

Elihu Greenwood Leadership Academy (EGLA)

For school closures, we analyzed sets of data to inform our decisions. These included:

- Changes in student enrollment
- School choices made by families
- Academic growth and performance

We looked at trends over time. We also considered school needs across the city.

ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM CAPACITY

In October 2014, 343 students were enrolled at EGLA. They are:

56.3% Black	19.2% students with disabilities:
38.2% Hispanic	10.8% mainstream (mild disabilities)
2.3% White	8.5% substantially separate
1.7% Asian	32.9% current and former English
1.5% Mixed or Other	Language Learners
	76.7% low income

- From 2012 to 2014, EGLA enrollment declined by 12.3%.
- Next year, we project enrollment to decline by an additional 8.2%.

Classroom Capacity

School buildings with more empty seats are more costly per student than those with fewer empty seats.

- 86.6% of EGLA'S available seats are filled. This is less than the district average of 91.3%.

Where do EGLA students live?

Hyde Park	130
Mattapan	72
South Dorchester	62
Roxbury	22
Roslindale	21
South Boston	12
West Roxbury	10
North Dorchester	10
Jamaica Plain	<10
South End	<10
Other	<10

- The closest elementary schools to EGLA are the Chittick (.7 miles) and Grew (.8 miles).

ACADEMIC GROWTH AND PERFORMANCE

Students scoring Adv/Prof on 2014 MCAS	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	All
EGLA Math	51%	23%	27%	34%
BPS Math	53%	38%	41%	
EGLA English Language Arts	35%	18%	21%	25%
BPS ELA	36%	31%	41%	

- The percentage of EGLA students who scored at the Advanced/Proficient levels on the spring 2014 MCAS was lower than the district percentage.
- EGLA is a Level 4 school, which means it is among the lowest performing and least improving schools in the state. EGLA was also a Level 4 school in 2013.
- EGLA is a BPS School Quality Tier 4 School. The Tiers (1-4) attempt to quantify several factors, including student performance; teaching and learning; family, community and culture; leadership and collaboration; and proficiency and growth. Tier 1 is the highest (best). Tier 4 is the lowest.
- The Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) ranked EGLA in the 6th percentile of overall performance relative to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. This means 94% of similar schools had higher performance than EGLA.

SCHOOL CHOICE

EGLA is an underchosen school.

- Of 81 elementary schools in the district, families chose EGLA 58th when making their top 3 choices.



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What Families Need to Know:

- General education students in grades K2 – 4 will receive priority at their selected school choices on their home-based list.
- Students in multi-lingual Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) programs will have a priority in language-specific and multi-lingual SEI programs in their ELL language home cluster.
- Students with disabilities will be supported individually through the Office of Special Education and Related Services.

Where will EGLA students go to school next year?

Entering K2	Choice will be skipped and all other choices made by parents move up.
K2-Grade 4	Students will receive priority status at all home-based school options.
Grade 3 AWC Eligible	Students will receive choice forms and the process will remain the same.
Grade 5	All general education students entering grade 6 next year are guaranteed a seat at the Irving Middle School.
K2-Grade 5 SEI	Students will receive priority status at all home-based school and ELL language home cluster options.
All Students with Disabilities (SWD)	Students with a disability will be supported by staff from the Office of Special Education and Related Services.

What EGLA Families Need to Do:

- In the coming days you will receive a letter and choice form from the Boston Public Schools inviting you to make new choices based on your home-based list. Once you have made your choices, please return the form to your child’s school by **April 6** for students currently in **K2-grade 4**.
- If your general education student or SEI student is entering **grade 6** next year and you want them to attend the Irving Middle School, you don’t need to take any action. You will still receive a choice form in case you want to make an alternate selection. Current EGLA 5th graders who want to make an alternate selection must submit their choice forms by **March 13** to be included in Round 1 assignments. This will give students the best chance to attend a school their family has chosen if they do not want to attend the Irving Middle School.
- BPS staff will contact families of students with a disability to help them make a decision on school placement for next year.
- If you have questions or would like to explore your options further, please call or visit one of the BPS Welcome Centers. Hours of operation are on our website: bostonpublicschools.org/domain/280.

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