

# MAINE SOUTH 2020 | 2021 PROFILE

## The School and Community

Maine South High School lies 30 minutes northwest of downtown Chicago in a suburban area serving most of Park Ridge and portions of Harwood Heights, Niles, Norridge and Norwood Park Township. Maine South educates students who speak 37 languages and 18.2% of students live in homes where English is not the primary language. The student population is 85.5% white, 0.6% Black, 8.2% Latinx and 3.3% Asian.

The enrollment is 2,391 and the average class size is 21. Maine South provides a comprehensive, innovative and rigorous public education program. Curriculum offerings at Maine South 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 South'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.

## Student Services Staff

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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 An NG may also indicate a course that has been audited or withdrawn from due to extenuating circumstances.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 SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Maine Township High School District 207

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**Dr. Ken Wallace, Superintendent**  
**Dr. Ben Collins, Principal**



## Class of 2019 At a Glance

In first year after graduation:

69% enrolled in a 4-year college\*

20% enrolled in a 2-year college\*

## From Class of 2020:

3 National Merit  
Finalist Students

3 National Merit  
Semifinalist Students

15 National Merit  
Commended Students

135 Illinois State Scholars

## School Information:

Highest Weighted GPA: 4.9952

Highest Unweighted GPA: 4.0

Free and Reduced Lunch  
Percentage: 6.4%

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

## Top Maine South Class of 2019 Colleges and Universities by Attendance

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Augustana College                  | The Ohio State University                  |
| Bradley University                 | Triton College                             |
| Carthage College                   | University of Alabama                      |
| DePaul University                  | University of Colorado Boulder             |
| Elmhurst University                | University of Dayton                       |
| Illinois State University          | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| Illinois Wesleyan University       | University of Illinois at Chicago          |
| Indiana University Bloomington     | University of Iowa                         |
| Loyola University Chicago          | University of Kansas                       |
| Marquette University               | University of Kentucky                     |
| Miami University                   | University of Michigan                     |
| Michigan State University          | University of Missouri - Columbia          |
| Northwestern University            | University of Wisconsin - Madison          |
| Oakton Community College           |  |
| Purdue University - West Lafayette |  |
| Saint Louis University             |  |

**Full list available on school website at:  
[south.maine207.org/college](https://south.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/](https://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 South's teachers have an M.A. degree or beyond.

## Accreditation

Maine South 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<br>Grade must be earned during the first six weeks of the next quarter                                      |
| NG   | No Grade<br>Carries no credit and used under special circumstances such as an audit which has been approved in advance |
| PA   | Passing<br>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 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 Foreign Language (2.0)

Health (0.50)

Physical Education (1.75)

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.

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 South Total Average:

1160 (Scale of 400 to 1600)

Corresponds to a National Representative Sample Percentile Rank of 76

| PERCENTILE | READING/<br>WRITING | MATH | TOTAL |
|------------|---------------------|------|-------|
| 25th       | 520                 | 520  | 1040  |
| 50th       | 580                 | 590  | 1170  |
| 75th       | 640                 | 670  | 1300  |