

# Maine State Profile

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There is relatively little digital learning activity in Maine. There are two multi-district fully online schools. The [Maine Connections Academy](#) served 466 student enrollments and [Maine Virtual Academy](#) enrolled 438 students for the 2022-23 SY. Both serve students in grades 7-12. Increases in enrollment must be approved by the Maine Charter School Commission. Enrollments in fully online schools authorized by the Commission are capped at a maximum of 1,000 students.

The Maine Department of Education supports digital learning through two state programs. [MOOSE](#) (Maine Online Opportunities for Sustained Education) is a library of asynchronous learning modules aligned to Maine's Learning Results created in collaboration with Maine curriculum coordinators, teachers, museums, and learning centers. The [Maine Learning Technology Initiative](#) (MLTI) has been equipping students and teachers with one-to-one wireless devices since 2001 (laptops and tablets) starting with 7th and 8th graders.

Some of the district programs include:

- Bangor Township [Virtual School](#) is a hybrid school for students in grades K-12 with a drop-in center and available tutoring until 10:00pm each day.
- Maine Girls' Academy [Virtual High School](#) offers online options through a partnership with VHS Learning.

There are several small early college programs: [AP4ME](#) is operated by the University of Maine at Fort Kent (UMFK), UMFK's [Rural U Early College](#), and University of Maine's Academ-e.

State virtual school?	NO
Multi-district fully online schools?	YES
State approval process for online providers?	NO
State approval process for online courses?	NO

## State Policies

No major legislation impacting online and/or blended learning was passed through November 2023.

State [statute §2404](#) limits enrollment in virtual charter schools in Maine to a maximum of 1,000 students.

[LD1553](#) (2011) allowed charter schools in Maine for the first time and created the Maine Charter School Commission as the only entity that could authorize virtual charter schools. Other types of authorizing entities are allowed in the law, and they can authorize charter schools that have an online component. Policies outlined in the application process include requirements specific to virtual charter schools, including synchronous requirements for students and teachers. LD1553 also has several quality assurance measures.

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