

## Elementary School Information:

### The Bates School (617)635-8064

Website:

<http://www.phineasbates.org/>

School Report Card:

<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/files/reportcards/sch4081.pdf>

### The Conley School (617)635-8099

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/theconleyschool/home>

School Report Card:

<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/files/reportcards/sch4080.pdf>

### The Haley School (617)635-8169

School Report Card:

<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/files/reportcards/sch4210.pdf>

### The Mozart School (617)635-8082

Website:

[http://boston.k12.ma.us/mozart/Mozart\\_School/The\\_Wolfgang\\_Amadeus\\_Mozart\\_School.html](http://boston.k12.ma.us/mozart/Mozart_School/The_Wolfgang_Amadeus_Mozart_School.html)

School Report Card:

<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/files/reportcards/sch4082.pdf>

### The Philbrick School (617)635-8069

Website: <http://boston.k12.ma.us/philbrick/>

School Report Card:

<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/files/reportcards/sch4561.pdf>

### The Sumner School (617)635-8131

School Report Card:

<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/files/reportcards/sch4560.pdf>

As the middle school component of the Roslindale K-8 Pathway, we would like to give you a bit more in-depth information about the Irving.

### The Irving Middle School (617)635-8072

Website: <http://theirvingbps.org/>

School Report Card:

<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/files/reportcards/sch2140.pdf>

## The Irving Middle School

creates nurturing and challenging experiences for all students by providing the following:

- **Academic Rigor:** School-wide approaches to teaching reading, vocabulary and number skills ensure that our students learn quickly and deeply. Additionally, students who wish to take Algebra in the eighth grade are given extra support to ensure their success.
- **A Rich Curriculum:** Students must develop portfolios in the area that they choose as their specialty. Seventh and eighth grade students "major" in one of the following: Drama, Dance, Visual Arts or Applied Sciences (7th grade Applied Science Majors work in our Animal Science Lab).
- **Excellent After-School Opportunities:** Citizen Schools, Tenacity, and A.I.P. provide excellent after-school programming. In addition, the school has a literary magazine, student council, clubs, annual talent show, a double-dutch team, soccer, football, baseball, track, volleyball and wrestling teams.
- **An Engaged and Caring Staff:** An energetic and thoughtful staff meets in teams regularly to ensure that each child feels secure and connected to the whole school community.

## The Roslindale K-8 Pathway



The Roslindale K-8 Pathway is an innovative and unique K-8 model for Boston Public Schools as it involves six elementary school campuses feeding into a single middle school campus.

On March 10, 2010, after a two year process which was driven by parents of students attending the six Roslindale elementary schools who wanted a K-8 option for their children, the Boston School Committee unanimously approved the Roslindale K-8 Pathway proposal put forth by Superintendent Carol Johnson in conjunction with the Irving Advisory Group (IAG).

With the School Committee's endorsement of the plan, 5th grade students who attend the Bates, Conley, Haley, Mozart, Philbrick, and Sumner Elementary Schools are offered priority admission to the Washington Irving Middle School.

**7 Schools, 1 Community**

## The Roslindale Schools

There are seven Boston Public schools located in Roslindale, Massachusetts.

The children who attend these schools do NOT all come from Roslindale! In fact, they come from all over the city of Boston, most from the West Zone, one of the 3 school assignment zones in the Boston Public School district.

Each of the seven Roslindale schools has its own great 'personality' and things that make it unique. The most obvious difference is that the Irving is the only middle school in Roslindale. The other six schools are K-5 elementary schools which have great parent involvement and wonderful administrative and teaching staff which leads to similar though varied curriculums.

All six elementary schools are "highly chosen" schools in the West Zone of Boston Public Schools and the Irving is on the fast-track to becoming the best middle school in Boston.

## Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is a key component to the success of all seven of the Roslindale area schools and as such the staff of each of the schools recognizes that parents are partners in the success of our students, the individual schools and the Roslindale K-8 Pathway.

We are proud to have active and dedicated parents who work closely with the staff of each of the schools to set high expectations for all of us and ensure that every student meets the goals they set for themselves.



## How the Roslindale K-8 Works

Students who attend one of the six Roslindale elementary schools (Bates, Conley, Haley, Mozart, Philbrick and Sumner) are designated as part of the Roslindale school feeder pathway, which provides priority admission to, *but does not require these students to attend*, the Irving Middle School.

This change to the assignment policy still requires families to participate in the BPS school choice lottery process, as this model is not an automatic feeder structure. This second highest priority follows sibling preference, which is the first and highest priority for enrollment throughout the Boston Public Schools.

If your student attends one of the Roslindale BPS elementary schools and during school choice time you choose the Irving as your first choice for middle school, then your child is guaranteed a seat at the Irving for middle school!

If availability remains after the selection by Roslindale elementary school students (who come from the entire West Zone assignment area of BPS), students living within the walk zone of the Irving will retain a priority for the first 50% of seats. The second 50% of seats would be open to students throughout the West Zone who had not attended one of the six elementary schools.

## The Irving Advisory Group

The Irving Advisory Group is a group of 14 parents, 2 representatives from each of the seven schools, who are working with the Principals and staff of the 7 Roslindale schools to create a better educational pathway for the children who attend the Roslindale schools.

The goals of the Irving Advisory Group are to work collaboratively with each other and with our school communities:

- to make the Roslindale K-8 pathway work as smoothly as possible
- to support and continue the improvements at the Irving Middle School and the six K-5 Roslindale schools
- to obtain funding for Expanded Learning Time (ELT) at the Irving Middle School
- to increase parent involvement within all seven Roslindale schools
- to work with Boston Public Schools' and Boston City officials
- to work with other parent and community groups to form partnerships with our schools as well as within BPS to the benefit of all involved

**For more information, any questions or to get involved with the IAG, please contact:**

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