

## Historical Data on Exam School Invitations

- On average over the last three years of the previous policy, 7 BPS schools accounted for 47% of exam school invitations sent to BPS students, while only having 19% of BPS 6th grade enrollment.
  - BTU Pilot K-8
  - Eliot K-8
  - Kilmer K-8
  - Lyndon K-8
  - Murphy K-8
  - Ohrenberger
  - Quincy Upper
- The remaining 38 BPS schools, representing 81% of BPS 6th grade enrollment, received 53% of the invitations.

# Simulated enrollment, applications, and invitations to exam schools

Student Group	SY20-21 Citywide 6th Grade Enrollment*		Applicants for SY20-21		Applicants for SY20-21 with B or higher GPA		Invitations (Based on simulation using SY20-21 Applicant Pool)	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Students Attending 40%+ Poverty School**	4,414	83%	2,104	75%	1,110	66%	796	80%
Students Attending Less than 40% Poverty School**	922	17%	697	25%	580	34%	204	20%
Total	5,336	100%	2,801	100%	1,690	100%	1,000	100%

Students who attend a school with less than 40% poverty account for 17% of Citywide 6th grade enrollment and 20% of the simulated invitations. Students who attend a school with 40% or greater poverty account for 83% of 6th grade enrollment and 80% of invitations.

\*Citywide 6th grade enrollment was determined based on publicly available data from MA DESE School and District Profiles, and includes public and non-public schools.

\*\*40%+ schools were determined using publicly available data from MA DESE School and District Profiles.

## Simulated Invitations for BPS Schools

- The BPS school simulated invitation data shows that invitations are distributed more equitably across BPS schools and more proportional to student enrollment per school.
- Even with simulated changes in admissions patterns, every school still has an opportunity for invitations.
- The data is suppressed for schools with less than 5 applicants or invitations.
- If a school does not have invitations it's because they did not have any students who applied or those who did apply did not have the grades or test scores to qualify.

[Link to BPS School Simulated Invitation Data](#)

## BPS Schools With Less Than 40% Poverty

School Name	SY19-20 6th grade enrollment (from DESE)	SY20-21 Actual Invitations	Invitations Under Approved Policy	Invitations if Proportional to 6th Grade Enrollment	Difference between Approved Policy and Actual SY20-21	Grades only: Invitations Under Approved Policy
Alighieri Dante Montessori School	3	<5	<5	1		<5
Boston Teachers Union K-8 Pilot School	48	19	11	10	-8	11
Eliot K-8 Innovation School	79	58	48	16	-10	56
Kilmer K-8 School (4-8)	81	41	14	16	-27	10
Lyndon K-8 School	88	45	14	17	-31	21

We provided the 10 points for schools with 40% or more poverty to recognize the cumulative effects that attending a high-concentration poverty school has on overall student achievement.

As you can see from the simulation these are the 5 BPS schools with less than 40% Poverty, but these schools are simulated to receive invitations to the Exam Schools.

## Exam School Waitlist

- Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, BPS will create waitlists for each of the three exam schools.
  - Separate waitlists will be created in grades 7 and 9 at BLA, BLS, and O'Bryant
  - Each waitlist will be capped at 100 students
  - Waitlists will remain in effect until November 30. Waitlists will not roll over from year to year.
  - Families must have ranked the exam school in order to be placed on the waitlist
- Students who receive an invitation to their top-ranked (first choice) exam school will not be placed on a waitlist
- Ordering of the waitlist will function as a continuation of the exam school invitation policy. Students will be ordered by their composite score and random number within their SES Tier.
  - During the invitation process, students are invited to exam schools over the course of 10 rounds with the same number of seats given out to students from each SES tier in each round. Once all the invitations have been given out for a given school and grade, we will continue to follow the same process for adding students to the waitlist.

*Example:* After all the invitations for BLS have been distributed, the first student to rank BLS as their first choice and not receive a seat at BLS will be 1st on the waitlist, even if that student has been invited to BLA or O'Bryant.