

TO: Boston School Committee
FROM: Monica Roberts, Assistant Superintendent of Engagement
RE: ISEE Residency Verification Deadline
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The Current Practice

- Registration for ISEE opened on September 1, 2017.
- Residency verification opens on October 11 and closes on November 3, 2017. (No residency verification until mid-October because Welcome Centers are very busy with start of school registrations for schools).
- Non-BPS Students only have 17 business days to verify Boston residency (by the *first* Friday in November) at a Welcome Center.
- Without verification by the deadline, non-BPS students cannot apply for exam school entrance.

The Proposed Change

- Non-BPS Students who reside in the City of Boston must prove residency by the *third* Friday in November, expanding the residency verification period to 27 business days.

The 2016 ISEE Enrollment Data

BPS and Former BPS Students' Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	N	% of Total
Black	1116	33%
White	596	18%
Asian	459	14%
Hispanic	1108	33%
Native American	15	0%
Multiracial (Not Hispanic)	43	1%
Blank	15	0%

We do not have race data for students who have never attended BPS and did not residency verify.

Anecdotally, the students who reached out about the issue of residency verification were disproportionately Black and Latino.

2016 ISEE Exam Registration and Participation

Exam Status	School Type			
	BPS	Charter	Private/ Parochial	Total
Registrants	2739	607	490	3836
Testers	2087	349	332	2801
Registered But Did Not Take Exam	652	240	143	1035
Percent Who Registered But Did Not Take Exam	24%*	43%	32%	27%

*When we only include BPS students who *asked* to register (removing those BPS students who were pre-registered by BPS for the test on the basis of their grades and standardized test scores, but chose not to take the test), the number of BPS students who did not take the test decreases to 15%.

- Nearly 17% of non-BPS students (n=191) seeking entrance to an exam school are former BPS students who would like to return to the district. 48% of them (n=91) were unable to take the ISEE.
- Most non-BPS students impacted by the current policy are charter school students (83%), and based on anecdotal feedback from frontline staff, most are Black and Latino students.

2016 ISEE Exam Residency Verification Status for Non-BPS Students Who Did Not Test

	No Residency Verification	Residency verified	Total
Charter	240	10	250
Private/Parochial	143	6	149
Total	383	16	399

- 96% of non-BPS students who did not take the ISEE test did not verify their residency.

Non-BPS School by Test Status

	Did not test	Tested	Total
Academy Of Pacific Rim	27	17	44
At Home		4	4
B College Hgh School		2	2
Beacon Academy	18		18
Belmont Day School		1	1
Benjamin Banneker Schl	2		2
Berea Elem & Jr	2		2
Boston Arch Choir		2	2
Boston Collegiate Mi Sc	4	17	21
Boston Collegiate Schl	9	23	32
Boston Prep Charter Sc	12	12	24
Brimmer & May School	1		1
British School Boston	1	1	2
Cathedral Hgh School	1	2	3
Conservatory Lab 3-8	1	26	27
Dedham Country Day		1	1
Delphi Academy	1	1	2
East Boston Central	3	4	7
Edward Brooke Charter	14	31	45
Edward Brooke Charter 2	11	31	42
Edward Brooke Charter 3	6	17	23
Epiphany School	1	17	18
Excel Academy Charter	6	10	16
Excel Academy Orient Ht	3	6	9
Holy Name School	3	12	15
KIPP Academy Boston	15	18	33
Maimonides School	2		2
MATCH Middle School	1	10	11
Metco	6	26	32
Mother Caroline Acad	4	21	25
Nativity Preparatory S	1	13	14
Neighborhood House	20	34	54
Other Priv/Paroch	26	54	80
Our Lady Of Perp Help	4	4	8
Park School Corp	4	13	17
Pope JP II Columbia Rd	15	22	37
Pope JP II Lower Mills	8	15	23
Pope JP II Neponset	6	30	36
Prospect Hill Acad Chrt		1	1
Rashi School		1	1
Renaissance Elementary	19	30	49

Roxbury Prep Charter S	21	36	57
Roxbury Prep Dorchester	21	13	34
Roxbury Prep High 10-12	2	2	4
Roxbury Prep Lucy Stone	35	17	52
S. Boston Catholic Acad		9	9
Sacred Heart Sch Rosli	6	16	22
Shady Hill School	1	4	5
Shaloh House Hebrew Dy		1	1
Smith Leadership Acad	11	16	27
Solomon Schecter Day S		6	6
St Agatha School	1	2	3
St Brendan School		6	6
St Catherine Sch Norw		2	2
St Columbkille Elem	11	21	32
St John School	1	6	7
St Joseph Middle Need		1	1
St Mary Elem	3	8	11
St Mary Of The Hills	2	2	4
St Patrick Elem Roxb	5	5	10
St Peter Academy	3	2	5
St Rose Elem		1	1
St Theresa School	3	5	8
Thacher Montessori		2	2
Thayer Academy		1	1
Ursuline Academy		1	1
Total	383	714	1097