



MAINE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Proposed Building Improvements

Maine West, which opened in 1959, lacks a secure front entrance and it is the only District school without a fieldhouse. The building's footprint is outdated. Renovation and reconfiguration of instructional spaces will increase efficiency and create a modern learning environment where students can work collaboratively and instructional technology can be utilized effectively. A commercial food lab, tutoring spaces and enhanced fine arts spaces are included in the proposed plan.

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- Replace outdated plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems to extend the useful life of the existing building, reducing costly emergency repairs and improve energy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 undersized fine arts spaces.
- Create collaboration zones throughout the school for students to study individually and in small groups.
- Improve the Library Media Center to increase functionality and access by all students and staff.
- Eliminate the need for students to walk outside to access Career Technology Department from the main building.
- Update restrooms and locker rooms.
- Construct a new fieldhouse to consolidate athletics/physical education space in one location. This will allow greater resource sharing and an ability to secure the rest of the building during after-hours events.
- Add a commercial foods lab.
- Add and expand tutoring space.
- Expand dining to the lower level and provide a more efficient connection to student services and support programs.
- Update food service areas to ease congestion, as well as replace 50-year-old equipment.
- Increase pool depth to comply with current code and regulations, and renovate pool locker rooms.

Proposed Floor Plans

