

2026-2027 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 offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum aligned with Maine Learning Results and Common Core State Standards. Courses encompass a wide range of disciplines at various levels of rigor. Hands-on laboratory units are integrated within science courses. College preparatory core curriculum ensures students are prepared for college and beyond. Students have the additional option to participate in the courses highlighted below.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

AP Courses: English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Biology, Environmental Science, Computer Science Principles, Calculus AB, Statistics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, United States History, United States Government & Politics, Human Geography, Psychology, Spanish Language

Dual Enrollment Courses: Juniors and Seniors can enroll in 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, Pre-calculus, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, United States History, American Government, Maine Personal Finance

CRP Courses: Health Science, Arts, Information Technology, Business and Education Career Readiness pathways and 44 individual course offerings

CTE Courses: Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors can enroll in career & technical courses through a collaboration with Maine's 27 CTE Centers and Regions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACCREDITATIONS



MCA is fully accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accrediting division of Cognia.

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 2024 %	CLASS OF 2025 %	CLASS OF 2026 %
Four-Year College	27	13	12
Two-Year College	22	17	29
Workforce	22	25	36
Vocational Training Apprenticeship	8	9	9
Gap Year/Travel	14	17	3
Military	1	0	2
Other Plans	6	19	9
Total	100	100	100

CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Four-Year Colleges

Ball State University
Bates College
Colby College
Maine College of Art and Design
New York Institute
Purdue University
Thomas College
United States Naval Academy
University of Evansville
University of Maine, Augusta
University of Maine, Farmington
University of Maine, Orono
University of Maine, Presque Isle
University of New England

Two-Year Colleges

Central Maine Community Colleges
Eastern Maine Community College
Kennebec Valley Community College
Northern Maine Community College
Southern Maine Community College
Scottsdale Community College

Technical School

New England Technical School