

## About Our High Schools

Within Boston there are:

- Small high schools with fewer than 500 students, each with a unique theme and focus. Some of these schools have special admission processes.
- Larger (sometimes called “comprehensive”) high schools, which offer small learning communities and a broad selection of courses.
- Exam schools, which base admission on results of the Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE), given in November, and grade point average. Please note that these schools admit very few new students to grade 9.



## A Checklist for School Visits

When visiting high schools, consider the following as you decide which schools are the best fit:

- ☑ What are the school’s student achievement data, such as MCAS results, AYP status, promotion and graduation rates, and percentage of graduates going on to college?
- ☑ Does the school have a special admissions process? (All of BPS’s exam schools and some of the small schools have special admissions processes.)
- ☑ What is the school’s curriculum and style of teaching?
- ☑ Which special education programs, language programs, Advanced Placement (AP) and honors courses are available?
- ☑ What services and programs are available for students who need extra academic support or counseling?
- ☑ Where is the school located? (High school students who attend schools more than 2 miles from home receive MBTA passes.)
- ☑ What are the opportunities for parent involvement?
- ☑ What is the size of the school?
- ☑ What is the school’s environment and climate?
- ☑ What are the school’s hours?
- ☑ Does the school have athletic programs, clubs, tutoring, and/or other after-school activities?
- ☑ What are the facilities like? Is there a gym, library, pool, auditorium, music and art studios?
- ☑ How diverse are the students and faculty?

## Tips for Choosing a High School

All Boston Public Schools (BPS) high schools are citywide, open to all students regardless of where they live in the city.

- ▶ Visit several schools before registering. This is the best way to get to know a school.
- ▶ More than 30 employers offer paid time off for Boston parents to visit schools during the school day as part of School Preview Time. Check with your employer to see if you are eligible for this benefit.
- ▶ For information about each school, read *Introducing the Boston Public Schools*. This guide is available on-line, at the three FRCs, and at schools. The 2009 edition will be available in December. You can also call or visit any Family Resource Center for more information.
- ▶ WGBH’s “Eye on Education” Web site provides an on-line tool to help students pick the high schools that best meet their needs. Go to: [www.eyoneducation.tv/schoolchoice/](http://www.eyoneducation.tv/schoolchoice/)
- ▶ Registration for BPS kindergarten, grade 6, and grade 9 begins on **January 5, 2009**. Call a Family Resource Center or check our Web site for more information on times, locations, and required documents.

## Take a closer look at BPS high schools during SCHOOL PREVIEW TIME

**November 3, 2008 – January 23, 2009**

*From arts and technology to engineering and  
global studies, it’s all here!*

**School Preview Time** is for all families considering enrollment in the Boston Public Schools (BPS). Visiting schools is the best way to decide which ones might be a good match for the student and his or her family.

School Preview Time (SPT) is a great time for families and students to visit BPS schools serving grades 9–12. During SPT, our high schools have special visiting hours and activities to introduce families to their offerings. Each school’s SPT hours are listed on the reverse side.

For more information on our schools, registration, and enrollment, please contact:

- ▶ [www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org)
- ▶ BPS Family Resource Centers:
  - 1216 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester ☎ 617-635-8015
  - 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury ☎ 617-635-9010
  - 515 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale ☎ 617-635-8040

## Registering for High School

**For your best chance of assignment to a school of your choice, register for grade 9 in the first registration period, January 5–February 6, 2009.**

Students who currently attend a BPS school will receive an application in January listing their school choices. Students who are new to the BPS must register at a BPS Family Resource Center (FRC). Don’t forget to bring updated immunization records and required proofs of Boston residency. Please visit the BPS website for complete registration requirements, or contact any FRC.

*Choose at least five schools* on the application and rank them in order of your preference, with your top choice listed first. The more schools you choose, the better your chance of an assignment to a school you want.

If you are interested in an exam school or a small school with a special admissions process, please contact any FRC or the school for information regarding the application process. Start early, since some deadlines are in the fall.

**Boston Public Schools ■ 26 Court Street ■ Boston MA 02108**

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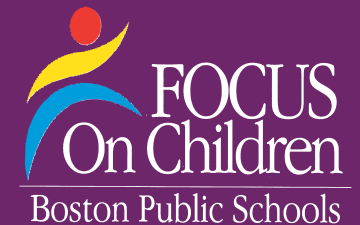
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# HIGH SCHOOL Preview Time

**November 3, 2008 –  
January 23, 2009**

*Our schools offer a world of choices.  
Come in and see for yourself!*



**Office of Enrollment Services  
26 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108  
☎ 617-635-9501**

# Boston Public Schools ■ School Preview Time ■ November 3, 2008 – January 23, 2009

All high schools are citywide, open to students living anywhere in the City of Boston.

