

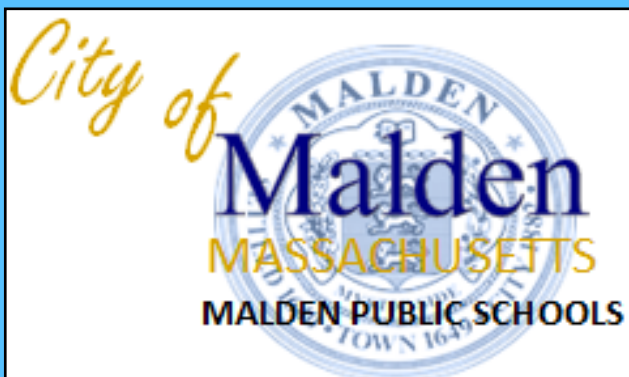
MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ROCKS !

*Bringing the
GOOD NEWS
from our District to
the Families, Staff
& Students of
the Malden
Public Schools*



June turns up the joy

All of our schools have special activities to celebrate end of year



Salemwood School 8th graders won the 'World Cup' at Field Day

Malden Public Schools/ Steve Freker Photo

We Made It!

MHS Class of 2023 says goodbye at Graduation



Malden High School Graduates 409 with Senior Class of 2023

By Steve Freker

For the Malden Public Schools

After 12 years of matriculation, one more day did not seem to be too long to wait to make sure they had the proper sendoff.

Planned for Sunday afternoon, but moved to Monday night due to weather, no spirits were dampened at all as the Malden High School Class of 2023 was honored at the 173rd Commencement.

Family and friends filled Macdonald Stadium as 409 members of this year's senior class received their diplomas.

This year's senior class was one that withstood lots of adversity and challenges, including being freshmen when the once in a 100 years COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020 and then spent most of their sophomore year in remote learning.

Despite all of this, Malden High School principal Chris Mastrangelo proudly told those assembled this year's class was one of the most successful academically in school history.

Many members of the Class of 2023 are graduating with a Grade Point Average of 4.0 or higher (all A's), while close to 150 have achieved an Honor Roll GPA of 3.0 or better. Over 80% of this year's class is headed to either a 4-year college or university, a 2-year community college or a certificate granting program.

Many Class of 2023 graduates were recipients of financial assistance with their higher learning, the most impressive distinction being the second consecutive year of a \$1,000 scholarship being presented by the city of **Class of 2023, Page 7**

Superintendent's Message

As the school year draws to a close, we celebrate our achievements as a district and look ahead to more success for our students

Dear Caregivers, Students, Community Members and Partners:

When we arrive at the end of the school year, it always brings mixed feelings. We say goodbye to our students and staff for the summer while also celebrating the achievements we have made as a district during this school year. At this time, we see the seniors from our Malden High School Class of 2023 and the 8th-graders from our K-8 schools moving on with graduation ceremonies, while also welcoming the families of our newest kindergarten students with the hustle and bustle of registration.

Congratulations to our Senior Class of 2023 who are always front and center in the month of June with many signature activities, including the Senior Prom and highlighted by Graduation Day. This year's senior class graduation was held a day later than planned, on Monday, June 5 at Macdonald Stadium, due to inclement weather. The change did not affect any of the fine spirit on display, as it was day of excitement, pride and recognition. The new graduates and their families were so happy that day and we wish them all the very best as they move on. We are confident the Malden Public Schools has helped provide a strong foundation, both academically and socially, that will guide these graduates to continued success in their future endeavors.



This has been a tremendous year for our district in so many ways. All of the metrics the Malden Public Schools employs to gauge student performance point to continued progress and improvement in terms of academic progress, which remains at the core of our district's mission. Our standardized test scores across the district have improved and all of our assessments show progress. This school year we have continued to make gains in supporting the social-emotional and mental health of our students with the addition of staff and programming to meet their individual needs. The priority of the Malden Public Schools in expecting and supporting academic excellence and the well-being of our students will always be our number one priority.

Though our regular school year has come to a close, there are still many more opportunities for learning, support and enrichment for our students. We encourage our families to take advantage of the all that is offered. Please visit our website at www.maldenps.org and contact us with any questions or to get more information.

I wish all of you a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to another exciting and productive school year beginning in August!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy
Superintendent

Bubbling over with fun

First graders at the Ferryway School end-of-school Bubble Party



Linden STEAM Field Day



Congratulations, Seniors

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Malden to every Class of 2023 student moving on to higher education.

Last year was the first time this had ever been done in city history and Malden Mayor Gary Christenson triumphantly announced this well-received news at last week's Senior Scholarship Night held at Malden High. The mayor recalled this generous gesture on behalf of the city once again at Monday's graduation ceremony.

Close to 100 seniors received a total of \$78,000 in scholarships at the recent Senior Awards Night. On Monday, the Malden High School Scholarship corporation awarded 33 recipients of \$4,000 scholarships, another new high mark, as announced by Trustee Greg Lucey.

