



# BATA PROPOSAL

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## Equity Statement

To increase the college and career readiness of **ALL** learners, we must eradicate the disparities in educational outcomes of students who have been historically underserved by our system. To that end, the BPS Secondary Schools will advance strategies needed for **ALL** students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and experiences in workplace readiness, academics, and personal development to access rigorous post-secondary programs and high demand, high wage, high skill careers.

## Boston Adult Technical Academy support for students over age 22



- BATA was designed to serve English Language Learners, who are overage students from ages 19-22 years old, and to provide an academic program that would ensure readiness for and a path towards graduation.
- At the age of 22, it is expected that students not yet eligible to graduate will transfer to adult programs within the city. This is codified in Superintendent's Circular AMT-5.

## Proposal

- Currently BATA is serving a population of students who range in age from nineteen to twenty-two (19 plus ). Most of these students are predominantly English Language Learners.
- These students have experienced various degrees of trauma, multiple transitions, requiring stable relationships in order to access education. BATA staff have developed effective academic interventions and relationships to support their learning.
- At this time we have a cohort of students that are close to completion and need an additional time this year.
- The school is seeking a one-year exception of the mandatory age 22 transfer policy so that BATA may continue academic program services to students who are over 22 for this academic school year (2017-2018).

## Transition Plans



- The district is developing a referral process and plan for transitioning overage students to community based programs and adult education programs for future years.
- The Office of Secondary Schools and BATA are working with a task force of community based agencies to develop a transition planning process to explore access to adult placement options for all students at the school who are not able to meet graduation requirements before turning 22.
- The school and the Office of Secondary Schools will establish a one-year plan for all students who reach their twenty-first birthdays and are enrolled at BATA.