

# Time to Choose Schools!

Get ready... get set... and go to register for the 2012–2013 school year

★ [www.bostonpublicschools.org/register](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/register)

## Ready...

- Visit our Web site ★ and click “What Are My Schools?” to find out which schools are available to you, read School Profiles, and learn about the registration process.
- Attend the **School Showcases**. Opportunity to speak with principals and school staff, and pick up information on registration. For information, please call your zone: **North Zone** ☎ 617-635-9010 ■ **East Zone** ☎ 617-635-8015 ■ **West Zone** ☎ 617-635-8040.
- Visit schools during **School Preview Time**, November 7, 2011 through January 20, 2012. Meet the principal, teachers, and other parents, tour the building, and visit classrooms. Check our Web site ★ for the schedule.
- Pick up a copy of **Introducing the Boston Public Schools 2012**, available in December at our Family Resource Centers, Boston Public Library branches, community centers, and on our Web site ★. In it you will find information about test scores, programs, and special features for every Boston public school, plus tips on how and when to register.

## Set...

- Gather all the documents you will need for registration if the student doesn't attend the Boston Public Schools now:
  - Two pre-printed proofs of your current address (see the other side for a list of accepted documents)
  - Parent/Guardian photo identification
  - Up-to-date immunization records (see the other side)
  - Your child's original birth certificate, passport, or I-94 form if you are new to Boston Public Schools
- Make your school choices. Be sure to choose at least FIVE schools.
- Pre-register at **BPSEXPRESS!** Visit our Web site ★ and click “On-Line Pre-Registration” – available December 15. (You will still have to go to a Family Resource Center, but pre-registering will save time once you are there.)

## GO!

- ALL STUDENTS:** For the most choices, be sure to apply by these deadlines:
  - Apply for kindergarten, grade 6, and grade 9 from January 3 through February 3, 2012 – new applications and transfer requests. Siblings also may apply for other grades at this time. Their applications will be processed after March 26.
  - Apply for all other grades from February 8 through March 23, 2012 – new applications and transfer requests.
- NEW-TO-BPS STUDENTS:** Register at one of the BPS Family Resource Centers (FRC). Check *Introducing the BPS* or our Web site ★ for the location and hours of the FRCs. For best service, we advise applicants for kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 to visit the FRC on this schedule, based on the first initial of the parent/guardian's last name:
  - A-I: Register January 3–6
  - J-Q: Register January 9–13
  - R-Z: Register January 17–21
  - Open to all: January 23–February 3
- CURRENT BPS STUDENTS:** You will receive a pre-printed application with your school choices. Return it to your child's school by the deadline. You don't need to go to a Family Resource Center.

## Questions?

Call any **Family Resource Center** (see other side). From January 3 through February 3, 2012, call the **BPS Hotline** ☎ **617-635-9046** to ask about school registration, residency requirements, transfers, transportation, wait lists, school programs, and more!