



Boarding School

Maine Central Institute Maine

"My proudest moment was when I received the Masters Cup during my commencement. Other achievements that I am extremely proud of are my Manson Essay finalists award, Saint Michael's College Book Award for Humanities along with my underclassman achievement awards and athletic awards such as outstanding captain award for cross country and best teammate award for Indoor Track."

Founded in 1866, Maine Central Institute (MCI) is a coeducational, nonsectarian boarding and day school offering rigorous college-preparatory education in a close-knit community. Known for its small classes, strong STEM and arts programs, and world-class Bossov Ballet Theatre, MCI blends academic excellence with diverse global perspectives.



Quick Facts

Founded: 1866

Niche.com Score: A-

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Snowy winters / Warm summers

Population: 4,200

High School Population: 345

Accepting students: Grade 9-12, PG

Diploma Year offered: Yes

Interview Required? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

University Acceptance rate: 98%

Academic Excellence

Maine Central Institute provides a **challenging college-preparatory education** supported by individualized attention and a 9:1 student-faculty ratio. The curriculum features AP and honors courses, as well as unique programs in robotics, aviation, and computer science. International students benefit from a strong ESL program, while advanced learners can pursue STEM, humanities, and creative pathways. The school also offers a **3-Year Dual Enrollment MCI Diploma Program with 16 Taiwanese schools**. With a long tradition of academic rigor and mentorship, MCI prepares students for success in **top U.S. and international universities**.

Student Accomplishments

- Alumni include NBA players Sam Cassell and Caron Butler
- Nationally recognized Bossov Ballet Theatre program
- Athletic teams with multiple conference championships
- Graduates admitted to selective U.S. universities.



Recent University Acceptances

- Dartmouth College
- American University
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Cornell University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Miami University
- Northeastern University
- New York University
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Syracuse University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Tulane University
- University of Washington
- University of Vermont
- University of Texas
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Maine
- University of Illinois
- University of California
- University of Southern California
- University of Wisconsin
- University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Mississippi State University
- Berry College
- University of North Alabama
- Spring Hill College
- Wallace State Community College

Stats

20+

of AP Courses

98%

University and College Acceptance

9-PG

Grades at School

9:1

Student Teacher Ratio

25

Average ACT Score

1250

Average SAT Score



Campus Facilities

MCI's 50-acre campus in Pittsfield features **modern academic, residential, and athletic facilities**. The Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math and Science Center includes advanced laboratories, while the William H. Powell Memorial Library offers extensive academic resources. The campus also houses the Parks and Wright Gymnasiums, multiple residence halls, and a student center for dining and recreation.

Residential Life

MCI's boarding community includes students from over 17 countries, creating a diverse and inclusive environment. Residence halls are comfortable and supervised, offering **shared rooms, study areas, lounges, and dining facilities**. Students participate in leadership activities, community events, and weekend trips that enrich their cultural and academic experience.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics are central to campus life at MCI, with over 20 varsity sports and a proud tradition of competition in the New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC).

MCI's arts program is highlighted by the internationally acclaimed Bossov Ballet Theatre, offering pre-professional ballet training and performance experience. Students also explore visual arts, ceramics, photography, and theater in professional-level facilities



Highlights

Sports: American Football, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country Running, Field Hockey, Golf, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track, Wrestling

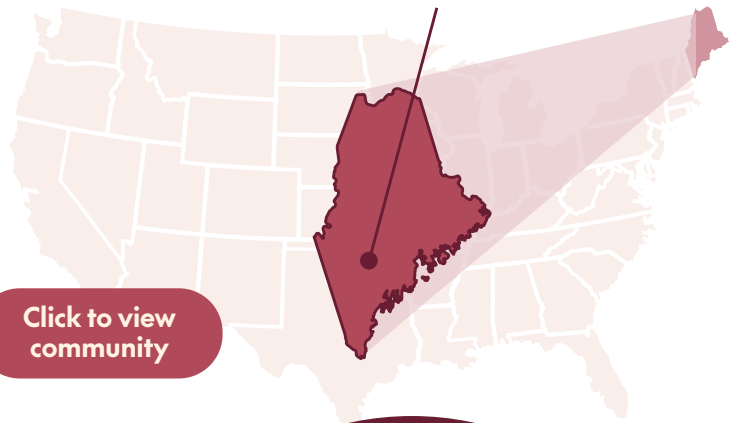
Arts: Art, Art History, Bossov Ballet Theatre, Ceramics, Photography, Puppetry and Pantomime, Studio Art, Studio Art - 3D Design, Theater, Theater Arts

Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Environmental Science, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Psychology, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, World History

Tech and innovation courses Aviation, Computer Science A, Culinary Arts, Robotics, Rocketry, Statistics, Engineering

Community

Pittsfield is a welcoming small town in central Maine with a population of about 3,900. The community offers a safe, supportive environment surrounded by nature. Bangor, the nearest major city, is 50 miles away and home to Bangor International Airport (BGR). Local attractions include the **Pittsfield Community Theatre** and the **Central Maine Egg Festival**.



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Climate in Pittsfield, Maine

Pittsfield experiences a humid continental climate, characterized by warm summers and snowy winters. Average high temperatures range from 25°F (−4°C) in January to 80°F (27°C) in July. The area receives about 42 inches (1,070 mm) of precipitation annually, with January typically being the snowiest month.



"What I like about MCI is the community here, the people are really kind and nice to each other and I also really like the fact that the teachers and the dorm parents are really supportive. They are always willing to help and these are some of the traits that make MCI so special.."

A. Hwang

"Every day after school it was just hanging out, laughing, just fun things in general. One of the classes I enjoyed most this year was Mr. Robinson's physics class. He is the best teacher and explains everything well, and he makes the tests from the things we really learn in class."

J. Requena

video

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the school