Mayor Christenson delivered greetings from the city and in doing so noted that he and the Class of 2023 had something in common.

"We both started at the same time," Mayor Christenson told the graduates, "We both came up together, as you started in school the same year that I began serving as Mayor, in 2012."

Mayor Christenson told the graduates he and the entire city of Malden had "a great sense of pride in all you have accomplished" and assured them their room for achievement in the future "had no limits".

Malden Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy noted the Class of 2023 had a penchant for positivity. "You really know how to celebrate and today is another great example."

Supt. Noriega-Murphy said, "I am happy to have met so many of you in the past and we are very excited to see how you will succeed in the future."

Top-ranked student and Class Valedictorian Ryan Li spoke of using the resources and assistance available to students. "Just because we triumphed through the toughest years of our life through an unforgettable endeavor does not mean that we can conquer problems alone" Li said.



Vivienne Crawford ready for her diploma.

Class Valedictorian
Ryan Li



FOUR 'Gs' — Kyle Lee got a \$4,000 scholarship!

Status of the P-EBT Payment for the 2022-23 School Year

Families will receive a retroactive P-EBT payment on June 25, 2023 for COVID-19-related school absences (school days ONLY) that occurred September 2022 through May 11, 2023. In addition, Malden Public School students (K-12) and their families will receive \$120 per student in one Summer P-EBT payment on July 25, 2023.

This is the last round of school year and summer P-EBT food benefits following the end of the federal public health emergency on May 11, 2023.

For further information, including how to request a new or



replacement card, go to the link below.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-approved-to-continue-p-ebt-food-benefits-for-school-year->

Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Calendar

MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023-2024 CALENDAR

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Grades 1-12): August 30

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for PreSchool and
K: September 7

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL W/O SNOW DAYS: June 12

Structured Academic Time on Learning:

MHS: Minimum of 990 Hours (Seniors 912 Hours)

K-8: Minimum of 900 Hours

PK: Minimum of 425 Hours

AUGUST 2023 (2 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	28	29	30*	31		

8/28: First Day for All Staff - No School for Students
8/29: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
8/30* First Day of School for Grades 1-12
8/31: Kindergarten Orientation/Screening

SEPTEMBER 2023 (19 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

9/1: No School
9/4: No School - Labor Day
9/5: Classes Resumes
9/5 & 9/6: Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
9/7: First Day of School for PreSchool and Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2023 (21 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

10/3: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
10/9: No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day

NOVEMBER 2023 (18 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

11/7: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
11/10: No School - Veterans Day
11/22: 11:00 am Dismissal
11/23-24: No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2023 (16 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

12/22: 11:00 am Dismissal
12/25-1/1: No School - Winter Break

JANUARY 2024 (20 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1/1: No School - Winter Break
1/2: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
1/3: Classes Resumes
1/15: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 2024 (16 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

2/6: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
2/20-24: No School - February Break

MARCH 2024 (21 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

3/5: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
3/29: 11:00 am Dismissal

APRIL 2024 (17 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

4/2: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
4/15-19: No School - Spring Break

MAY 2024 (22 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

5/7: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
5/17: MHS Seniors Last Day of School
5/27: No School - Memorial Day

JUNE 2024 (8 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	

6/2: Malden High School Graduation
6/12: Last day w/o snow days (180 Days)
11:00am Dismissal
6/19: No School - Juneteenth
6/20: Tentative last day of school w/ 5 snow days (185 Days)

Extenuating circumstances and/or inclement weather may necessitate changes to the calendar during the year. Visit Maldenps.org calendar for current information.

Malden Public Schools proudly serves a multi-cultural and religiously diverse community. Although the schools are open, excused absence is available in observance of religious holidays. Students who miss school work because of an excused absence will be given time to complete assignments/tests by the educator.

Malden Public Schools 2023-2024 District Wide Instructional Focus & Goals

INSTRUCTIONAL CORE: Students, Educators, Content

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS: Literacy, Numeracy, and to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism

GOAL 1 Increase Student Learning and Performance

GOAL 2 Create Coherent, Aligned, Measurable, Accountable Structures and Systems

GOAL 3 Mental Social & Emotional Needs to Create Safe Learning Environments

GOAL 4 Transparency, Communication, and Calibration

GOAL 5 Financial Planning – Life after Grants (ESSER III –ARP)

GOAL 6 Gather Data To Inform Practice

In addition to announcing Instructional Focus and Goals at the last School Committee meeting, Supt. Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy also noted Malden Public Schools will be initiating a pilot Honors Pathways for Grade 5 as we fully implement the Honors Pathways in Grades 6-8. This year we had 160 students enrolled in the Honors Pathways

DISTRICT WIDE ASSESSMENTS

are UP! across the district as we evaluate the 2022-23 school year

Preliminary Spring Data Kindergarten

As a district, we have 73% of students 'on Mid or Above and Early on Grade-Level' compared to 20% in the Fall 53% increase!!

