

William Barton Rogers Middle School

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, 348 students were enrolled at the Rogers. They are:

60.3% Black	23.9% students with disabilities:
32.2% Hispanic	13.8% mainstream (mild disabilities)
2.3% White	10.1% substantially separate
4.3% Asian	38.8% current or former English
0.6% Mixed or Other	Language Learners
0.3% Native Am/Pac Is	71.3% low income

- From 2012 to 2014, Rogers enrollment declined by 40.3%.
- Next year, we project enrollment to decline by an additional 28.4%.

Classroom Capacity

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

- 70.7% of the Rogers' available seats are filled. This is less than the district average of 91.3%.

Where do Rogers students live?

Hyde Park	130
Mattapan	90
South Dorchester	60
Roxbury	24
Roslindale	19
North Dorchester	12
West Roxbury	<10
South Boston	<10
Jamaica Plain	<10
Other	<10

- The closest schools with grades 6-8 are Roosevelt Upper (1 mi.) and Ohrenberger (1.4 mi.).

ACADEMIC GROWTH AND PERFORMANCE

Students scoring Adv/Prof on 2014 MCAS	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	All
Rogers Math	29%	13%	11%	16%
BPS Math	38%	34%	37%	
Rogers English Language Arts	45%	46%	55%	49%
BPS ELA	44%	52%	63%	

- The percentage of Rogers students who scored at the Advanced/Proficient levels on the spring 2014 MCAS was lower than the district percentage except for grade 6 ELA. The gap in math proficiency increased from grade 6 to grade 8.
- The Rogers is a Level 3 school, which means it is in the bottom 20% of schools in the state for performance and improvement.
- The Rogers is a BPS School Quality Tier 3 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 the Rogers in the 7th percentile of overall performance relative to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. This means 93% of similar schools had higher performance than the Rogers.

SCHOOL CHOICE

The Rogers is an underchosen school.

- Of 11 middle schools in the district, families chose the Rogers 10th when making their top 3 choices.



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What Families Need to Know:

- Your child will receive the highest priority after sibling preference to their selected school choices on their homebased list. All general education students will have a guarantee to the Irving Middle School. Students also have the option to select other schools if they want to attend a school other than the Irving.
- Students in multi-lingual Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) programs will have a guarantee to language-specific and multi-lingual programs. They will also receive a priority to other school choices on their home-based list and in their language cluster.
- Students with disabilities will be supported individually through the Office of Special Education and Related Services.

Where will Rogers Middle School students go to school next year?

Grades 6 and 7	All general education students are guaranteed a seat at the Irving Middle School. They will also have a priority at all home-based school options.
Grades 6 and 7 SEI	All students will receive a guarantee to a language-specific or a multi-lingual program. They will also have a priority at all home-based and language 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 Rogers Families Need to Do:

- If you would like your general education child to attend the Irving Middle School next year, you don't need to take any action. You will still receive a choice form in case you want to make an alternate selection.
- 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**. You only need to complete this form if you don't want your child to attend the Irving Middle School.
- Families of students in the SEI program also will receive a letter and choice form inviting them to make new choices based on their home-based list and language cluster. Once you have made your choices, please return the form to your child's school by **April 6**.
- BPS staff will contact families of students with a disability individually 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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Dorchester Welcome Center

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Jennie Barron Building
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