

Choosing a Middle School

The Boston Public Schools offers a variety of programs for students in grades 6-8, the traditional middle school grades. Your school choices include those within your school zone, those designated as citywide, and any others located within 1.5 miles of your home.

For a list of the schools your child is eligible to attend, visit our Web site: www.bostonpublicschools.org. Click "Register for Schools," then "What Are My Schools?" and type in your home address; or call one of the three BPS Family Resource Centers listed on this page.

A Checklist for School Visits

When visiting a school, consider the following as you decide which schools are the best fit for your child and your family:

- ☑ What are the school's curriculum and style of teaching?
- ☑ Are there enrichment programs, such as music, art, science, sports, and world languages?
- ☑ Are there special education or language services, as well as opportunities for advanced work?
- ☑ What is the size of the school?
- ☑ What is the school's environment? What types of learning materials are on display?
- ☑ Is student work displayed prominently? Is it of high quality?
- ☑ How do students interact with teachers?
- ☑ Where is the school located?
- ☑ What is the school's student achievement data (such as MCAS, other assessments, and attendance rates)?
- ☑ What are the school's hours? Does the school offer before- or after-school programs?
- ☑ What are the facilities like? Is there a gym, library, pool, auditorium, art room, and/or music room?
- ☑ Is there a school uniform?
- ☑ What is the experience of the teaching staff and school leadership?
- ☑ How diverse are the students?
- ☑ What are the opportunities for parent involvement?

Come to the Boston Public Schools Showcase of Schools

Saturday, October 24, 2009 ■ 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 for more information

Important Tips for Choosing Schools

- This guide lists all middle schools alphabetically by zone. Your school choices will include those within your school zone, those designated as citywide, and any others located within 1.5 miles of your home.
- Visit several schools before registering. This is the best way to get to know them.
- For information about each school, read *Introducing the Boston Public Schools*. This guide is available on-line, at the BPS Family Resource Centers, and at schools. Also check out the Report on Teaching & Learning (also called the School Report Card) for each school, available on our Web site. You can also call or visit any FRC for more information.
- 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 they offer this benefit.
- Registration for Boston Public Schools kindergarten, grade 6, and grade 9 begins on **January 4, 2010**. Call any Family Resource Center or check our Web site for information on times and locations.

Boston Public Schools ■ 26 Court Street ■ Boston MA 02108

This *Middle School Preview Time* schedule is produced by the BPS Office of Enrollment Services and the BPS Communications Office

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School Preview Time is for all families considering enrollment in the Boston Public Schools. Visiting schools is the best way to decide which ones might be a good match for your children and your family before you register, starting in January.

School Preview Time (SPT) is a great time for parents and students to visit Boston Public Schools serving grades 6-8, as well as those serving grades 7-12. During SPT, all schools have special visiting hours and activities to introduce families to their offerings.

Each school's SPT hours are listed in this brochure. Please contact the school to let them know when you plan to visit. For more information on our schools, registration, and enrollment, please contact:

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

We have many choices for middle school students...

- ▶ **Traditional middle schools** serving grades 6–8.
- ▶ **Schools serving kindergarten (K)–grade 8.** Usually, there are very few openings in K–8 schools for new students entering grades 6–8 because of current students moving up.
- ▶ **Pairs of schools offering a K–8 program:** Students enrolled in the elementary school are guaranteed admission to the paired middle school if they choose it. Schools in this category include Dever/McCormack (K–8), Grew/Rogers (K–8), Henderson/Harbor (K–8), and Quincy Elementary/Quincy Upper (K–12).
- ▶ **Three exam schools serving grades 7-12:** Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, and the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science. Boston Latin School and Boston Latin Academy admit students in grades 7 and 9. O'Bryant admits students in grades 7, 9, and 10.

To apply for the exam schools, students must take the Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE) in November. Admission to grade 7 is determined by a combination of the test results and the student's report card grades in English and math in grade 5 and the first half of grade 6. For more information on the exam school application and admission process, call any Family Resource Center or 617-635-9512.




MIDDLE SCHOOL

Preview Time

November 2, 2009 –
January 22, 2010

Our schools offer a world of choices.

Come and see for yourself!

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Office of Enrollment Services
26 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108
☎ 617-635-9516

Boston Public Schools ■ *School Preview Time* ■ November 2, 2009– January 22, 2010

All schools are listed alphabetically by zone. Citywide schools are open to all, regardless of the zone in which you live. Some choices may change. Please visit www.bostonpublicschools.org for the latest information about your school choices.

This section lists Boston Public Schools (BPS) options for students in grades 6–8, contact information, and the dates you are invited to visit. Please call the schools you plan to visit to let them know when you are coming. The grades offered at each school in 2010–2011 are given after the school name.

