

Cyber School Hires New Teachers and Administrators

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MTS Minnesota Connections Academy, ConnectionsAcademy.com, has hired 10 new faculty members for the 2008-09 school year. The new faculty members will serve students across Minnesota; with several hired to address the growing student body in the Duluth area.

Online education is one of the fastest growing options in K-12 schooling in the United States today. The rapid and steady rise in Minnesota Connections Academy enrollment, 20% for the '08-'09 school year, shows there is a permanent and needed place for online education for students of all grade levels and abilities in Minnesota.

This growing enrollment and interest in cyber education has led MTSMCA to hire 10 additional faculty members:

Andrea Cacek, Advisory and Art teacher
Scott Dickie, High School Math teacher
Michele Giles, High School Science
Melissa Gould, Assistant Principal
Adam Greengard, Sub-Advisory and Social Studies teacher
Lisa Jacobson-Flood, Middle School and High School English
Jesse Rorvig, School Counselor
Shawn Stewart, Elementary teacher
Sarah Vanden Bosch, Special Education teacher
Katie Vanden Busch, Administrative Assistant

“We’re excited about the continued enrollment growth for Minnesota Connections Academy,” said Melissa Nelson, Principal, MTS Minnesota Connections Academy. “Our new faculty members are wonderful, and will help us provide a better learning experience to more than 700 students and their families.”

Minnesota Connections Academy, with its headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., combines state-certified teachers, high-quality curriculum, unique technology tools, an extensive selection of electives and clubs and community experiences to create an individualized alternative to the brick-and-mortar classroom. The curriculum is aligned to meet or exceed Minnesota academic standards. Students also participate in state standardized testing.

Connections Academy is designed to meet the needs of students and their families who are looking for another option—those who need a flexible schedule, learn at a different pace from their peers, need more individualized attention or live in isolated rural settings. Homebound and previously home-schooled students can also thrive in the program. Connections Academy operates its full-time Internet school program in Minnesota through a partnership with Minnesota Transitions Charter School.

Families interested in free online school with some similarities to home schooling, but with the support of state-certified teachers and the accountability of public education are encouraged to learn more by calling 800-382-6010 or visiting [Connections Academy](http://ConnectionsAcademy.com) online.

Connections Academy is a leading national provider of high quality, highly accountable virtual public schools in thirteen states operated in partnership with charter schools, school districts, and state departments of education. Connections Academy schools deliver top-quality, personalized education for students that combines certified teachers, a proven curriculum, technology tools, and community experience to create a supportive and successful environment for children who want an individualized approach to education. In Connections Academy's unique Personalized Performance Learning® approach, students use daily lesson plans and curriculum materials provided by Connections Academy. Teachers develop a learning plan for each student, whose progress is tracked through a proprietary, web-based Learning Management System. In 2008-09 Connections Academy will serve students in Arizona, California (Southern and Central), Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Minnesota, Missouri (through the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program), Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Wisconsin. In 2008-09 Connections Academy will offer grades K through 12, though some schools do not offer all grades. For more information, call 800-382-6010 or visit www.ConnectionsAcademy.com

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