**PLEASE NOTE: In fall 2008, the Boston School Committee will vote on recommendations that may involve reprogramming, expanding, relocating or closing existing schools, as well as opening some new programs to meet the academic needs of students. Some of these changes will take effect in September 2009. Therefore, the following school listings are subject to change. Please visit [www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org) for the latest information about your school choices.**

This section lists Boston Public Schools (BPS) options for students in grades 9-12, contact information, and the dates you are invited to visit. Please call the schools you plan to visit to let them know you are coming.

Schools are marked as:

- S** Small school (fewer than 500 students)
- SX** Small school with special entrance process
- V** Technical/vocational
- C** Comprehensive
- E** Exam School

## ANOTHER COURSE TO COLLEGE (S)

617-635-8865 Rachel Skerritt, Headmaster  
20 Warren St., Brighton  
11/6, 9:30-11:30 am; 12/9, 1:30-3:00 pm; 1/14, 9:00-11:00 am

## BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY (SX)

617-635-6470 Linda Nathan and Carmen Torres, Co-Headmasters  
174 Ipswich St., Boston  
11/13, 12/7 and 1/5, 10:00-11:00 am  
Call for information on audition workshops.

## BOSTON COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (SX)

617-635-8937 Nicole Bahnam, Headmaster  
20 Warren St., Brighton  
Wednesdays, 8:00-11:00 am

## BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY (E)

617-635-9957 Maria Garcia-Aaronson, Headmaster  
205 Townsend St., Dorchester  
Daily student-led tours by appointment, 10/1-5/12, 8:00-10:00 am

## BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL (E)

617-635-8895 Lynn Mooney Teta, Headmaster  
78 Ave. Louis Pasteur, Boston  
Daily student-led tours by appointment, 9:00-9:45 am

## BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL (C)

617-635-9873 Toby Romer, Headmaster  
25 Warren St., Brighton  
11/6, 9:00-10:00 am; 12/3, 2:30-3:30 pm; 1/13, 6:00-7:00 pm

## BROOK FARM BUSINESS & SERVICE CAREER ACADEMY (S)

617-635-6956 Edmund Donnelly, Headmaster  
1205 VFW Pkwy., West Roxbury  
11/17, 6:00-8:00 pm; 12/12, 9:00-11:00 am; 1/13, 2:00-4:00 pm

## BURKE HIGH SCHOOL (C)

617-635-9837 Carol Bradley Moore, Headmaster  
60 Washington St., Dorchester  
11/18, 7:30-9:30; 12/11, 5:30-7:30 pm; 1/6, 11:00-1:00 pm

## CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL (C)

617-635-9914 Margaret Ranny Bledsoe, Headmaster  
240 Medford St., Charlestown  
11/13, 12/11 and 1/8, 12:00-2:00 pm

## COMMUNITY ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH (S)

617-635-8950 Linda Cabral, Headmaster  
655 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park  
11/6, 12/4 and 1/8, 9:30-11:00 am

## EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL (C)

617-635-9896 Michael Rubin, Headmaster  
86 White St., East Boston  
11/13, 11/14, 12/11, 12/12, 1/15 and 1/16:  
call 617-635-9896 ext. 129 to schedule a visit.

## THE ENGINEERING SCHOOL (S)

617-635-6425 Mweusi Willingham, Headmaster  
655 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park  
11/13, 12/18 and 1/22, 10:30-11:30 am

## THE ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL (C)

617-635-8979 Jose Duarte, Headmaster  
144 McBride St., Jamaica Plain  
11/12, 5:00-7:00 pm; 12/11, 8:30-10:30 am; 1/17, 9:00-11:00 am

## EXCEL HIGH SCHOOL (S)

617-635-9870 Ligia Noriega, Headmaster  
95 G St., South Boston  
11/19, 12/10 and 1/8, 9:00-11:00 am

## FENWAY HIGH SCHOOL (SX)

617-635-9911 Peggy Kemp, Headmaster  
174 Ipswich St., Boston  
11/14, 12/3, 1/9 and 1/16, 9:00-11:00 am

## HEALTH CAREERS ACADEMY (SX)

617-373-8576 Caren Walker-Gregory, Headmaster  
110 The Fenway, Boston  
11/12, 12/6, 12/13, 1/14 and 1/31: please call the school for times and locations. All applicants to HCA must attend one of the scheduled information sessions to be eligible for the enrollment lottery.