Categories	Fall 2022		Spring 2023	
Mid or Above Grade Level	6%	22	46%	168
Early On Grade Level	14%	52	27%	96
One Grade Level Below	79%	287	27%	98
Two Grades Level Below	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Preliminary Spring Data - District i-Ready Grades K-8

As a district, we have 54% of students 'on-grade-level' compared to 31% in the Fall 23% increase!!

Categories	Fall 2022		Spring 2023	
Mid or Above Grade Level	16%	600	35%	1,321
Early On Grade Level	15%	572	19%	699
One Grade Level Below	35%	1,306	23%	848
Two Grades Level Below	14%	539	9%	335
Three of More Grade Level Below	20%	743	15%	557

**Math:
Preliminary
IXL Data -
Grade K-5**

**On or above
increased
from 47%
to 54%**

7% Increase!

Categories	Fall 2022		Spring 2023	
Above Grade Level	9%	257	13%	363
On Grade Level	38%	1,062	41%	1,124
Below Grade Level (1)	26%	716	26%	716
Far Below Grade Level (2+)	15%	403	18%	489
Not Pinpointed	12%	330	3%	76

**Math:
Preliminary
IXL Data -
Grade K-5**

**On or above
increased
from 23%
to 34%**

**11%
Increase**

Categories	Fall 2022		Spring 2023	
Above Grade Level	6%	95	7%	103
On Grade Level	17%	257	27%	392
Below Grade Level (1)	20%	288	22%	330
Far Below Grade Level (2+)	49%	715	41%	605
Not Pinpointed	8%	117	3%	42

***In our district wide MCAS Testing
we have seen participation reach
close to 100% in every grade level!***

Malden Public Schools is hiring



JOIN US AT MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

Located within the greater Boston area, MPS serves nearly 7,000 students in grades PreK-12. We're committed to providing high expectations for all learners through rigorous instruction and culturally responsive practices. **Are you ready to join us?**

OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2023-24:

- Teacher
- **Special Education Teacher**
- **ESL Teacher**
- School Psychologist
- Education Support Professionals

OUR SCHOOLS

- Early Learning Center
- Beebe School (K-8)
- Ferryway School (K-8)
- Forestdale School (K-8)
- Linden STEAM Academy (K-8)
- Salemwood School (K-8)
- Malden High School (9-12)

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6,800
STUDENTS

FROM



59
COUNTRIES

SPEAKING



67
LANGUAGES



JOIN THE EARLY APPLICANT POOL BY APPLYING TODAY!

To apply, scan the QR code or visit
maldenps.tedk12.com



2023 SUMMER PROGRAMS

REQUIRED FOR PROMOTION



MHS CREDIT RECOVERY

Grades 9-12
Wed, July 5 - Thu, August 3
Malden High School



TITLE I MIDDLE SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY

Current Grades 6-8
Wed, July 5 - Thu, August 3
Malden High School

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



ELL SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Rising Grades 3-8 / EL Levels 1-2
Wed, July 5 - Thu, August 3
Salemwood



ELL SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Rising Grade 5 / EL Levels 1-2
Mon, July 10 - Fri, July 14
Salemwood



MALDEN ACADEMIC & ADVENTURES PROGRAM

Rising Grade 9 (*good standing only*)
Mon, July 10 - Thu, July 27
Malden High School



ELL SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Rising Grades 9-12 / MHS EL
Wed, July 5 - Thu, August 3
Malden High School



TITLE I SUMMER ACCELERATION (ELEMENTARY)

Rising Grades K-6
Wed, July 5 - Thu, August 3
Salemwood



EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR SERVICES

For students with ESY in their IEPs
Wed, July 5 - Thu, August 3
ELC at Beebe, K-8 at Linden,
9-12 at Malden High School

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



CHINESE CULTURE CONNECTION

Rising Grades K-5
Mon, June 26 - Fri, July 28
Forestdale



YWCA SCHOOL AGED CHILD CARE

Rising Grades K-5
St. Paul's Church



HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Rising Grades 9-12
July 31 - August 4
Malden High School



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER STEM/ HIP HOP ENRICHMENT

Rising Grades 6-9
July 10-20
Malden High School



HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER STEM/ HIP HOP ENRICHMENT

Rising Grades 9-12
June 26-July 20
Malden High School



YWCA 21st CENTURY PROGRAM

Rising Grades
3-5 / 6-8
Monday - Thursday
Malden High School



OUT OF SCHOOL TIME SUMMER PROGRAM

Rising Grades K-6
Mon, June 26 - Fri,
July 28
Forestdale

MPS Summer Reading Lists & Assignment Available Online



www.maldenps.org
Info available on district website, above, or on the link listed below

<https://sites.google.com/maldenps.org/malden-literacy/summer-reading-2023>

***Students, Educators, Staff, Caregivers,
Community Members,
and School Committee Members***

Thank you for all your support!

Have a wonderful Summer!