

2023-2024 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 500 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. 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

ExplorEC Partnership for Dual Enrollment Course 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 2021 % | CLASS OF 2022 % | CLASS OF 2023 % |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Two-Year College | 13 | 20 | 34 |
| Four-Year College | 25 | 16 | 16 |
| Employment | 32 | 44 | 46.5 |
| Vocational Training/ Technical School | 10 | 12 | 1 |
| Gap Year/Travel | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Military | 3 | 2 | 0.5 |
| Other Plans | 13 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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

- Bates College**
- Central Main Community College**
- Cedarville University**
- Colby College**
- Colby-Sawyer College**
- Drexel University
- Eastern Maine Community College**
- Emerson College
- George Mason University**
- George Washington University**
- Hollins University
- Husson College**
- Kennebec Valley Community College**
- New England College
- Northern Maine Community College**
- Roger Williams University
- Shenandoah University
- Southern Maine Community College**
- St. Joseph's University**
- Temple University
- The University of Findlay
- Thomas College**
- University of Maine**
- University of Maine at Augusta**
- University of Maine at Farmington
- University of Maine at Presque Isle
- University of New England**
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Haven
- University of Southern Maine**
- University of Vermont
- Wellesley College
- Wheaton College**
- York County Community College**