

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207



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Community Feedback Needed to Shape Future of School District

District 207 has been working since last summer on a comprehensive strategic planning process. The Strategic Plan and Portrait of a Graduate that will result from the process will guide the district's vision, goals and priorities for the next three to five years.

A strategic planning team that includes students, community members, Board of Education members, parents, staff and administrators has met three times to review community feedback, look at data and help draft a plan for the district's future.

District 207 sought feedback in September from all stakeholders about their thoughts related to

the district's future. More than 900 stakeholders responded to the district survey and more than 40 focus groups and interviews were conducted. Participation by stakeholder groups included more than 200 students, 200 staff members, 300 family members, 240 community members and 100 future family members.

In order to ensure that the Strategic Plan and Portrait of a Graduate reflects a shared vision for student success and a strategic roadmap that reflects the values and goals of our diverse community, the district is again asking for feedback from the community.

A survey has been developed that shares the work of the strategic planning committee to date and asks for community feedback on the draft plan.

Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey using the following link (<https://tinyurl.com/207PlanFeedback>) or the QR code printed below.

Thank you in advance for your assistance as we work to ensure the strategic plan reflects the thinking of our entire community. ■



Six students from the district's three comprehensive high schools are members of the strategic plan committee.

Student Creativity Reaches New Heights in the Fine Arts Department

In District 207, fine arts is a beacon for students looking for creative outlets and a place to call home within their schools. The fine arts programs at Maine East, Maine South and Maine West give students a place to explore, take risks and grow both as artists and as people. The schools offer music, theater, visual arts and media arts opportunities that are recognized each year for their excellence across the state.

Throughout the district, nearly half of all students participate in these programs. Along with the three department chairs, there is a team of dedicated teachers and staff who care deeply about students. They provide many opportunities to help students foster their passion while building a strong sense of community and teamwork both within the school and to the broader community.

“Whether it’s band, orchestra, choir, drama, art, photography, radio, television, ceramics or design, staff bring these important classes to life for our students everyday,” shares Maine South Department Chair Dr. Teralyn Keith. “Together, students and teachers are pursuing greatness. We are proud of the level of achievement our students consistently reach, whether in performances, exhibitions, competitions or creative projects.”

Together We Can

There’s a strong sense of pride in how fine arts teachers showcase their craft in ways that allow each student to excel individually while bringing everyone together for a unified goal. The fine arts bring out the creativity in students who have unique talents and works to help every student develop to their full potential. The combination creates a beautiful cycle of achievement.

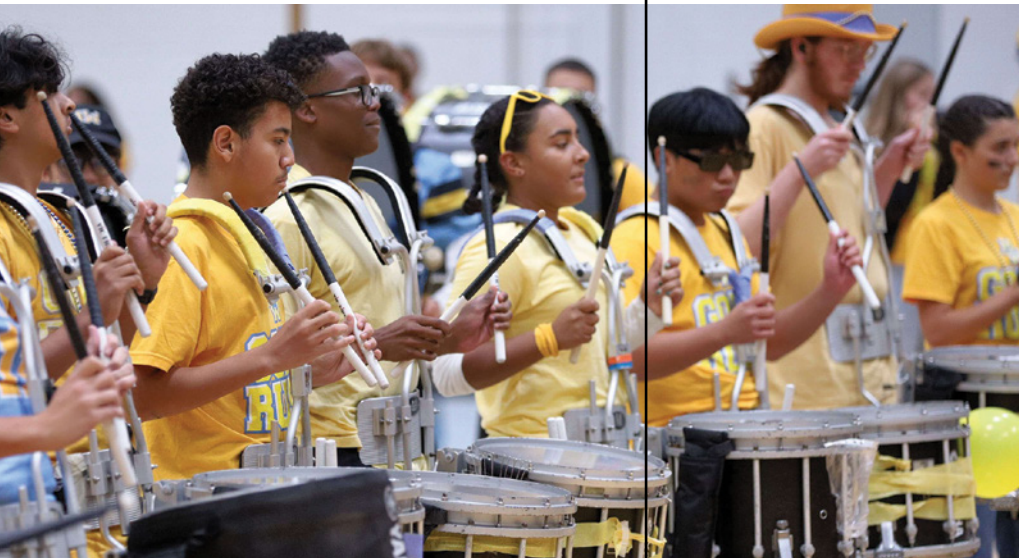
“We help students develop into productive, respectful, and responsible members of their communities, building confidence, teamwork and problem-solving skills that prepare them for success in anything they pursue,” explains Maine West Department Chair Jennifer Mullen. “The fine arts department isn’t just about teaching technique; it’s about inspiring curiosity, nurturing self-expression, and



Maine East Choir students perform in the auditorium for their fall 2025 Choir/Orchestra Concert.



Students own the stage during a dress rehearsal of Maine South’s fall 2025 musical, SIX: The Musical: Teen Edition.



Members of the Maine West drumline perform for a crowd during a school assembly.

helping every student discover the power of creativity to impact their school, their community and the world.”

Additionally, many students in these programs perform, compete and create at the highest levels. Some are awarded college scholarships for their talents.

A Community within a Community

For many students, the fine arts offerings are more than just a stage, a classroom or a studio. They are a home away from home. It’s where they build lifelong friendships and find a sense of belonging.

Parents often report that they appreciate that their kids are not just being taught skills. Students are building a community where support is always there to help them reach their full potential. Parents also share they appreciate that teachers are caring adult role models who genuinely support and mentor each student.

“Parents notice that engagement in our programs extends beyond the classroom,” said Maine East Department Chair Sarah Djordjevic. “Participation in the arts helps students stay connected to the larger school community, keeping them involved, motivated and supported both academically and socially. Many families say that the program not only nurtures their child’s creativity but also contributes to their overall growth and success.”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Scan the QR codes below or visit the links for upcoming performances and shows at each school:

MAINE EAST:



<https://bit.ly/MaineEastFineArts>

MAINE SOUTH:



<https://bit.ly/MaineSouthFineArts>

MAINE WEST:



<https://bit.ly/MaineWestFineArts>



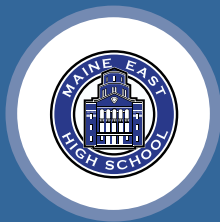
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We Want YOU ... to Join District 207

District 207 is seeking passionate individuals to help better the lives of students. From teachers to administrative assistants to maintenance, there's a role in District 207 for nearly everyone.

The district offers many employee advantages, including competitive salary and benefits.

Several of the anticipated openings include:

- Art Teacher
- Counselor
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher
- Custodian
- English Teacher
- Math Teacher
- School Nurse
- Physical Education/Health Teacher
- Science Teacher
- Security Guard
- Social Science Teacher
- Speech Pathologist
- World Language Teacher



For a list of current open positions, please visit bit.ly/D207Hiring or visit the district website at www.maine207.org. Don't see the position you're hoping for? New positions open up throughout the year, so if there is not a position you are interested in today, check back in a few months to see which positions are available. ■



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