration forms
- ☐ Academic Agreement form
- ☐ Media Release form
- ☐ Interview with GLC

## WELCOME to the 2024-25 School Year!

Connections Visual and Performing Arts Academy is a fully accredited charter school for students in grades 7-12 focusing on visual and performing arts, integrated with Summerville High School. Connections has been recognized by US News and World Report as a top high school in the United States in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Connections VPAA opened in 2002, and now has over 200 students. Students have the opportunity to work with a choir director, choreographer, and accompanists in the vocal choir program. In theatrical productions, students are coached by directors, vocal directors, and choreographers. Costume and set designers assist in creating professional-quality productions. Students in the ballet/dance program are taught by a professional dance instructor, and both the dance and ballet classes perform in a recital at the end of the year. Band members are in the Orange Crush and the Zero Hibernation Jazz Band. Each year, film and art students screen their work at the Academy Art and Film Festival, and several student films have been screened at independent film festivals.

There are no attendance boundaries for Connections VPAA, so any student who lives in Tuolumne, Calaveras, Mariposa or Stanislaus County is eligible to attend. Students may not have any grades lower than C at the end of their 8th grade year. They must have a record of good attendance and no significant discipline issues. Students out of the district are not required to get an interdistrict transfer for Connections Academy.

Connections VPAA students are able to enroll in all academic, athletic and extracurricular programs available at Summerville High School. The focus on arts programs allows for a large variety of elective classes in the arts for students in both school programs, including piano, guitar, art, photography, drama, film, choir, band and dance.

Graduates from Connections VPAA have attended: The American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Occidental College, Berklee College of Music, Stanford, Notre Dame, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego, USC, UOP, University of Portland, Western Washington University and many California State Universities. Several graduates have traveled as cast members for the Young Americans. If you are interested in enrolling your son or daughter in the Connections VPAA program, please contact Mrs. Kellene Ditler at 928-4228, ext. 6232 to set up an appointment.

All students enroll in eight classes. Class periods are 90 minutes long, with 4 classes meeting on A days, and 4 classes meeting on alternate B days. School begins at 7:55am and ends at 3:05 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and at 2:05 pm on Thursday and Friday. The first day of school is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st.

**[www.summbears.net/connections](http://www.summbears.net/connections)**

## Graduation Requirements

**ENGLISH:.....40**

Eight consecutive semesters of English

**SOCIAL STUDIES:.....30**

Two semesters of World History; two semesters of U.S. History; one semester of U.S. Government; one semester of Econ/Civics.

**MATHEMATICS:.....30**

Six semesters selected from mathematics course offerings required of all students.  
All students must complete one year of Algebra or Math I.

**SCIENCE:.....20**

Four semesters of science required: one year Biology or Life Science, one year Earth/Physical Science.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:.....30**

Students must be enrolled for each of the first six semesters of high school.  
Six semesters must be passed.

**FINE ARTS/FOREIGN LANGUAGE:.....10**

Students must pass one year of a foreign language, art, music, film or drama.  
Students may substitute one year of vocational education courses for graduation requirements.

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL:.....20**

One semester of Health and one semester of Keyboarding/Careers during the freshman year and two semesters of Senior Seminar in the senior year.

**OTHER COURSES:.....120**

As indicated by major course of study and student's life plan.

**TOTAL REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION:.....300**

- a) Students transferring into the District from another high school shall be awarded credits toward graduation based on courses completed elsewhere without penalty resulting from a variation of local requirements.
- b) Students earning a comprehensive diploma must successfully complete a senior project.

