



October is
COLLEGE MONTH
in the Boston Public Schools.

Suggested activities for schools...

ALL SCHOOLS

- Coordinate “Represent Your Alma Mater Day” activities (October 24), with staff wearing alumni apparel and leading classroom discussions about the college experience
- Encourage teachers to facilitate an English Language Arts writing exercise for students about what jobs/careers interest them, and why going to college is important
- Encourage business partners to describe their careers to students in classrooms or after school programs, as well as the educational credentials necessary to pursue the career
- Encourage parents to visit the TERI College Centers for information about applications, colleges, careers and financial assistance

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Review the BPS “Career and College Guide” (available online at www.bostonpublicschools.org/college) with students in classrooms and advisory periods, and with parents at open houses
- Distribute College Board’s “College Scoop” magazine to Grade 8 students
- Participate in “Get Ready for College Day” (October 6 -27)
- Invite high school Headmasters and guidance counselors to address students about selecting high schools and the transition from middle school
- Schedule visits to Boston high schools for 8th grade students

HIGH SCHOOLS

- Review the BPS “Career and College Guide” (available online at www.bostonpublicschools.org/college) with students in classrooms and advisory periods, and with parents at open houses
- Administer the free PSAT to all 10th and 11th grade students (October 15), while holding college information sessions for freshmen and seniors
- Arrange for students to attend any of several college/career fairs, including the Hispanic College Fair (October 10) and the Historically Black College Fair (October 16).
- Encourage students and families to contact and visit college campuses and admissions offices during weekends, holidays and school vacations
- Encourage seniors to schedule appointments with their ACCESS financial aid advisor
- Encourage teachers and other adults in the school community to assist students with their college essays and applications
- Encourage seniors to register and take the SAT and subject tests

YOU CAN go to college!

We want to help you get there. October is **College Month** in the Boston Public Schools.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR STUDENTS

“Get Ready for College” Day

October 6 – 27, 2008

All Boston public middle schools

Early college awareness programs in every 8th Grade class

Sponsored by TERI College Access

Hispanic College Fair

October 10, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Reggie Lewis Track and Field Center, Roxbury

Sponsored by Roxbury Community College and HOPE

District-Wide PSAT Testing for 10th and 11th graders

October 15, 2008

All BPS High Schools

YMCA/Black Achievers Historically Black College Fair

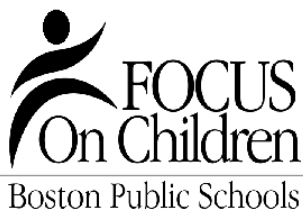
October 16, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Boston College, Flynn Recreation Center, Brighton

“Represent Your Alma Mater” Day

Friday, October 24

All BPS school and central office staff are encouraged to wear apparel featuring the college from which they graduated. Talk to students and answer their questions about the college experience.



Check out the
“Next Stop, College” Info Page Online at
www.bostonpublicschools.org/college