

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

Maine Connections Academy's average SAT scores from the 23-24 school year were 562 for Evidence-based reading/writing, and 538 for Math.

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. Maine Connections Academy uses class rank only as part of their valedictorian and salutatorian calculation.

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.

	Percentage	Weighted	(Honors)	(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 2022 %	CLASS OF 2023 %	CLASS OF 2024 %
Two-Year College	20	34	22
Four-Year College	16	16	27
Employment	44	46.5	22
Vocational Training/ Technical School	12	1	8
Gap Year/Travel	5	1	14
Military	2	0.5	1
Other Plans	1	1	6
Total	100	100	100

CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

*Bold colleges are students' final plans

- University of Southern Maine**
- Central Maine Community Colleges**
- Maine Maritime Academy**
- University of New England**
- Pace University
- Highpoint University**
- University of Vermont**
- Kennebec Valley Community College**
- Northern Maine Community College**
- Eastern Maine Community College**
- University of Maine Augusta**
- University of Maine**
- Maine Maritime Academy for Marine Engineering Technology**
- Merrimack College**
- Husson University**
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- John Cabot University**
- Berklee Online**
- Eastern Maine Community College**
- Asbury university**
- University of Maine at Farmington**
- Washington County Community College**
- York County Community College**
- College of Charleston**
- University of Arizona West
- CUNY City College
- St. Joseph's College**
- University of Tampa
- Niagra University
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Florida Southern College
- Ball State University**
- Rollins College
- University of Rhode Island**
- Coastal Carolina University