

# KENNEDY ACADEMY CHAPTER 74 APPLICATION: REQUIRED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

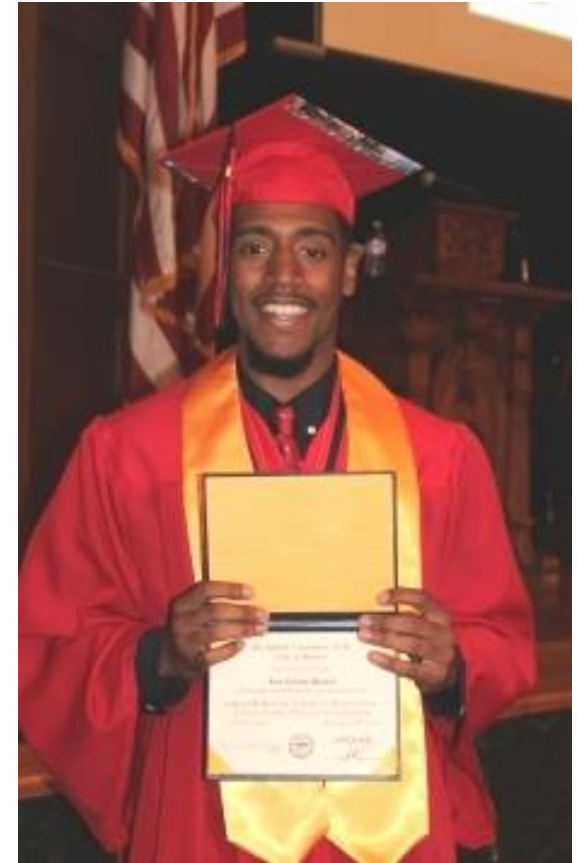


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# Kennedy Academy Chapter 74 Application

- Submitted in April 2016 to Implement CVTE Health Assisting Pathway
- EMK is the first charter school to seek Chapter 74 designation
- Requires collaborative review of DESE Charter School and Career/Vocational Technical Education Offices
- DESE Approval by October 31, 2016 allows vocational funding for the EMK Chapter 74 program to begin in September 2017



## Health Assisting @ EMK: Key Elements

- CVTE Health Assisting is well aligned with our existing mission and programming
- Current Health Professions 1 and 2 curricula in grades 9 and 10 are aligned and extended this year to meet the CVTE Frameworks
- Students elect to continue in the Health Assisting pathway in grade 11, with deeper clinical workplace learning experiences
- Students will be able to secure the Certified Nursing Assistant credential prior to graduation.



# Chapter 74 Approval Requires Amendment of the EMK Charter

- Clarifying amendments assure that our charter authorization and our CVTE approval are aligned.
- The charter amendment process for EMK requires both Boston School Committee and Boston Teacher's Union support.
- There are four parts to the amendment requested by DESE



## Part 1: To add CVTE to our mission

Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers (EMK) is a college preparatory and vocational high school for Boston students exploring careers in health and health-related professions. The Academy provides a supportive learning environment that promotes respect and embraces diversity. Students will attain the life skills needed to become productive and positive members of society.

## Part 2: To add CVTE to our Whole School Design Statement



We offer a vocational pathway in health assisting that provides clinical skills training, workplace learning experiences, and professional certification opportunities for our students to advance their post-graduation career readiness and provide a viable source of income as they pursue higher education.

## Part 3: To Adjust the EMK Enrollment Policy and Application to Meet CVTE Requirements

- Add **Religion** to the non-discrimination statement in both the enrollment policy and application
- Eliminate Mother/Guardian and Father/Guardian in favor of **Parent/Guardian 1** and **Parent/Guardian 2** on the EMK application





## Part 4: To clarify that BPS will direct vocational funding to support EMK students enrolled in the new Chapter 74 approved program

- The current MOU between EMK and BPS extends through June of 2018
- No changes to the MOU are required
- The current funding mechanism used to establish the budget for EMK and other BPS high schools, directs vocational funding to approved Chapter 74 programs based on student enrollment
- The DESE Charter School Office seeks confirmation from BPS that the funding mechanism for vocational students will support enrolled EMK students comparably to other vocational students in Boston



## Critical Next Steps

- **October 11, 2016** - EMK will secure pre-approval from DESE for the specific amendment documents
- **October 12, 2016** - the EMK Board of Trustees will vote on the amendment request
- **October 19, 2016** - EMK will secure BTU approval of the amendment request
- **October 26, 2016** - the Boston School Committee will vote on the final amendment request document
- **October 27, 2016** - the approved amendment request is submitted to DESE
- **October 31, 2016** - the charter amendment request and the Chapter 74 application are approved by the Commissioner