

Malden High School

You Are Not Alone

End of Year Plan - Grades 9-12

Grading:

Over the past several weeks, the administrative team has met numerous times. In an effort to provide our students with the most equitable approach to grading, Malden High School will implement the following plan that is “student friendly,” which provides additional time and support to complete all assignments. It also takes into consideration all guidelines set forth by DESE. This is our first time addressing this challenge, and while it may not be perfect, it is a plan that has resulted from hours of thoughtful conversations about the purpose of grades during this time, the many situations our families are facing that impact the learning experience, and the commitment to doing what is best for our students. We also recognize that we remain in an ever-changing situation. Please know that while the work below represents our best efforts given the information we currently have, we recognize that future information and guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education may necessitate the need to adjust our approach moving forward.

- Third and fourth quarters will be combined in an effort to provide students the best opportunity to complete assignments. This will provide educators with a knowledge of the students’ understanding and level of mastery of the content that was shared during remote learning. This also allows students to receive credit for all work completed prior to March 12.
- All assignments during remote learning will be graded as “*P*” for *passed in* or “*Inc*” for “*Incomplete*.” When the work is completed the *INC* will be

changed to *P*.

- Taking into consideration the effects that Covid-19 has had on families, this will allow students to pass in assignments beyond the 4:00 p.m. Friday time frame that students have been given to submit assignments for the week.
- Administration is working with staff to provide support for any student that does not pass in their weekly assignments on Friday.
- “*INC*” will be converted to “*NC*” for *No Credit* if assignments are not submitted by the end of the school year.
- Based on the amount of work completed, as well as the level of competency that the students have displayed with the assignments, the student will receive a grade of *Pass or Fail* for the combined 3rd/4th quarter.
- For any student that is awarded a failing grade, or any teacher that anticipates a failing grade, that teacher must meet with the student’s House Principal as well as Principal Mastrangelo to explain the reasoning behind the grade. They must also provide documentation demonstrating that they had provided the student with support to acquire the skills needed to pass the course. Principal Mastrangelo has the final determination on all grades.
- In an effort to support the student in their efforts to be successful, Malden High School staff will communicate with the student and caregiver if assignments are not being submitted.
- The grade from the combined 3rd/4th quarters will be calculated with the grades from quarters one and two, as well as the mid-year exam, to determine the final grade for the school year.
- There will not be graded Final Exams for students.
- The final grade is weighted in the following way:
 - Quarter 1 = 30%, Quarter 2 = 30%, Mid Year Exam = 10%, Combined 3rd and 4th quarter = 30%
 - Combined 3rd and 4th quarter grade is either Pass or Fail (In the best interest of all students, we will use 100% for Pass and 59% for Fail.)
 - Final Grades will be either PASS or FAIL for the year.
- The student’s GPA will be calculated from grades received during quarter one and quarter two.
- This change in practice will be noted on the student’s official transcript as well as the MHS school profile.

- “Covid-19” will be noted on all official transcripts for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Seniors who are in danger of not graduating have already been identified and steps were put in place prior to March 12.

Senior Class end of the year events:

The Administration of Malden High School has been in constant contact with the Central Office around these events. Malden High School will make every effort to honor our traditions. Many adjustments will be made to assure that the safety of all attending remains the highest priority.

Graduation Ceremony:

- The ceremony has been postponed from the scheduled date of May 31.
 - The ceremony will be rescheduled for early August. This ceremony will comply with local, state, and federal mandates around restrictions and social distancing guidelines. **If the mandates do not allow for large gatherings at this date, a new date will be discussed.**
 - Each graduate will receive two tickets to share with family and friends; there is no negotiation with the number of tickets.
 - With approximately 400 graduates, we will have approximately 800 people attending as spectators. We will provide a seating arrangement within McDonald Stadium that will allow for proper social distancing.
 - There will be a controlled entrance and exit of the stadium by students and spectators.
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- The graduates will be spread several feet apart on the field to allow for proper social distancing.
 - All students will receive and wear masks.
 - The ceremony will be limited to “Essential” attendees, including:
 - Graduating students and two guests per student

- Mayor, MHS Administration, Senior Class Adviser, limited members of band and chorus, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents.
- In an effort to decrease the number of people in the stadium, faculty will not attend this year.
- In an effort to decrease the number of people in the stadium, invited guests that have traditionally attended the event will not attend this year.
- Masks will be mandated for all family members in attendance.
- No one other than students and essential staff will be allowed onto the field before or after the ceremony.
- We are planning to live stream MHS Graduation on Facebook, and it will be recorded by MATV (similar to prior years).

Scholarship/ Awards Night:

Malden High School has hosted a Scholarship / Awards night for many years. This ceremony has been hosted in the Jenkins Auditorium and is well attended by families, award winners, and donors. Not knowing the timelines around social distancing and unable to properly socially distance in the Jenkins Auditorium, this ceremony will be cancelled this year. The awards and scholarships will still be distributed. To properly acknowledge the generosity of our donors, there will be a press release listing the Scholarship (donor) and recipient. This press release will be published on social media, school websites, and local newspapers.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony:

Malden High School has held an NHS Induction Ceremony for many years. This ceremony has always been well attended and has been considered one of the

“Senior Week” activities. It would be difficult to follow social distancing protocols during this ceremony. It is held in the Jenkins Auditorium, with the inductees sitting in close proximity on the stage. The highlight of this evening has always been the student testimonials that are read. In place of this, we will produce a video that highlight the testimonials as well as key moments of the NHS ceremony. This video will be available on social media, school websites, and will be posted online. All graduating members of the NHS will be wearing the traditional gold rope sash during the graduation ceremony.

Senior Prom / Red Carpet:

This year's prom was scheduled for May 22 at the Danversport Yacht Club. Danversport has cancelled all events through May 18. They provided very few dates, mostly at the end of the summer, to reschedule. Although we are still investigating possible dates for the prom at Danversport, Malden High School can host. We can utilize the courtyard, gallery, and gym for the venue. This plan would allow the students to come back to Malden High School for one more night. The class of 2020 has raised sufficient funds during their time at Malden High School which would allow the prom to be free of charge, as all expenses would be covered. This event could also serve as a “Community Event.” It is our hope that many local businesses would embrace the opportunity to contribute to this special night for our Class of 2020.

Senior Cookout:

This event is traditionally held in the courtyard, the week before graduation. This year's Senior Cookout will be postponed until August with the hope that

restrictions will be eased to the point that we can provide an “End of the Summer” celebration before the Class of 2020 heads off to the next chapter in their lives.