

MAINE WEST 2026 | 2027 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 51 languages and 61.8% of students live in homes where English is not the primary language. The student population is 42.5% Hispanic or Latino, 35.7% White or Caucasian, 12.2% Asian, 4.2% Black or African-American, 4% who identify as two or more races, 1% Middle Eastern or North African, 0.3% American Indian or Alaska Native and 0% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

The enrollment is 1,673 and the average class size is 22.8. 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. 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 postsecondary choices.

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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.

MAINE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Maine Township High School District 207

west.maine207.org

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Dr. Tatiana Bonuma, Superintendent

Dr. Daniel Hill, Principal



Class of 2025 At a Glance:

In first year after graduation:

34% enrolled in a 4-year college*

30% enrolled in a 2-year college*

From Class of 2026:

1 National Merit

Finalist Student

2027 Graduating

Class Size: 436

School Information:

Highest Weighted GPA: 4.5385

Highest Non-weighted GPA: 4.0

Free and Reduced Lunch

Percentage: 24.4%

*Represents the percentage of graduates attending in the first year after graduation and is based upon August 2026 StudentTracker Report.

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. In a Pass/NG course, a passing grade does not affect a student's GPA. Beginning with the spring semester of 2020, a grade listed as NG provides no credit and has no GPA impact. An NG may be used under special circumstances such as an audited course, a withdrawn course due to extenuating circumstances or a failed course.

District 207 moved to an integrated math curriculum in the 2019-20 school year. In all courses in the integrated math program, students study content standards in the domains of Algebra, Functions, Geometry, Number and Quantities, and Statistics and continue to develop their proficiencies with the 8 Standards for Mathematical Practice. Math 3 Compression and PreCalc Compression courses go at a faster pace, "compressing" more content so that students are prepared for the skills and rigor of AP Calculus BC. All grades received in the integrated math program are unweighted.

Academic Program

The school offers a broad and varied curriculum, the details of which can be found at: <https://maine207.org/courses/>

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-four districtwide Advanced Placement courses are offered. Thirty-seven college-level courses are offered as dual credit/dual enrollment with colleges in Illinois. Twenty-one honors/accelerated courses are offered.

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.

Maine West operates on an 8-period block schedule each semester (4 periods per day, alternating days) allowing students the opportunity to take 7 classes plus PE/Health which is required (lunch is embedded into the day).

New Curriculum Language

Grades 9 & 10 | Unified Core Sequence: All 9th and 10th-grade students complete a unified, high-rigor sequence: English 1 (Grade 9) and English 2 (Grade 10).

No Honors Options: The district does not offer separate "Honors/Accelerated" English courses in grades 9 or 10. English 1 and 2 represent the most rigorous curriculum available to underclassmen and feature embedded differentiation to challenge high-achieving students.

Grades 11 & 12 | Upper-Division Course Options: Starting in 11th grade, students select between college-preparatory and Advanced Placement (AP) pathways. Completion of English 1 and 2 qualifies all students to enroll directly in AP coursework.

Transcript Legend

ACC	Accelerated/Honors
AP	Advanced Placement
ESL	English as a Second Language
I	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 audited course, a withdrawn course due to extenuating circumstances or a failed course.
P	Passing Passing grade in Pass/NG 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 22.75 academic units of credit are required for graduation.

English (4.0)

Mathematics (3.0)

Social Sciences (3.0)

Science (3.0)

Financial Literacy (0.5)

Fine Arts, CTE or World Language (2.0)

Health (0.50)

Physical Education (enrolled)

Electives (5.0)

Note: 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.

ACT Scores - Class of 2026

Maine West Total Mean ACT Score 18.9

Corresponds to a National Representative Sample Percentile Rank of 57

SECTION	25TH PERCENTILE	50TH PERCENTILE	75TH PERCENTILE
English	14	18	22
Reading	15	20	25
Science	16	19	24
Math	16	18	23
Composite	15	19	23