



## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR HISTORY

Great Lakes Cyber Academy is an accredited, public school serving students in grades 6-12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2013–14 school year as an online school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in May 2014.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of Great Lakes Cyber Academy (GLCA) is to focus on empowering our students to achieve academic success while creating a community of respect and responsibility through an adaptive learning program.

### OUR PROGRAM

Great Lakes Cyber Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program and middle school program with an enrollment of 1100 students. Here are some important facts about the program:

- ✦ Great Lakes Cyber Academy is chartered by Central Michigan University and supported by the Connections Academy family of public virtual schools.
- ✦ Great Lakes Cyber Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accrediting division of AdvancED.
- ✦ NCAA approved
- ✦ The school has 44 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 26 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.
- ✦ The high school has three pacing options: Standard, Extended, and Accelerated.
- ✦ Standard Pace students attend the typical fall and spring semester and take a course load leading to 6 credits. Students typically take 6 classes per semester. Their school year extends over 180 days and 1098 hours.
- ✦ Extended Pace students attend the typical fall and spring semester in addition to adding the summer semester taking a course load leading to 6 credits. Students can take either 4 or 5 classes in the fall and spring semesters and will then take either 2 or 4 classes in the summer (4, 4, 4 or 5, 5, 2). Their school year extends over 220 days and 1098 hours.
- ✦ Accelerated Pace students attend the typical fall and spring semesters in addition to adding the summer semester taking a course load leading from 6 to 8 credits. Students take 6 classes in the fall and spring and add between 1 and 4 classes in the summer. Their school year extends over 220 days and up to 1312 hours.
- ✦ Students in the Class of 2019 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$306,635.

### HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College representatives are 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 Jennifer Foskett at [JFoskett@glca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:JFoskett@glca.connectionsacademy.org) or Thanh Vo at [TVo@glca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:TVo@glca.connectionsacademy.org).

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### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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### ACCREDITATIONS



### SAMPLE SCHOOLS ACCEPTING OUR STUDENTS

Arizona State University

Central Michigan University

Michigan State University

University of Michigan

Massachusetts Institute of  
Technology

Great Lakes Cyber 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 can participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) 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, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, 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, English 9-12, Geometry, Physical Science, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.


**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Great Lakes Cyber Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six classes per semester. 22 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
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
World Language*	2
Fine Arts	1
Other Electives	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

**Plans for the Class of 2019**

Plan	%
Two-year college	35.0
Four-year college	20.0
Employment	20.0
Vocational Training	8.0
Military	4.0
Other	13.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Choice of World Language: TWO years of the SAME language



## GRADE SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Grade %	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors/ DC)	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

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.