

# 2021-2022 School Profile

CEEB Code # 200961

## 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 470 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 can 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

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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**DEAN OF STUDENTS:** Lauren Thompson

**COORDINATOR OF COUNSELING:**

Michelle Davenport

**MANAGER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

Joy Kiely

## ACCREDITATIONS



## 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\*

\*Due to Covid-19, only a small number of students took the ACT/SAT during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

## 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
College & Career Readiness	.5
Other Elective	5.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

## 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)
<b>A+</b>	98-100	4	4.5	5
<b>A</b>	92-97	4	4.5	5
<b>A-</b>	90-91	3.7	4.17	4.7
<b>B+</b>	88-89	3.3	3.83	4.3
<b>B</b>	82-87	3	3.5	4
<b>B-</b>	80-81	2.7	3.17	3.7
<b>C+</b>	78-79	2.3	2.83	3.3
<b>C</b>	72-77	2	2.50	3
<b>C-</b>	70-71	1.7	2.17	2.7
<b>D+</b>	68-69	1.3	1.83	2.3
<b>D</b>	62-67	1	1.5	2
<b>D-</b>	60-61	0.7	1.17	1.7
<b>F</b>	0-59	0	0	0

## POST GRADUATION PLANS

Plan	Class of 2019 %	Class of 2020 %	Class of 2021 %
Two-Year College	19	21	13
Four-Year College	38	30	25
Employment	34	28	32
Vocational Training/ Technical School	6	8	10
Gap Year/Travel	1	9	4
Military	1	0	3
Other Plans	1	4	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

\***Bold colleges are students' final plans**

Bard College  
 Boston Conservatory  
**Boston University**  
 Bridgewater State College  
 Clark University  
**Coastal Carolina University**  
**Connecticut College**  
 East Carolina University  
**Faith Bible College**  
 Husson University  
 Point Park University  
 Merrimack College  
 Radford University  
 Southern New Hampshire University  
 St. John's College  
 St. Joseph's College of Maine  
 Texas Christian University  
 Trinity College  
 Union College  
**University of Hartford**  
**University of Maine**  
**University of Maine at Augusta**  
**University of Maine at Machias**  
 University of New Haven  
 University of Massachusetts Lowell  
 University of Rhode Island  
**University of Southern Maine**  
**Wentworth Institute of Technology**  
**William Woods University**