

2025-2026 School Profile

CEEB Code # 200961

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 2014, 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. 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.

Operation Authorization: Maine Department of Education (DOE) and Maine Charter Commission

Teacher Certification: Highly Qualified and Certified by DOE

Student Enrollment: 500 – 75% high school students (9-12)

Free & Reduced Lunch Rate: 50% of students qualify

Geographic Area: Statewide - Includes urban, suburban and rural communities from Kittery to Fort Kent.

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 Dual Enrollment courses, Advanced Placement courses, as well as Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs while enrolled at MCA.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

AP Courses: 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

Dual Enrollment Courses: Juniors and Seniors can take a maximum of 18 college credits through a partnership with Maine Public Universities and Community Colleges.

Honors Courses: 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.

TEST SCORES

Maine Connections Academy adheres to all state and national testing requirements and additionally encourages students to take appropriate post-secondary entrance exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic life goals.

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. Twenty-two Carnegie Units of credit are required for graduation.

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 2023 %	CLASS OF 2024 %	CLASS OF 2025 %
Four-Year College	16	27	13
Two-Year College	34	22	17
Workforce	46	22	25
Vocational Training Apprenticeship	1	8	9
Gap Year/Travel	1	14	17
Military	1	1	0
Other Plans	1	6	19
Total	100	100	100

CLASS OF 2025

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Four-Year Colleges

Beal College
Boston College
Dean College
Franciscan University
Husson University
Keene State College
Marymount Manhattan College
Montclair State University
Point Park University
Trinity Laban Conservatory
University of Rhode Island
University of Maine, Augusta
University of Maine, Farmington
University of Maine, Orono
University of Maine, Presque Isle
University of Southern Maine

Two-Year Colleges

Central Maine Community Colleges
Eastern Maine Community College
Kennebec Valley Community College
Northern Maine Community College
Southern Maine Community College
Washington County Community College

Technical School

Aveda Institute
WyoTech