## MADISON PARK TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (V)

617-635-8970 Charles McAfee, Headmaster  
75 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury  
11/25, 12/9 and 1/13, 7:00-9:00 pm

## MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL (S)

617-635-8935 Sung Joon Pai, Headmaster  
1205 VFW Pkwy., West Roxbury  
11/19, 12/10 and 1/14, 9:00-11:00 am

## MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL (S)

617-635-9865 Nadia Cyprien, Headmaster  
95 G St., South Boston  
11/4 and 12/10, 9:00-10:00; 1/6, 12:00-1:00 pm

## NEW MISSION HIGH SCHOOL (SX)

617-635-6437 Naia Wilson, Headmaster  
67 Alleghany St., Roxbury  
Prospective Family Open House: 1/14, 2/25 and 3/25, 6:00-8:00 pm

## NOONAN ACADEMY FOR BUSINESS AND PUBLIC SERVICE (S)

617-635-9730 Headmaster to be named  
9 Peacevale Rd., Dorchester  
11/19, 12/17 and 1/14, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

## O'BRYANT SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE (E)

617-635-9932 Joel Stembridge, Headmaster  
55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury  
Student-led tours by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 pm

## ODYSSEY HIGH SCHOOL (S)

617-635-9860 Headmaster to be named  
95 G St., South Boston  
11/5, 9:00-10:30 am; 12/17, 8:30-10:00 am; 1/15, 9:00-10:30 am

## PARKWAY ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH (S)

617-635-6732 Pamela Hilton, Headmaster  
1205 VFW Pkwy., West Roxbury  
11/12 and 1/14, 9:00-10:30 am; 12/12, 12:00-1:30 pm

## QUINCY UPPER SCHOOL (S)

K-12 program with Quincy Elementary School  
617-635-8940 Bak Fun Wong, Headmaster  
152 Arlington St., Boston (Copley Square)  
11/14, 12/12 and 1/23, 9:00-10:30 am

## SNOWDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AT COPLEY (S)

617-635-9989 Gloria Coulter, Headmaster  
150 Newbury St., Boston  
11/15 and 12/11, 9:00-11:00; 1/14, 6:00-8:00 pm

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ACADEMY (S)

617-635-6960 Winston Cox, Headmaster  
655 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park  
11/14, 12/12 and 1/9, 9:00-11:00 am

## TECHBOSTON ACADEMY (S)

617-635-1615 Mary Benson Skipper, Chief Education Officer  
Grades 6-8: 18 Croftland Ave., Dorchester  
Grades 9-12: 9 Peacevale Rd., Dorchester (School Preview Time visiting hours at this location)  
12/10, 1/7 and 1/21, 12:00-2:00 pm

## URBAN SCIENCE ACADEMY (S)

617-635-8930 Rasheed Hakim Meadows, Headmaster  
1205 VFW Pkwy., West Roxbury  
11/6 and 12/4, 8:00-9:00 am; 1/8, 4:00-5:00 pm

## Specialized and Alternative Schools

### BOSTON ADULT TECHNICAL ACADEMY (SX)

An alternative program for students ages 20-22  
617-635-1542 Sheila Azores, Headmaster  
75 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury  
Call for more information.

### BOSTON DAY AND EVENING ACADEMY (SX)

Day and evening options for students ages 16-22  
617-635-6789 Beatriz Zapater and Karen Cowan, Co-Headmasters  
20 Kearsarge Ave., Roxbury  
11/13, 12/9 and 1/7, 12:00-4:00 pm

### BOSTON INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (SX)

617-635-9373 Oscar Santos, Headmaster  
25 Glen Rd., Jamaica Plain  
New location in September 2009: 100 Maxwell St., Dorchester  
School Preview Time visiting hours at 25 Glen Rd.  
11/12, 12/10 and 1/14, 9:00-11:00 am

### COMMUNITY ACADEMY (SX)

617-635-7734 Linda McIntyre, Headmaster  
76 Shirley St., Roxbury  
11/13, 12/9 and 1/7, 8:00-9:00 am

### GREATER EGLESTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL (SX)

617-635-6429 Julie Coles, Headmaster  
80 School St., Roxbury  
12/22, 9:00-2:30 pm; call for additional dates.

### HORACE MANN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

A K-12 school serving 160 deaf and hard of hearing students  
617-635-8534 (V/TTY) Jeremiah Ford, Principal  
40 Armington St., Allston  
11/13, 12/9 and 1/7, 8:00-9:00 am, by appointment

## Come to the Boston Public Schools Showcase of Schools

Saturday, December 13, 2008 ■ 1:00–4:00 pm

Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center, Roxbury (across from Roxbury Community College and the Roxbury Crossing MBTA station)

Check out information tables for all BPS schools ■  
Meet principals and headmasters ■ See displays of student work ■ Learn about your school choices

Free parking ■ Shuttle bus service ■ Call any FRC or visit  
[www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org) for more information