K–6 and K–7 are schools in the process of expanding to K–8 schools.

FEEDER SCHOOLS offer guaranteed assignment for students currently enrolled in the paired elementary school.

EXAM SCHOOLS admit students based on test scores and grades.

North Zone Schools

DEARBORN (6–8) 35 Greenville St., Roxbury
617-635-8412 Jose Duarte, Principal
11/10, 12/9 and 1/13, 9:00–10:00 am

EDISON (K–8) 60 Glenmont Rd., Brighton
617-635-8436 Mary Driscoll, Principal
11/4, 8:00–10:00 am; 12/3, 5:00–7:00 pm; 1/9, 9:00–10:30 am

EDWARDS (6–8) 28 Walker St., Charlestown
617-635-8516 Justin Vernon, Principal
11/6, 12/11 and 1/15, 8:00–9:00 am

ELIOT (K–8) 16 Charter St., Boston (North End)
617-635-8545 Traci Walker-Griffith, Principal
11/4, 12/9 and 1/6, 10:00–11:00 am

HURLEY (K–8) 70 Worcester St., Boston (South End)
617-635-8489 Marjorie Soto, Principal
11/10, 12/4 and 1/6, 8:30–10:00 am

JACKSON/MANN (K–8) 40 Armington St., Brighton
617-635-8532 Andy Tuite, Principal
11/9, 12/10 and 1/6, 9:30–11:00 am

LYON UPPER SCHOOL (6–10) 50 Beechcroft St., Brighton
617-635-7945 Deborah Rooney, Principal
11/24, 12/15 and 1/21, 10:00–11:00 am

MCKAY (K–8) 122 Cottage St., East Boston
617-635-8510 Marco Curnen, Principal
11/19, 4:00–6:00 pm; 12/9, 9:00–10:00 am; 1/12, 12:00–1:00 pm

MISSION HILL (K–8) 67 Alleghany St., Roxbury
617-635-6384 Ayla Gavins, Principal
11/18, 5:30–7:00 pm; 12/4, 9:00–11:00 am; 1/15, 8:30–10:15 am

ORCHARD GARDENS (K–8) 906 Albany St., Roxbury
617-635-1660 Norman Townsend, Principal
11/18, 12/10 and 1/20, 10:00 am–1:00 pm

QUINCY UPPER (6–12) 152 Arlington St., Boston
Feeder school for Quincy Elementary
617-635-8940 Bak Fun Wong, Headmaster
11/6, 12/4 and 1/8, 9:00–11:00 am

TOBIN (K–8) 40 Smith St., Mission Hill, Roxbury
617-635-8393 Cheryl L. Watson-Harris, Principal
11/10, 8:00–9:15 am; 12/8, 10:00–11:00 am; 1/14, 1:00–2:00 pm

UMANA MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY (6–8) 312 Border St., East Boston
617-635-8481 Alexandra Montes McNeil, Principal
11/4, 12/9 and 1/20, 10:00–11:30 am

WARREN/PRESCOTT (K–8) 50 School St., Charlestown
617-635-8346 Domenic Amara, Principal
11/5 and 12/3, 10:00 am–12:00 pm; 1/14, 5:00–7:00 pm

East Zone Schools

GAVIN (6–8) 215 Dorchester St., South Boston
617-635-8817 Alexander Mathews, Principal
11/18 and 12/16, 7:15–8:30 am

SARAH GREENWOOD (K–8) 189 Glenway St., Dorchester
617-635-8710 Isabel Méndez, Principal
11/6, 12/4 and 1/15, 8:30–9:30 am

HARBOR (6–8) 11 Charles St., Dorchester
Feeder school for Henderson Elementary
617-635-6365 Amy Marx, Principal
12/17, 1/14 and 1/21, 9:00–10:30 am and 6:00–7:30 pm

MCCORMACK (6–8) 315 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester
Feeder school for Dever Elementary
617-635-8657 DaQuall Graham, Principal
11/5, 12/10 and 1/7, 10:00–11:00 am

MILDRED AVENUE (2–8) 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan
617-635-1642 Kris Taylor, Principal
11/4, 12/3 and 1/22, 8:00–9:00 am

MURPHY (K–8) 1 Worrell St., Dorchester
617-635-8781 Albert Taylor, Interim Principal
11/6, 6:00–7:00 pm; 12/4, 3:00–4:00 pm; 1/8, 9:00–11:00 am

PERRY (K–8) 745 East 7th St., South Boston
617-635-8840 Mary Jane Dotson, Principal
11/17, 12/8 and 1/26, 10:00–11:00 am