# College Entrance Requirements

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA/ CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

### A-G Coursework Subject Requirements

<b>A. History/Social Science</b>	<b>2 years (1 year of US History or 1 semester of US History and 1 semester of civics or Government AND 1 year of social science</b>
<b>B. English</b>	<b>4 years (Composition, Literature, etc.)</b>
<b>C. Mathematics</b>	<b>3 years (Algebra 1/Math I; Geometry/Math II; Algebra 2/Math III); 4 years recommended</b>
<b>D. Laboratory Science</b>	<b>2 years, one of Biology and one of Physical Earth. 3 years recommended</b>
<b>E. Foreign Language</b>	<b>2 years of same language required; 3 years recommended</b>
<b>F. Visual or Performing Arts</b>	<b>1 year of same subject</b>
<b>G. College Preparatory Electives</b>	<b>1 year coursework in addition to minimum requirements in subjects listed above</b>

#### **UC Admission Information: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions)**

Students interested in applying to a UC campus need to complete the 15 A-G requirements, with at least 11 finished prior to the beginning of their senior year, with no grade lower than a C, and at least a 3.0 GPA in these courses. Students may apply to UC campuses between November 1 and November 30 of their senior year.

#### **CSU Admission Information: [www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu)**

Students interested in applying to a CSU campus need to complete the A-G requirements with no grade lower than a C. Students need to complete the SAT reasoning test or ACT no later than December of their senior year. Some campuses, such as Cal Poly, recommend students take the SAT or ACT no later than November of their senior year. Students may apply to CSU campuses between October 1 and November 30 of their senior year.

#### **NCAA Eligibility Center**

If you want to compete in NCAA sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Plan to register before starting your freshman year of high school (or year nine of secondary school). Visit [NCAA.org](http://NCAA.org) for more information on how to get started.

**For a complete list of Courses available grades 9-12, go to our website: [www.summbears.net](http://www.summbears.net) and click on "course handbook."**

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**CONNECTIONS VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY**  
**ACADEMIC AGREEMENT**

It is the philosophy of Connections Visual and Performing Arts Academy to provide a balanced, rich, strong artistic and academic environment. Students who attend the academy must show an interest in being involved in our arts curriculum, and understand the parameters as set forth in this agreement between the school and the student with his or her parents.

1. Students must maintain grades of "C" or above in all of their coursework.
2. Students must maintain at least 90% attendance.
3. Students will be placed on academic probation should one or more of their grades fall below a C for the semester or their attendance drop below 90%. They will have one semester to show improvement or risk being removed from the Academy.
4. If it becomes clear that the student is not completing assignments, or not demonstrating effort in class, they may also be removed. This would not take place until after a parent conference is held.
5. Students must maintain good behavior and follow the district's discipline guidelines. If a student at the Academy is determined to have violated a policy that results in suspension, or have repeated discipline consequences, they may be removed from the Academy.
6. Cell phone use- Cell phones are prohibited during class time.
7. Students will participate in all standardized tests (Smarter Balanced, etc.)
8. Parents are encouraged to follow their child's progress by using the District's "Powerschool" program linked to our school website. They are also encouraged to become an active participant in their child's education by communicating with teachers and the principal when needed.
9. Parents are also encouraged to attend Connections Advisory Board meetings to give input on activities and curriculum related to the program, and/or participate in C.A.S.T., the Creative Arts Support Team.

**PLEASE INCLUDE TWO OF YOUR STUDENT'S MOST RECENT  
REPORT CARDS/PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THIS SCHOOL YEAR  
TO THE REGISTRATION FORM.**

I have read and agree to the guidelines listed above:

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

**Connections Visual and Performing Arts Academy**  
**Media Release Form**

I, the parent or guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child's image, likeness, voice and/or and name to be printed in the media. Examples of this may include newspaper photos or articles, radio or television advertisements or programs, the school website, newspaper or yearbook, or other forms of printed or digital media.

I also understand there will be no financial compensation to my child for these media publications unless specifically noted.

Permission for this release will be in effect for while my child continues to be enrolled at Connections Visual and Performing Arts Academy.

Student Name:

By signing below, I am also affirming that I have the legal right to sign this release.

