




# Advanced Placement

*Expanding access and improving achievement*

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John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics & Science



The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Boston a **\$2.4 million grant** to expand Advanced Placement.

The grant will support work to improve:

- **Access:** number and diversity of students enrolled
- **Retention:** AP course completion rates, and
- **Achievement:** higher AP exam scores



October is  
**College  
Month**

in the Boston Public Schools!



[www.bostonpublicschools.org/college](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/college)



The O'Bryant is one of 10 Massachusetts high schools in the first cohort of the **Mass. Math & Science Initiative**, an AP training and award program.



Students who pass an AP exam in high school are **three times more likely to finish college.**



The number of BPS juniors and seniors enrolled in Advanced Placement has grown from 1,582 students five years ago to 2,304 today –

**a 46% increase!**





“I am calling on Superintendent Johnson to double the number of Advanced Placement classes in the next five years.”

- **Mayor Thomas M. Menino**,  
2008 State of the City Address



The John D. O’Bryant School of Math & Science  
and Boston Latin Academy  
are past winners of the prestigious

**Siemens Award for  
Advanced Placement**





Boston public high schools offer courses in  
**28 AP subjects.**



Over 90% of four-year colleges  
in the U.S. provide credit  
and/or advanced placement for  
**qualifying AP scores.**





In November 2008, Mayor Menino launched  
**Success Boston**,  
aimed at dramatically increasing the number  
of BPS students completing college.



Over the past two school years and  
summers, BPS has trained

**281 teachers, headmasters  
and guidance counselors**

in Advanced Placement instruction  
and placement through the  
College Board Institute.





A record **77.8%** of Boston Public Schools graduates from the Class of 2007 were enrolled in **post-secondary education or training** a year after graduating from high school.



In school year 2004-2005, BPS offered a total of 99 AP classes.

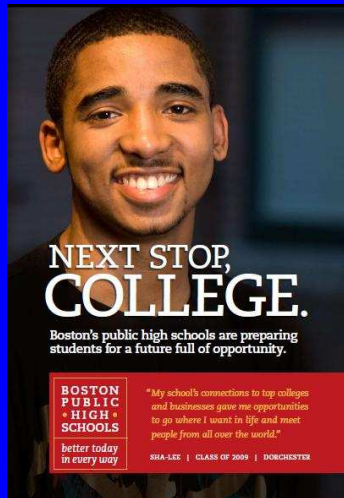
Today, BPS offers 136 AP classes – a **37% increase**.

The increase among non-exam schools is **67%**.



Superintendent Johnson's  
**Acceleration Agenda** includes  
 specific academic targets, including:

- District-wide average SAT score of 1650+
- 100% of high school students taking at least one AP, Honors or dual-enrollment course
- 80% four-year graduation rate



The **"Next Stop, College"** campaign features college-bound BPS graduates describing their career goals.



BPS is **one of only 20 school districts nationwide** to receive federal funding through the Advanced Placement Incentive Program (APIP) grant.



In a national survey, college admissions officers cited **enrollment and performance in college preparatory courses** as the most important factor in admissions decisions.

Source: National Association of College Admissions Officers





The \$2.4 million federal grant to Boston will support AP and pre-AP expansion in

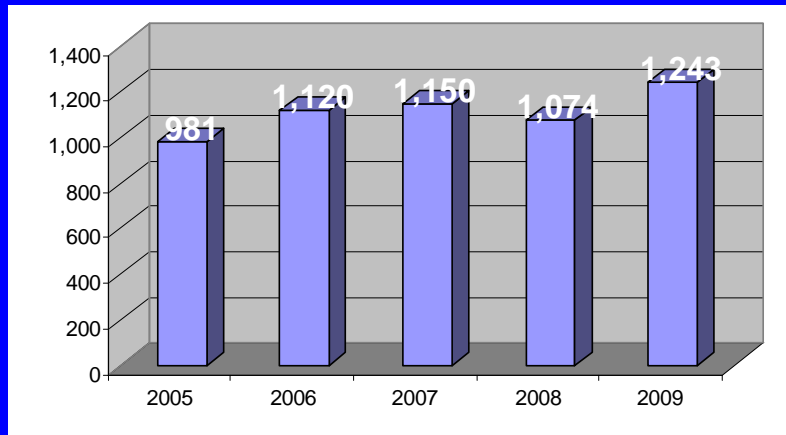
**32 Boston public high schools**

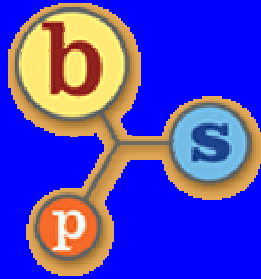
and

**14 Boston public middle/K-8 schools**



**BPS students' AP exams scoring 3 or higher**





The Boston Science  
Partnership's  
**AP Science  
Support Program**

offers students  
laboratory enrichment,  
tutoring and mentoring,  
and practice exams.

