



Maine District 207 College Fair & Postsecondary Expo

September 9, 2026

6:30-8:00 PM

Maine West High School

This document provides information about the District 207 College Fair and Postsecondary Expo. It includes details on registration, an overview of the event, parking instructions, staff information, reasons to attend, questions to ask representatives, and lists of attending colleges and organizations.

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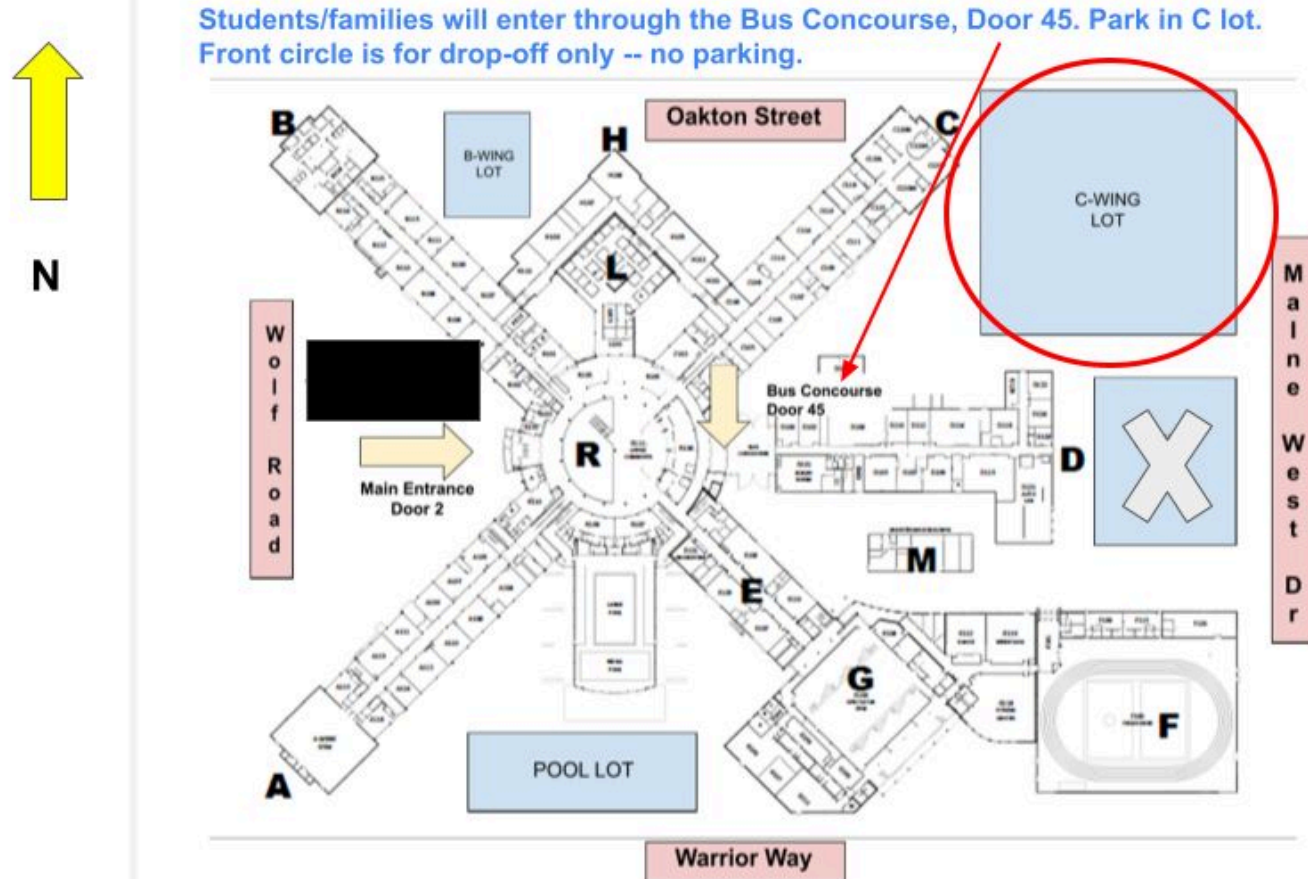
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Parking Instructions

Available parking lots for students/families:



Registration and Overview

Students should pre-register prior to entering the College Fair. Please register at strivefair.com.

