



Principals' Report
California Connections Academy Schools
2022-23

Month for Report: February
Enrollment Update

DATA as of February 15, 2023

	SoCal	NorCal	Central Valley	North Bay	Central Coast	Monterey Bay	All CalCA
Enrolled	5194	1799	694	152	114	499	8452
Approved							
Pre-Approved	1						1
Applicant	511	215	174	32	34	60	1026



Field Trips

Upcoming Field Trips

Northern Region - Monterey Bay, North Bay and Ripon

03/15/2023: Ripon Mistlin Park

Central Region - Central and Central Coast

04/2023: Elementary Park Day

Southern Region - Southern California

03/08/23: Top of the World Hike - Laguna Beach

03/15/23: 2nd Grade Park Play Day - Orange

03/15/23: California Science Center - Los Angeles

03/2023: Huntington Beach Fire Department (Marine Safety)

03/2023: Long Beach Airport Tour

03/2023: Cal State Fullerton Campus Tour

Upcoming Virtual Field Trips

03/2023: TBD



Total Attendance* for Recent Field Trips:

*Includes students, staff, adults, and non-CA students

Recent Field Trips

Northern Region - Monterey Bay, North Bay and Ripon

Mid-Year Festival (264 attendees)

Central Region - Central and Central Coast

Mid-Year Festival (172 attendees)

02/10/23: UCSB Tour (4 attendees)

Southern Region - Southern California

Mid-Year Festival - Irvine (525 attendees)

Mid-Year Festival - Rancho Cucamonga (462 attendees)

01/25/23: OC Zoo/Irvine Park (96 attendees)

02/16/23: California Baptist University Tour (6 attendees)

Recent Virtual Field Trips

01/18/23: Museum of the Rockies: Digging Deep, Archeology of North America (7 attendees)

01/31/23: Australian Environment Education: Fabulous Frogs (8 attendees)

02/06/23: Snack, Snooze, Skedaddle - How Animals Get Ready for Winter (6 attendees)

02/16/23: A Mammoth Mystery (TBD)

02/23/23: Journey to Freedom - The Underground Railroad (TBD)



Outreach Update

National Counseling Week was celebrated extensively on our public social media pages by showcasing counselor interviews and quotes.

Mid-Year festivals have been showcased on social media showing parent, student and teacher engagement efforts at our popular bowling events!

Master teacher and middle school homeroom teacher, Mrs. Amber Cambria, was featured in the [Los Angeles Times'](#) Daily Pilot for literacy related volunteer efforts she has spearheaded in her community.

Our February open-enrollment press release features a quote from senior Isabelle Bart-Williams, who received the National African American Recognition Award from the College Board.

A California Connections Academy-specific Instagram page is now available!
[@CaliforniaConnectionsAcademy](#)



SITE REPORTS

Northern Region:

Kara Mannix, High School Principal

Site Administrator for Monterey Bay, North Bay, and Northern California

We had an amazing “Launch” meeting with our career ladder team and everyone is very focused and excited about investigating and selecting new curriculum. We have a strong team of thoughtful leaders and educators and know these decisions are in good hands with the high school leadership team. The second semester has arrived and with it a fresh start for students. Many have taken advantage of this and are off to a strong start. We are also already seeing great success and participation with MAP testing, and we are hoping to meet our goal of 99% student participation. Spring semester tends to fly by, so before we know it, graduation will be here!

Central Region:

Marcus White, Elementary Principal

Site Administrator for Central and Central Coast

Greetings from Elementary! Second semester is underway and we are loving it. Our team is quickly gathering assessment data both synchronously and asynchronously in order to support our children this semester. Our teachers utilize this data to drive daily instruction through interactive lessons delivered on the Zoom platform. Our team is also utilizing Nearpod, Classkick, i-Ready, and other programs designed to engage students in their learning. I am so excited about the quality of instruction our team is delivering this year.



Southern Region:
Heather Tamayo, Middle School Principal
Site Administrator of Southern California

As is true of every school year, the first semester came and went quickly, and we find ourselves off and running in the second semester. The testing season has already begun with ELPAC, and Physical Fitness Testing (PFT) rapidly approaching. With the help of our talented Assessment Team, staff assignments for PFT have already been provided, with CAASPP staff assignments soon to follow. Our staff is grateful for knowing where they will be testing and being able to make plans for their students while they are out. We know how much planning goes into this season, and we appreciate our A-Team.

Our middle school teachers continue to provide synchronous instruction 4-5 days a week. We are in the second year of implementing Nearpod, Classkick & Edulastic, and continue to grow within each. Our engaging instruction is the best that it has ever been, and our staff continues to want to learn more and evolve with these cutting edge tools. Additionally, we are looking at ways to stream our virtual promotion in-person for families. The hope is that they can use this opportunity to gather, pick up certificates and celebrate their student. The online promotion has absolutely proven to be the most inclusive approach, yet we see value in providing an opportunity for families to gather in-person and watch together. More details to come.