

MAINE WEST 2020 | 2021 PROFILE

The School and Community

Maine West High School lies 40 minutes northwest of downtown Chicago in a suburban area serving most of Des Plaines and a portion of Rosemont. Maine West educates students who speak 53 languages and 54.3% of students live in homes where English is not the primary language. The student population is 43.3% white, 3.4% Black, 39.7% Latinx and 11.3% Asian.

The enrollment is 2,078 and the average class size is 21. Maine West provides a comprehensive, innovative and rigorous public education program. Curriculum offerings at Maine West are extensive, with over 200 courses offered in 10 departments, including the fine arts, world language and career technical education. Education horizons are broadened via Maine West's distance learning and videoconferencing capabilities, allowing student learning to expand into the larger community. The school provides AP courses and dual-credit courses, as well as a dedicated program to allow students internship and career experiences to help with post-secondary choices.

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Grading

District 207 reports a weighted and non-weighted grade point average on the transcript. GPA for all courses is calculated on a four-point scale. Accelerated and AP courses are given one additional bonus point. This is reflected in the weighted GPA.

Driver Education does not count in the GPA. Physical Education counts in the non-weighted GPA. In a Pass/Fail course, a passing grade does not affect a student's GPA. However, a failing grade was figured into a student's total GPA as a zero through the fall semester of 2019. Beginning with the spring semester of 2020, a failing grade is listed as NG and has no GPA impact. An NG may also indicate a course that has been audited or withdrawn from due to extenuating circumstances.

District 207's schools began using a competency-based grading system in its integrated math program during the 2019-20 school year and a small number of pilot courses spread throughout the curriculum. These courses are taught in a year-long format and use an average grading system and a 5-point grading scale rather than a traditional 100 point scale to determine a course grade.



MAINE WEST HIGH SCHOOL Maine Township High School District 207

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Dr. Ken Wallace, Superintendent
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Class of 2019 At a Glance

In first year after graduation:

40% enrolled in a 4-year college*

38% enrolled in a 2-year college*

From Class of 2020:

1 National Merit
Finalist Student

1 National Merit
Semifinalist Student

3 National Merit
Commended Students

44 Illinois State Scholars

School Information:

Highest Weighted GPA: 4.8235

Highest Unweighted GPA: 4.0

Free and Reduced Lunch
Percentage: 31.9%

*Represents the percentage of graduates attending in the first year after graduation and is based upon August 2019 StudentTracker Report.

Top Maine West Class of 2019

Colleges and Universities by Attendance

Bradley University	Oakton Community College
Carthage College	Saint Louis University
Columbia College Chicago	Triton College
DePaul University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Elgin Community College	University of Illinois at Chicago
Elmhurst University	University of Iowa
Illinois State University	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Iowa State University	Western Illinois University
Loyola University Chicago	Western Michigan University
Marquette University	William Rainey Harper College
Northeastern Illinois University	Full list available on school website at:
Northern Illinois University	west.maine207.org/college

Academic Program

The school offers a broad and varied curriculum, the details of which can be found at: isweb.maine207.org/Course_catalog/ Among the course offerings include AP and Dual Credit options.

District 207 schools offer over 340 courses spread over 18 academic areas. Each course is developed with preparation for both college and career in mind. Thirty districtwide Advanced Placement courses are offered. Twenty-three college-level courses are offered as dual credit/dual enrollment with colleges in Illinois.

The academic program is founded on the career pathways concept. Through a combination of rigorous and high-quality educational experiences, students prepare for the world of work understanding there are multiple pathways to a successful career.

Faculty

Approximately 80% of Maine West's teachers have an M.A. degree or beyond.

Accreditation

Maine West High School is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education.

COVID-19 Information

The last day of physical attendance in District 207 during the 2019-20 school year was on March 13, 2020. On March 30, 2020, the district began instruction through an e-Learning format. The district followed guidance from the state and implemented a "no harm" grading policy during the e-Learning period. This meant for the spring semester a student earned the grade recorded on March 13 or the grade at the end of the semester, whichever was higher. While historically students were not given the option to take dual-credit courses as Pass/Fail, they were given this option in the Spring of 2020. The district did not provide in-school SAT testing during the spring of 2020. All sports, extracurricular activities, clubs and activities were cancelled when in-school learning ended on March 13.

Transcript Legend

ACC	Accelerated/Honors
AP	Advanced Placement
ESL	English as a Second Language
IN	Incomplete
	Grade must be earned during the first six weeks of the next quarter
NG	No Grade
	Carries no credit and used under special circumstances such as an audit which has been approved in advance
PA	Passing
	Passing grade in Pass/Fail Course
RLTD	Classroom work for job training
SS	Summer School
T	Transferred credit
TRNG	On-the-job training
PLTW	Project Lead the Way

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 23.25 academic units of credit are required for graduation.

English (4.0)

Mathematics (3.0)

Social Sciences (3.0)

Science (3.0)

Fine Arts, CTE or Foreign Language (2.0)

Oral Communication (0.25)

Consumer Education (0.25)

Health (0.50)

Physical Education (1.75)

Driver Education (0.50)

Electives (5.0)

Note: Physical Education is required each semester except when enrolled in health class. Exams are required on the Declaration of Independence, the Flag of the United States, the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

COVID-19 Note: Graduation requirements may be altered for the Class of 2021 as a result of Illinois State Board of Education guidance.

SAT Scores - Class of 2020

Maine West Total Average:

1014 (Scale of 400 to 1600)

Corresponds to a National Representative Sample Percentile Rank of 52

PERCENTILE	READING/ WRITING	MATH	TOTAL
25th	430	430	870
50th	500	520	1010
75th	580	590	1160