**There is no need to register for the Postsecondary Expo.*



Locations of College Reps & Expo Reps

[List of College Fair Attendees](#)

[List of Postsecondary Expo Attendees](#)



Reasons to Attend the College Fair + Postsecondary Expo

In-person research

College fairs are an excellent opportunity for in-person research. You will get immediate answers to your questions and the schools will start "to come alive" for you as you talk with the reps at each booth.

Convenience

College Fairs give you the opportunity to visit a large number of schools all under one convenient roof.

Explore new options

You may discover a new college(s) that isn't on your radar (or list).

Free advice

Admission representatives are often referred to as admission counselors; go ahead - ask them any question you may have.

Approximately 130 colleges/universities are represented here tonight located primarily in the Spec Gym and Fieldhouse. We encourage you to speak with not only familiar schools, but also with "new" possibilities. We hope the information gained will be valuable in making sound college choices.

We are offering 2 financial aid sessions - one beginning at 6:45 PM and the repeat session beginning at 7:30 PM. Financial aid information sessions will be located in G102. Please consider attending one of these financial aid sessions to understand how to apply for need-based aid. Financial aid may make your first choice college affordable. Representatives from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) will also be available to answer questions about financial aid resources in Illinois before and after the presentations. Although the presentations will be in English, there will be a Spanish-speaking ISAC staff member to provide assistance.

ISAC will also have a table in the Spec Gym Hall of Fame Foyer (where the trophies are) staffed with a Corps Member who can assist you with financial aid questions.

Questions to Ask College Representatives

Be purposeful with your questions at the College Fair. Before you go, look up location, major, cost of attendance, etc that you can easily find online. Focus your questions on ones such as:

- Which programs/majors are the most popular?
- Are certain majors more competitive than others for admission?
- Can I graduate in 4 years?
- Do you offer merit scholarships?
- What kind of student is a good fit for your school?
- How is X major different at this college than at others?
- Is this a traditional residential college or more of a commuter one?
- How do students spend their weekends?
- Are there support services available for those students who need them?
- What opportunities are there for athletes? For artists? For musicians?
- Are you test-optional for both admission and merit scholarship consideration?
- What's your favorite thing about the college?

Questions to ask Postsecondary Expo Representatives

The Postsecondary Expo is an opportunity for you to connect with professional training organizations in high growth/high demand fields! You can not only learn more about these fields but also the training programs!

Program Questions:

- Can you tell me more about this program?
- What is the timeline of the program?
- What support does this program provide to students?
- What is the application process like?
- Who is an ideal candidate?
- What does employment look like for graduates of this program? Is employment guaranteed? Is there support for alum to find employment?

Career Field Questions:

(ask these only after you have established the field that the organization works with—construction, cosmetology, etc)

- What does a typical day in this profession look like?
- Could a person who has the preparation and experience required easily attain a job in your occupation?
- What changes are taking place in this field?
- What is the employment outlook for your field?
- How will new technology affect this field?
- What are some of the best things about this field?
- What are some of the challenges about this field?
- What kind of person "fits" into this occupation? Who would not be happy?
- What advice would you offer young people entering the workforce today?
- What is the average starting salary for people who enter this field? What is the average salary for the field overall?

Colleges to Explore and Compare

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Colleges that you know you want to visit with at the fair

NEW POSSIBILITIES

Colleges that you learned about for the first time tonight

Questions	College #1	College #2
What is the campus like? (i.e. size, location, etc.)		
What percentage of students return for sophomore year?		
Are there opportunities for research, independent study, internships, or study abroad?		
What kinds of clubs/activities are there? Is there a Greek system? What % of students participate?		
What is the tuition, room & board, and comprehensive costs of the school?		
What kinds of scholarships are available? Do I need to apply for these separately?		
What are the admissions deadlines I need to know?		
What is special about this school? Why should I attend this school over similar schools?		
What admission criteria do you look for? How do I measure up?		