

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

Michigan Connections Academy (MICA) is a public school serving students in grades K–12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Our school was established during the 2010–11 school year as a K–12 school. June 2011 marked the graduation of our first class.

Our Mission

Connections Academy schools have an important mission: to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

OUR PROGRAM

Michigan Connections Academy has an enrollment of approximately 1,705 students in grades K–12, and includes a four-year comprehensive high school program developed around the Michigan Merit Curriculum. Important facts about the Michigan program include:

- The school uses Connections Academy's program, which is accredited by AdvancEd.
- MICA has 82 certified/licensed professional staff, most of which have earned advanced degrees, and one is National Board Certified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Summer school is offered in a variety of subject areas for credit recovery and enrichment.
- MICA offers many clubs and activities, including National Honor Society, Science, Book, Music, and College Planning Club
- All juniors take the M-Step and MME/SAT exam in the spring.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent and Principal: Bryan Klochack

Assistant Principals: Kyle Luft and Kelly Tews

Manager of Special Education: Jamin Jones

Manager of Counseling Services: Melissa Norman-Dunton

Counseling: Sandra Fix (K-8), Miles Warren (9-10), Traci Westphal (11-12)

SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

MICA celebrated the graduation of 104 seniors in June and 5 additional graduates in July. Students in the Class of 2017 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$302,940 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Baker College of Alpena Community College, Bethel University in McKenzie, TN, Central Michigan University, Converse College in Spartanburg, SC, Davenport University, Delta Community College, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA, Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, MI, Grand Rapids Community College, Henry Ford College, Kellogg Community College, Lake Michigan Community College, Lake Superior State University, Lansing Community College, Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN, Longview Community College, Macomb Community College, Mott Community College, Monroe Community College, Muskegon Community College, North Central Michigan College, Northern Michigan University, Northland College in Ashland, WI, Oakland Community College, Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL, Schoolcraft College, St. Clair Community College, Trinity Western in Canada, University of Michigan-Flint, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Michigan Connections Academy offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum, with courses in a wide range of disciplines. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. All science courses include hands-on laboratory units. Students have access to Advanced Placement, Honors and Standard programs. High school Students are permitted to take up to eight Advanced Placement courses while attending Michigan Connections Academy. In addition, eligible high school students also have the opportunity to participate in dual enrollment at a local community college, college or university, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit.

AP course offerings include: Art History, Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I & II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Marine Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Precalculus, U.S. History, and World History.

Please view all of our high school courses

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Michigan Connections 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 & P.E.	1
Fine Arts	1
World Language*	2
Other Electives	4
Total	22

* Must be two years of the same language. Students can elect to take one year of World Language and two years of VPAA.

TESTING STATISTICS

SAT school averages for 2016-17:

Math	468
Reading & Writing.....	503
Combined	971

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 **Traci Westphal** or **Miles Warren** at **517-507-5390**.

GRADING 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	4.00	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



Transcript Abbreviations

- CO** Course completed
- EN** Scheduled in section
- IP** Active in section
- PC** Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading
- WF** Failing grade at time of withdrawal from course
- WP** Passing grade at time of withdrawal from course.

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student’s cumulative weighted GPA for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Plan	%
Two-year college	36.4
Four-year college	13.6
Employment	23.6
Vocational Training	8.2
Military	0.9
Other	17.3
Total	100