ROGERS (6–8) 15 Everett St., Hyde Park
Feeder school for Grew Elementary
617-635-8700 Andrew Bott, Principal
11/4 and 12/16, 8:30–9:30 am; 1/13, 10:00–11:00 am

ROOSEVELT (K–8) 95 Needham Rd., Hyde Park
617-635-8676 Emily Glasgow, Principal
11/13 and 12/11, 9:00–9:45 am; 1/14, 6:00–6:45 pm

TECHBOSTON ACADEMY (6–12) 18 Croftland Ave., Dorchester
617-635-1615 Mary Skipper, Headmaster
11/13, 1/8 and 1/22, 2:00–4:00 pm

YOUNG ACHIEVERS SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS (K–8)
20 Outlook Rd., Mattapan
617-635-6804 Virginia Chalmers, Principal
11/18, 12/8 and 1/21, 6:00–7:30 pm; 11/6 and 12/8, 10:00–11:00 am

West Zone Schools

BOSTON TEACHERS UNION (K1–3 and 6–7)
25 Walk Hill St., Jamaica Plain
617-637-7717 Berta Berriz and Betsy Drinan, Teacher Leaders
12/10, 5:30–6:30 pm; 1/12, 9:00–10:30 am

CURLEY (K–8) 40 Pershing Rd. (K–5) and 493 Centre St. (6–8),
Jamaica Plain
617-635-8176 Mirna Vega-Wilson and Jeffrey Slater, Co-Principals
11/6, 12/11 and 1/8, 9:30–10:30 am

FREDERICK (6–8) 270 Columbia Rd., Dorchester
617-635-1650 Debra Socia, Principal
11/6, 8:00–9:00 am; 12/7, 4:30–5:30 pm; 1/6, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

HIGGINSON/LEWIS (K–8) 131 Walnut Ave., Roxbury
617-635-8137 Joy Salesman-Oliver, Principal
11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 1/7 and 1/14, 8:00–9:00 am

IRVING (6–8) 105 Cummins Hwy., Roslindale
617-635-8072 Arthur Unobskey, Principal
11/5, 12/10 and 1/5, 10:00 am

KILMER (K–8) 35 Baker St. (K–3) and
140 Russett Rd. (4–8), West Roxbury
617-635-6855 Jerome Doherty, Principal
11/17, 12/15 and 1/19, 10:00–11:00 am

KING (K–8) 77 Lawrence Ave., Dorchester
617-635-8212 Jessica Bolt, Principal
11/4, 9:00–11:00 am; 12/2 and 1/13, 9:00–10:00 am

LYNDON (K–8) 20 Mount Vernon St., West Roxbury
617-635-6824 Kate Johnson and Sherry Brooks-Roberts,
Management Team
11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 1/8 and 1/22, 10:00–11:30 am

OHRENBERGER (1–7) 175 West Boundary Rd., West Roxbury
K–8 program with Beethoven Elementary
617-635-8157 Eileen Nash, Principal
11/12, 12/10 and 1/8, 9:30–10:30 am

Citywide Schools

BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY (7–12; exam school)
205 Townsend St., Dorchester
617-635-9957 Emilia Pastor, Interim Headmaster
Daily student-led tours by appointment, 10/1–5/12, 8:00–10:00 am

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL (7–12; exam school)
78 Ave. Louis Pasteur, Boston
617-635-8895 Lynne Mooney Teta, Headmaster
Daily student-led tours by appointment, 9:00–9:45 am

HERNÁNDEZ (K–8) 61 School St., Roxbury
617-635-8187 Margarita Muñoz, Principal
11/6, 9:00–10:00 am; 12/11 and 1/6, 10:00–11:00 am

O'BRYANT SCHOOL OF MATH AND SCIENCE (7–12; exam school)
55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury
617-635-9932 Steven Sullivan, Interim Headmaster
11/10, 12/15 and 1/12, call for appointment

TIMILTY (6–8) 205 Roxbury St., Roxbury
617-635-8109 Valeria Lowe-Barehmi, Principal
11/4, 11/18, 12/9 and 1/20, 8:30–10:00 am

Registering for Middle School

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

If you are interested in an exam school, please contact any FRC or call 617-635-9512 for information regarding the application process. Start early: registration for the entrance exam is in September, and the exam is given in early November.

For your best chance of assignment to a school of your choice, register for grade 6 in the first registration period, January 4–February 5, 2010. Choose at least five schools when you register and rank them in the order you want them, with your top choice listed first. The more schools you choose, the better your chance of an assignment to a school you want.

★ Dual language English/Spanish program. Students applying for grades 3–8 must attend an orientation and take a language proficiency test. Call the school for details.