



2009-2010 Profile

Our Mission is to Improve Learning



THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Maine Township High School East serves parts of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, and portions of Glenview, Morton Grove, and Niles. Primarily residential, the attendance area of the school also includes some light industry, office developments, and shopping areas. Comprised mostly of single family homes, neighborhoods range from modest to affluent and also include a mix of apartments, townhomes, and condominiums. Maine East High School lies thirty minutes northwest of downtown Chicago.

Officially a language minority school, Maine East educates students who speak 56 different languages; 70 percent of the students come from homes where English is not the primary language.

Student enrollment for the 2008-09 school year was 1,909. The student-teacher ratio was 18 to 1. Average class size was 20.

The citizens of Maine East's communities demand a comprehensive, innovative, and rigorous educational program for their youth. Curriculum offerings at Maine East are extensive, with over 200 courses offered in 10 departments including the fine arts, foreign language, and applied arts and technology.

A rich curricula and outstanding programs provide students with multiple learning opportunities. Parental and community support further guarantee an outstanding secondary education (parental involvement was 88 percent for the 2008-09 school year), and the entire community benefits from East's outstanding cultural and athletic events and from students' active participation in community service.

THE FACULTY

More than 220 talented and dedicated certified staff members provide the motivation for student achievement. About 80 percent of East's teachers have an MA degree or beyond.

ACCREDITATION

Maine Township High School East is accredited by the North Central Association and fully recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement courses are offered in American History, Economics, European History, American Government, English Language, English Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Environmental Science, Calculus, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Computer Science, Music Theory, Studio Art, and Statistics.

In the spring of 2009, 278 students took 585 exams: 131 exams received a 5, the highest ranking; 74 percent of East's examinations were graded 3 or higher.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

In 2009, 370 of 512, or 76.6 percent of the graduates continued their education.

STUDENT PERSONNEL SERVICES STAFF

Victor DiPrizio Director
Karen Shankman College/Career Counselor
Ruth Shook-Orr Psychologists
Angela Foster, Erin Biernbaum, Peter McBride Social Workers
Jan Karl, Michelle Sutschek Nurse
Counselors: Allyson Adams, Amy Allen, Angie Edsey, Elaine Giannopoulos, Mark Hankins, Ruth Soil, John Tyler, Cris Villalobos.

ABILITY LEVEL GROUPING

Maine East has four ability level programs which are organized in academic subjects by each year: the Advanced Placement Program, Accelerated Program, Gifted/Lyceum Program, Regular Program, Integrated Literacy, Guided Study, and Special Education Program. Students are selected for these programs based on previous academic achievement and teacher recommendation. Students may take courses at various levels in different subjects.

GRADING SYSTEM AND RANK IN CLASS

Students have the option of reporting their grade point average (GPA)—on their transcript only—in two different ways: weighted only, or both weighted and non-weighted. The non-weighted GPA gives equal grade points to every course regardless of difficulty. A class rank based on the non-weighted GPA will be calculated; however, the **weighted system will be used for designating official class rank**, selection of Maine Scholars (students in the top one percent of their class), and Honor Roll designees. Driver Education does not count in the grade point average and class ranking. Physical Education counts in the non-weighted GPA, but not in the weighted GPA. In a Pass/Fail course, a passing grade does not affect a student's GPA; however, a failing grade will be figured into the student's total GPA.

ACT RESULTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

In the Class of 2009, 369 students took the ACT test earning a composite score of 21.8 and a core composite of 22.7. The chart below shows East's sub-test scores, composite scores by class rank, and compares school scores with state and national scores.

ACT DATA — 369 STUDENTS			
Score Comparisons		Maine East's Average Sub-Test Scores	
Maine East	21.8 (Composite)	English	21.5
	22.4 (Core Composite)	Math	22.6
Illinois	20.8 (Composite)	Reading	21.1
		Science	21.5

The core composite reflects the mean score for test takers enrolled in Maine East's college preparatory curriculum.

