

**ABOUT OUR SCHOOL****OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

Maine Connections Academy (MCA) is Maine's first full-time, virtual public charter school offering a rigorous academic program to students in grades 7–12. MCA operates under the authorization of the Maine Department of Education and Maine Charter Commission. MCA was founded during the 2014-15 school year and graduated its first 12th grade class in June 2015. The school has an enrollment of 450 students: one-quarter middle school, grades 7-8 and three-quarter high school, grades 9-12. From Kittery to Fort Kent, our school community spans statewide with approximately fifty percent of students residing in the southern regions and the greater Portland area. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities with a variety of unique talents, strengths, and needs. Two-thirds of MCA teachers hold master's degrees or higher. Students, parents, and teachers work collaboratively to ensure that all students experience a positive, caring, and personalized learning environment through which they are able to maximize their potential and meet the highest performance standards.

OUR PROGRAM

MCA is fully accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accrediting division of Cognia, formerly AdvancED. Our school offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum aligned with Maine Learning Results including Common Core State Standards. Courses include a wide range of disciplines at various levels of rigor. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Science courses include hands-on laboratory units. Students also have the option to participate in an Early College Enrollment option, Advanced Placement courses, as well as Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs while enrolled at MCA.

**ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS**

Advanced Placement Course Offerings: AP Art History, AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science, AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Environmental Science, AP Human Geography, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, AP Spanish Language, AP Statistics, AP United States Government & Politics, AP United States History

University of Maine-Fort Kent Concurrent Credit Offerings: British Literature, American Government, American History

Honors Course Offerings: English 9-12, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, PreCalculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Marine Science, Physical Science, Physics, American Government, United States History, World History

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SCHOOL ACCOLADES

- 100% of graduates who applied to a two or four year college were accepted
- 52% of the 2019-2020 graduates were accepted into a two or four year college
- 26% of students participated in Dual Enrollment or Advanced Placement courses
- The average scholarship award per graduate was \$25,510.

ACCREDITATIONS**TOP ELITE
SCHOOL
ACCEPTANCES**

Baylor University
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Cornell University
Smith College
University of California, Berkley
University of Rochester



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Maine Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie Units. One semester class equals one-half (.5) 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. **MCA does not use class rank.**

22 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science (1 lab minimum)	3
Social Studies	3
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Fine Arts	1
Technology	.5
College and Career Readiness	.5
Other Elective	5
Total	22



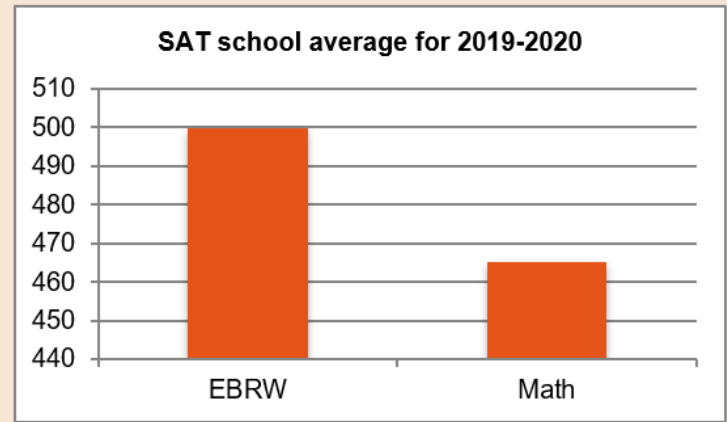
GRADE SCALE

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

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
A+	98-100	4	4.5	5
A	92-97	4	4.5	5
A-	90-91	3.7	4.17	4.7
B+	88-89	3.3	3.83	4.3
B	82-87	3	3.5	4
B-	80-81	2.7	3.17	3.7
C+	78-79	2.3	2.83	3.3
C	72-77	2	2.5	3
C-	70-71	1.7	2.17	2.7
D+	68-69	1.3	1.83	2.3
D	62-67	1	1.5	2
D-	60-61	0.7	1.17	1.7
F	0-59	0	0	0

COVID-19 STATEMENT: Due to the nature of the learning environment at MCA, courses and standards were primarily unaltered during the pandemic, and students were able to continue completing their coursework as usual while adjusting to changes brought on by Covid-19.

AVERAGE TEST SCORES



*The SAT is a state requirement for all 3rd year high school students.

POST-GRADUATION PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2020

Plan	%
Two-year college	22
Four-year college	30
Employment	29
Vocational Training	8
Other	11
Total	100