Parent Name:

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Parent Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

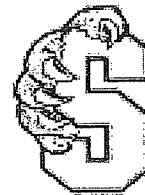
Date:

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# SUMMERVILLE ATHLETICS

2024-2025



## ATTENTION STUDENT-ATHLETES

### and PARENTS...

#### ON-LINE REGISTRATION:

All student-athletes must have a parent/guardian register them for each sport they are interested in participating in, through our on-line process. **The on-line registration process will be available starting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.** Just go to our school web site ([www.summbears.net](http://www.summbears.net)) and click on the Athletic Tab. This will take you to our Athletic web page. Once there, click the "Registration" Tab, open or set up your family account and easily progress through the steps needed to register. **(If you need more help, refer to the on-line registration instructions on our web page under "ANNOUNCEMENTS")** You must register your student for each sport separately but, once your student is registered for one sport, the information is saved. To add an additional sport, click on BEGIN REGISTRATION again. Also available online is the 2024-2025 Student-Athlete/Parent Handbooks, transportation forms, schedules, pictures, important links and more.

**PHYSICALS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR MUST BE DATED AFTER MAY 1, 2024** – the forms are available to download during the registration process and on our web page under "RESOURCES". The PRE-PARTICIPATION EVALUATION FORM (including both the Health History and Examination attached here and are also available to download during the registration process.

The PREPARTICIPATION EVALUATION FORM (including the Health History and Examination forms) **must be returned to the Athletics office** once signed by the **MD or DO**.

**BASELINE CONCUSSION TEST** - All new student-athletes to Summerville/Connections HS, as well as all returning juniors are required to complete a new Baseline Concussion Test. Please email Kris Persson [kpersson@summbears.net](mailto:kpersson@summbears.net) to be emailed a code to complete your concussion baseline test at home. Once completed, the print out **must be returned to the office**.

We look forward to another fabulous year for Summerville Athletics and encourage all parents to get involved in helping our BEAR Boosters. For information contact the Boosters directly at [bsummervillebears@yahoo.com](mailto:bsummervillebears@yahoo.com) or "like" them on Facebook, Summerville Bears Boosters. Thank you for your continued support!

Mike Rouse  
Athletic Director  
Summerville High School

Select One:

☐Summerville

☐Connections

# Course Selection

2024-2025

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Freshman

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>
<b>Post Graduation Plans: Check all that may apply</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Community College <input type="checkbox"/> Tech/Trade School <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

<b>Required Courses</b>  Circle one in each subject	<u><b>English</b></u> English 1 (CP) English 1 Honors (CP)*+ Teacher Signature _____  <u><b>Science</b></u> Physical/Earth (CP) Physical/Earth Honors (CP)+	<u><b>Mathematics</b></u> Math 1A Math I (CP) Math II (CP) Math III (CP) Teacher Signature _____	<u><b>Physical Education</b></u> Core PE Dance^  <u><b>Non-Departmental</b></u> Health/Freshman Seminar
<b>Elective Courses</b>  (CP) Meets College Prep in this subject * By staff approval only + Honors/Extra Grade Point ^ Connections Only  <b>Required Courses + Elective Courses = 8 periods</b>	<u><b>Foreign Language</b></u> Spanish 1 (CP) Spanish 2 (CP)*  <u><b>Non Departmental</b></u> ASB (0 Per.)(CP) Speech, Debate, Court Law (CP)	<u><b>Automotive Service Pathway</b></u> Mechanics  <u><b>Manufacturing Pathway</b></u> Mechanics  <u><b>Agriculture Pathway</b></u> Intro to Ag  <u><b>Forestry Pathway</b></u> Intro to Forestry (CP)  <u><b>Biomedical Pathways</b></u> Principles of Biomed (CP)+  <u><b>Information Programing Pathway</b></u> Intro to Robotics (CP) Intro to Programing(CP) Intro to Networking (CP)	<u><b>Visual Arts</b></u> Art 1 (CP) Filmmaking 1 (CP) Photography 1 (CP)  <u><b>Drama</b></u> Drama (CP) Technical Theater  <u><b>Vocal Music</b></u> Musical Theater* Adv. Jazz Choir/Jazz@8*  <u><b>Instrumental Music</b></u> Beginning Band (CP) Adv. Band/Orange Crush(CP) Piano(CP) Guitar(CP) Jazz Band* (0 Period)(CP)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Alternative Electives</b> <i>Required!</i></p> <p>Please make two alternative elective choices:</p> <p>#1 _____</p> <p>#2 _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Athletics</b></p> <p>Circle which season(s) you will be involved in a sport:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>FALL</b>                      <b>WINTER</b>                      <b>SPRING</b> </p>
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*\*Course offerings are subject to change based on student interest and staff availability.*



Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM 2024-2025

Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: SUHS ISP LBHS MHS SFHS CSHS CONNECTIONS OTHER (Circle One) DOES STUDENT HAVE AN IEP OR 504? IEP 504 (Please Circle One)

TO: SUHS ISP LBHS MHS SFHS CSHS CONNECTIONS OTHER (Circle One)

STUDENT'S LAST NAME	STUDENT'S FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	OTHER LAST NAMES USED	GRADE	GENDER MALE FEMALE	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY/ST)
STUDENT'S MAILING ADDRESS		CITY/STATE		ZIP		STUDENT'S HOME PHONE	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS, IF DIFFERENT FROM MAILING		CITY/STATE		ZIP			
FATHER'S NAME LAST/FIRST	STUDENT LIVES WITH FATHER? YES NO	HOME PHONE	CELL#	EMAIL ADDRESS	DOES FATHER RECEIVES SCHOOL INFO? YES NO		
IS MAILING ADDRESS SAME AS STUDENT'S YES NO (IF NO, PLEASE LIST BELOW)		EMPLOYER		WORK PHONE/EXT			
MOTHER'S NAME LAST/FIRST	STUDENT LIVES WITH MOTHER? YES NO	HOME PHONE	CELL#	EMAIL ADDRESS	DOES MOTHER RECEIVES SCHOOL INFO? YES NO		
IS MAILING ADDRESS SAME AS STUDENTS YES NO (IF NO, PLEASE LIST BELOW)		EMPLOYER		WORK PHONE/EXT			
STUDENT'S STEPFATHER/GUARDIAN	MAILING ADDRESS	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE/CELL#	EMAIL ADDRESS	RECEIVES COPY OF SCHOOL INFO? YES NO		
STUDENT'S STEPMOTHER/GUARDIAN	MAILING ADDRESS	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE/CELL#	EMAIL ADDRESS	RECEIVES COPY OF SCHOOL INFO? YES NO		
HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION-FATHER	NOT A HS GRAD	HS GRAD	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE SCHOOL/POST GRADUATE (Please Circle One)		
HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION-MOTHER	NOT A HS GRAD	HS GRAD	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE SCHOOL/POST GRADUATE (Please Circle One)		
NAME	OTHER CHILDREN OF FAMILY	DOB	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT	LIVES AT HOME:		SCHOOL ATTENDING	
				YES NO			
				YES NO			
				YES NO			

**ETHNIC LIST - PLEASE NOTE - ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE MARKED- PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ONLY!**

HISPANIC OR LATINO		NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)					
PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE BLACK (NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN)		FILIPINO WHITE (NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN)	HISPANIC	ASIAN- PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW CHINESE CAMBODIAN JAPANESE ASIAN INDIAN HMONG KOREAN LAOTIAN VIETNAMESE OTHER ASIAN		PACIFIC ISLANDER- PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW HAWAIIAN TAHITIAN GUAMANIAN OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER SAMOAN	
HOME LANGUAGE SURVEY - ANSWER ALL THREE		STUDENT FIRST BEGAN TO SPEAK WHICH LANGUAGE:		AT HOME, STUDENT MOST FREQUENTLY SPEAKS:		LANGUAGE YOU SPEAK TO STUDENT:	

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (LOCAL CONTACT) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

CSIS #	
ARE YOU IN TRANSITION, LIVING IN A SHELTER, OR OTHER NONPERMANENT RESIDENCE?	YES NO
ARE EITHER PARENT AN ACTIVE ARMED FORCES MEMBER?	YES NO
ARE THERE ANY EXISTING COURT ORDERS INVOLVING STUDENT?	YES NO
DID STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ATTEND SUMMERVILLE HIGH?	YES NO
IS THERE A CURRENT EXPULSION ORDER ON STUDENT?	YES NO
DOES STUDENT HAVE A CURRENT IEP OR 504? (PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH SERVICE PLAN)	YES NO
<p align="center">IF YES, YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT IEP/504</p>	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED	