



Boston Public Schools

Madison Park Technical Vocational High School Admissions Policy

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Background

- **On May 24th, 2023 we presented a policy with the following two goals:**
 1. Meet current DESE regulations requiring all Career Vocational Technical Education (CVTE) schools to have an admissions policy
 2. Ensure that all students who enroll at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School (MPTVHS) are making an informed decision and want to pursue a CVTE education
- **Under the original proposal the student application included:**
 - An artifact that demonstrates their interest in a vocational education
 - Two letters of support
- **A lottery system would be implemented if more students apply than there are seats**



Feedback from Boston School Committee

We heard three areas of concern with the original proposal:

1. Impact on Multilingual Learners and students with disabilities
2. Possible barriers for our most vulnerable students
3. Counseling/Assistance during the application process



Updated Admissions Policy

- **What are we removing?**
 - Artifact
 - Two support letters
- **Under the new policy proposal:**
 - Single Statement of Interest (SOI) describing:
 - Student's interest in CVTE
 - How MPTVHS will help student achieve future goals
 - Students will can submit their SOI in multiple formats:
 - Written
 - Video
 - Slideshow
 - Interview



Updated Admissions Policy - Student Support

- **Increase Student Supports by providing:**
 - Drop-In Informational Sessions (Virtual and In-Person)
 - Translation and Interpretation
 - Completed in Student's Home Language
 - Exemplars and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- **The updated policy maintains goals of:**
 - Meeting DESE requirements
 - Ensuring all students are making an informed decision and want to pursue CVTE