

MAINE EAST HIGH SCHOOL



Proposed Building Improvements

The 89-year-old **Maine East** building lacks a secure front entrance. The floor plan is extremely dated and there are accessibility issues throughout the school. Reconfiguration of classrooms and labs will promote collaborative learning and leverage instructional technology. While the special education, fine arts, career and technical education, and athletics programs have evolved, the facility has not and the proposed plan addresses those needs.

Plan Highlights:

- Construct a new secure front entrance to prevent visitors from entering the high school before being cleared by personnel.
- Replace outdated plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems to extend the useful life of the existing building, reducing costly emergency repairs and improve energy efficiency.
- Update classrooms and labs to create flexible learning spaces that leverage instructional technology, allow for new teaching methods and promote collaboration.
- Relocate the offices of the counselors, deans, psychologists and other support personnel into one area of building. This will enhance student access to these important services while also maintaining student privacy/confidentiality.
- Right size and relocate the special education spaces to better meet the needs of students in these programs.
- Expand and update the undersized fine arts spaces.
- Create collaboration zones throughout the school for students to study individually and in small groups.
- Relocate and improve the Library Media Center to increase functionality and access by all students and staff.
- Add an elevator to the East section of the building to provide access to the second floor athletic areas.
- Provide a first-floor, handicapped-accessible hallway connecting west wing of the school to center court, improving students' traffic flow and access throughout.
- Update dining and food service areas to ease congestion, as well as replace 50-year-old equipment.
- Relocate cardio and weight room equipment from access hallways to a more accessible and safe location.
- Relocate the outdated locker rooms to be adjacent to the fieldhouse.
- Update restrooms.
- Relocate dance program to more appropriately sized space.
- Increase pool depth to comply with current codes and regulations, and renovate pool locker rooms.
- Repurpose the old pool for an all-district Entreprenuerial/ Professional Development Center.
- Add and expand tutoring space.

Proposed Floor Plans