PSAT/NMSQT RESULTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

In the 2009 National Merit Program, two students were commended based on their PSAT/NMSQT score.

PATTERN OF SCHOOL YEAR/LENGTH OF DAY

Two semesters form the 185-day school year. Nine 44-minute periods make up the normal school day, but a 19-minute half-period at the beginning of the day allows flexible scheduling for students to take additional courses that might not fit into a nine period day. Laboratory classes are 63 minutes.

GRADING SYSTEM

The weighted GPA calculation recognizes more difficult courses by assigning different grade point values as shown below. The non-weighted GPA is calculated on a 4-point scale.

	ACCELERATED & ADVANCED PLACEMENT	REMEDIAL & REGULAR
A	5	4
B	4	3
C	3	2
D	1	1
F	0	0

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Explanation of Abbreviations and Symbols

ACC	Accelerated
AP	Advanced Placement
CWT.....	Cooperative Work Training
ESL.....	English as a Second Language
IN	Incomplete: The grade must be earned during the first six weeks of the next quarter.
NG	Carries no credit and used under special circumstances such as an audit which has been approved in advance.
PA	Pass in Pass/Fail course
RLTD	Classroom work for job training
SS	Summer School
TRNG	On-the-job training

English

Elements of English	ESL transition course
English 1 Extended	1 1/2 period daily with reading support
English 1	One period daily
English 1 ACC	Placement recommendation
English 2 Transitional	Blocked with required Reading Enrichment
English 2	One period daily
English 2 ACC	Placement recommendation
English 3	One period daily
American Studies	Interdisciplinary English and U.S. History
AP Lang. and Composition	Placement recommendation
AP Lit. and Composition	Placement recommendation
English 4	One period daily
Elements of Writing	One semester
Creative Writing	One semester
Journalism	One semester
American Dreams	One semester
World Lit. and Society	One semester
Reading Enrichment	Elective credit, repeatable

Unless indicated, all courses are full-year. Credit is earned upon successful completion of the semester.

GRADE SCALE

A = 90 - 100	NG = No Grade
B = 80 - 89	PA = Pass
C = 70 - 79	EX = Excused
D = 60 - 69	IN = Incomplete
F = Below 60	

DETAILED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 23.25 academic units of credit are required for graduation. Coursework must include the following: English, four units; mathematics, three units; social sciences, three units; science, three units; two units of credit from any of the following—fine arts, applied arts and technology, or foreign language; one-quarter credit each of oral communications and consumer education; one-half unit of health; elective credit, five units; physical education each semester except when enrolled in health; driver education; and examinations on the Declaration of Independence, the Flag of the United States, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois. Students graduating before 2008 were required to complete one less course in math, science, and social science, and one additional elective credit.

Mathematics

Algebra 1 Extended	1 1/2 period daily. Prepares for Plane Geometry
Algebra 1	One period daily
Algebra 2 Freshman	For above average freshmen who have completed Algebra 1
ACC. Alg. 2 Freshman	For exceptional freshmen who have completed Algebra 1
Soph. Algebra	First year Algebra course
Algebra 2 Sophomore	Second year Algebra course
Plane Geometry	Informal approach to Geometry
Geometry	Plane and Solid Geometry
Geometry for Juniors	Plane and Solid Geometry
ACC. Geom. and Trig	Plane and Solid Geometry with Pre-Calculus
Algebra 2	One period daily
ACC. Math Analysis	Pre-Calculus
Trigonometry	One semester
Pre-Calculus	Functions and analytic geometry for seniors
AP Calculus AB	One and one-half periods daily
AP Calculus BC//Multi	AP/BC level with 1 sem. of multivariable
AP Calculus BC	1½ period daily
Probability and Statistics	One semester
AP Statistics	1½ period daily
Computer Science 1	
Computer Science 2	Must take with Computer Science 1
AP Computer Science	

(All courses are full year, 1 credit unless otherwise indicated)

