

The Maynard Public Schools are committed to high academic standards that encourage students, teachers, and community members to achieve their personal best through lifelong learning.



MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Due to the community's support, our students continue to excel in academics and in extra-curricular activities; our test scores continue to climb; and our staff are continually improving. Maynard is "the little District that could..."

High School

- HS MCAS continual progress:
 - Physics & Bio: State 75%; MHS 95%
 - Proficient and Advanced numbers > High
- Advanced Placement Tests
 - 2000: 28 students took 30 APs
 - 2007: 46 students took 69 APs
 - 63% can earn college credit
 - (this spring more students have taken more APs across a broader spectrum)
- SATs: 2007 highest scores in four years.
 - Above national average in all 3 subsections
 - Writing: 540/495; Math: 518/515; Reading: 511/502
- HS Economics class advanced to the New England finalist round.
- Band & Chorus earned 3 Gold Medals at the Big East Music Festival.
- MHS students in Northeastern's Mentors in Violence Prevention program were honored for their outstanding work in establishing local roots for the program.
- Connections Program will be graduating its first group of students into the world of work.
- Both the Girls' and Boys' soccer teams qualified for post-season play.
- Both the Girls' and Boys' basketball teams qualified for the Districts.
 - Boys' team voted the Sportsmanship Award of the league.
- Assabet/Maynard Boys' Hockey Team advanced into the first two rounds of post-season.
- Boys' baseball team has qualified for District play.

Fowler:

- Two students won awards in the Mass science poetry contest.
- Launched a new reading initiative in grades K-5 that is showing impressive results
- The Community Service Learning program provided middle and high school students with several opportunities to become active participants in our community
- Fowler Band earned 'Platinum' -again- in the Central Mass District competition.
- Five students earned places in the Central Mass District Band.
- Boys' basketball team was undefeated.

Green Meadow:

- Our third grade students matched or exceeded all proficiency levels in both the Reading and Mathematics MCAS in spring 2007.
- PTO has sponsored many events and improved the school program by purchasing laptops, funding increased bus transportation for field trips and providing Enrichment activities.

- Grade 2 hosted another excellent Art Show at Art Space; the theme was the Circus.
- Grade 2 continued their extensive work in the vernal pool, named Grace. Consultants from the Audubon Society assisted teachers and students.
- Curriculum Nights were held at each grade level to educate parents in various content areas.
- The STAR and EXCEL programs offered two parent and student workshops.
- Grades 1, 2 and 3 each had spring concerts; all grade levels performed in a holiday concert.

School budget information, including this evening's presentation and expense & salary line item detail can be found at:
<http://www.maynardschools.org/reports.html>.

Challenges ahead:

Notwithstanding our student successes, our school facilities have significant deficiencies.

Green Meadow this summer will get new roof fans and classroom unit ventilators in the original wing. Next year the Committee will advance a capital needs warrant to replace the temperature control system, thus linking the (new last year) boilers to the fans and classroom unit ventilators and bringing the heating and ventilation system up to current standards.

Fowler has had a boiler replaced this year (at the company's expense) and the capital needs warrant has included funds to repair a roof-top heating unit.

High School is on Accreditation probation for facilities issues. However the School Committee's facilities committee, in collaboration with NEASC, is coordinating *short-term* renovations that immediately impact teaching & learning, e.g. this year's newly renovated and expanded library. The Capital Needs Committee's first priority in this spring's warrant is to renovate the science labs. These yearly, short-term improvements will maintain Maynard High Schools' New England Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation.

The School Committee, with the assistance its Facilities committee, is at the same time working on a *long-term* high school facility plan with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Recently the MSBA moved the high school to 'Feasibility Planning' status. The facilities committee is now drafting a "scope of feasibility plan" which will be submitted to the MSBA. When that plan is approved, the MSBA will begin actively working with the District to develop the long-term solution to the major systemic problems of the facility. While unfortunately none of these processes are rapid, we are moving steadily forward to address our facilities challenges.

School Committee

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Facilities committee

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Facilities information, including the most current correspondence with NEASC and MSBA, can be found at:
<http://www.maynardschools.org/reports.html>.