



Executive Summary

The SY2026-27 Program of Study is a comprehensive document listing the menu of courses that could be offered within the district at any grade level preK-12. Not all courses in the Program of Study are offered every year; for example, student enrollment in courses and staffing affect decisions about what courses are offered. The Program of Study is posted on the district's website and can be used by families of high school students as they do course-selection.

Change from the 2025-26 document are listed below:

- Updates in dates (for example: report card dates shift year to year).
- Update in Graduation Requirements to reflect the new Competency Determination Policy adopted by the Malden School Committee in December 2025.
- Annual accuracy check to ensure course-titles are accurate; course-codes are accurate; and course codes match DESE guidelines.
- A few new courses were added:
 - Courses that were offered in 2025-26 but listed in an addendum to the 2025-26 Program are now represented in the full document:
 - Introduction to Hydroponics and Gardening
 - Stocks, Bonds and How to Invest
 - School-to-Career Program
 - Advanced Placement (AP) Academic Study
 - Courses that were added to the Program of Study in SY27:
 - ESL 3/4 - a new course serving students who are dually identified as English Learners and Students with Disabilities, assigned based on services written into IEP and identified language acquisition service-delivery requirements.
 - Foundations of Math 2&3: New courses to support students who need more support with Math 2 and Math 3 concepts, paralleling an existing support course for Math 1
 - Applied Health Science 1 & 2: Shifting a previously yearlong course to two, semester-long courses to allow students more flexibility in scheduling.
 - Mixed Media: An art course for students who have completed Intro to Art and Ceramics. From SY25 to SY26 we nearly doubled our students taking visual arts (from around 600 seats to around 1,150 seats). With an increase in the number of students taking Intro to Art in SY26, we are creating a new elective course for SY27 that these students could take to further develop their art skills.
 - Updating with new curriculum adopted:
 - The Health Curriculum was listed as TBD the 25-26 Program, as it was adopted by the School Committee in spring 2026. This update is reflected in the 2026-27 program.
 - The 9th and 10th grade English Language Arts Curriculum is not explicitly listed, anticipating a vote from the School Committee in April 2026.