



ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION & EXPECTATIONS

Daily Schedule: Students arrive to school between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. During the regular school year, departure is at 2:30 p.m. daily with the exception of Thursday when students are dismissed at 1:30 p.m. During the summer term school hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Materials: Connection's Academy East will supply all curriculum materials necessary to complete daily academic assignments. Students are expected to be respectful of materials and will be expected to reimburse Connection's Academy East if materials are damaged, destroyed, or lost.

Homework: Homework is a vital part of the educational process. It provides opportunities for students to reinforce skills, gain a better understanding of the subject matter, and extend their thinking through research and application. Homework helps students hone their work habits and organizational and study skills; it helps them to increase independence and responsibility. In addition, homework connects parents/guardians with what their children are learning in school. Educational research shows that students who complete appropriate homework assignments demonstrate significant gains in academic achievement. Students will be given homework when determined appropriate by the teacher. At that time, homework will be assigned at least one night per week at the teacher's discretion. Homework will be assigned regularly for students preparing to transition or who are transitioning to their home school. Homework that is not turned in on time or is incomplete will impact students' course grades.

General Homework Expectations and Policy

- Students are expected to complete homework assignments nightly. Although daily assignments will not necessarily be written, teachers will assign written assignments several times a week. Depending on the students' grade level, home assignments may include research, reviewing vocabulary, studying for tests and quizzes, reading assigned texts/related subject matter, or preparing reports. Primary grade assignments may include handwriting practice, story reading, vocabulary practice, skill worksheets, book reports, etc.
- Homework is due on the date specified by the instructor and will be collected at the beginning of that class period. Points will be deducted for late homework. If you have an

excused absence on the day that homework is due, that homework must be turned in at the beginning of class on the day that you return from your absence.

- Teachers will check homework for completion and accuracy. Written homework will be corrected with appropriate feedback given to students according to the lesson design established by the teacher. For example, the work may be self-corrected after correct responses are reviewed in class, peers may correct written work, or the teacher may collect and grade the homework. Teachers may require that students obtain a parent signature on written homework.
- Homework will be factored in as a percentage of the total quarterly grade. Extended projects will also account for a portion of the total quarterly grade.
- Students must put their names on their homework assignments. Students who fail to write their name on papers may not receive credit for the assignment.

Students are encouraged to contact teachers, and utilize study hall if they need assistance with class work especially after an extended absence. We are emphasizing independence, time management and responsibility.

Quizzes & Tests: Students may be given quizzes and/or test when determined appropriate by the teacher. In addition to other forms of assessment, at least one quiz or test will be given in at least one subject area per marking period. The content, length, and format of quizzes and tests will be determined on an individual basis. Study time may be provided during the school day.

Credit: Credit is awarded to secondary students. Student graduation requirements (including courses and credits) are determined by the student's home district. Credit is awarded for successful completion of course requirements on the following basis: .25 per quarter (.50 per semester) for all courses and physical education.

Grades: Student work is evaluated by the following system:

A = 90 – 100%	D = 60 – 69%
B = 80 - 89%	F = 59 and below
C = 70 – 79%	I = Incomplete

Incomplete: A student who receives an Incomplete in one or more subject areas will be allowed 10 days to make up missing assignments. Make-up work will be provided to the student and parent. Students will need to complete all make-up work at home as assigned homework (in addition to any regularly scheduled homework). If students have available time during the school day, they may have an opportunity to work on make-up work. Ten percentage points will be deducted from each make-up assignment. An incomplete **NOT** made up by the deadline will be posted on the student's report card/transcript as an **F**.

Report Cards: Report cards are issued at the end of each 10 week quarterly grading period. Parent-Teacher conferences are held at the end of 1st and 3rd quarters. Report cards will be mailed home at the end of 2nd, 4th and summer quarters, and when parents are unable to attend Parent-Teacher conferences.

Transcripts: Transcripts are sent to each student's home district at the end of first semester (December), second semester (May/June), and summer (July). Graduating 8th and 12th grade students will receive their diplomas from their home school district.

Physical Education: Physical Education is required for all students. Students are encouraged to actively participate unless medically excused. In such a case, students may earn physical education credit through classroom – based program participation. Students are also encouraged to supply appropriate gym attire (clothes and shoes), although only gym shoes are required.

Speech/Language & Occupational Therapy: Speech/Language and Occupational Therapy is available to students with documented articulation and/or receptive/expressive and motor skill deficits. Speech/Language and Occupational Therapy will be provided in accordance with the student's IEP.