

2022-2023 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. One-half 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, Computer Science Principles, 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, Physics, American Government, United States History, World History

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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 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 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
Total	22

GRADE SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors, Advanced Placement, or college level courses.

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP/College)
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	2.50	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

POST GRADUATION PLANS

PLAN	CLASS OF 2020 %	CLASS OF 2021 %	CLASS OF 2022 %
Two-Year College	21	13	20
Four-Year College	30	25	16
Employment	28	32	44
Vocational Training/ Technical School	8	10	12
Gap Year/Travel	9	4	5
Military	0	3	2
Other Plans	4	13	1
Total	100	100	100

CLASS OF 2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

*Bold colleges are students' final plans

Austin Community College District

Bennington College

Central Maine Community College

Colby-Sawyer College

Culinary Institute of America

Dominican University of California

Eastern Maine Community College

Endicott College

Great Bay Community College

Husson University

Kennebec Valley Community College

New England College

Northeastern University

Northern Maine Community College

Point Park University

Purdue University Northwest

Quinnipiac University

Roger Williams University

Simmons University

Southern Maine Community College

Southern New Hampshire University

Suffolk University

SUNY at Purchase College

SUNY College at Potsdam

The Boston Conservatory at Berklee

The University of the Arts

Thomas College

Unity College

University of Denver

University of Maine

University of Maine at Augusta

University of Maine at Farmington

University of Maine at Machias

University of Maine at Presque Isle

University of New England

University of Southern Maine

University of Vermont

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University