

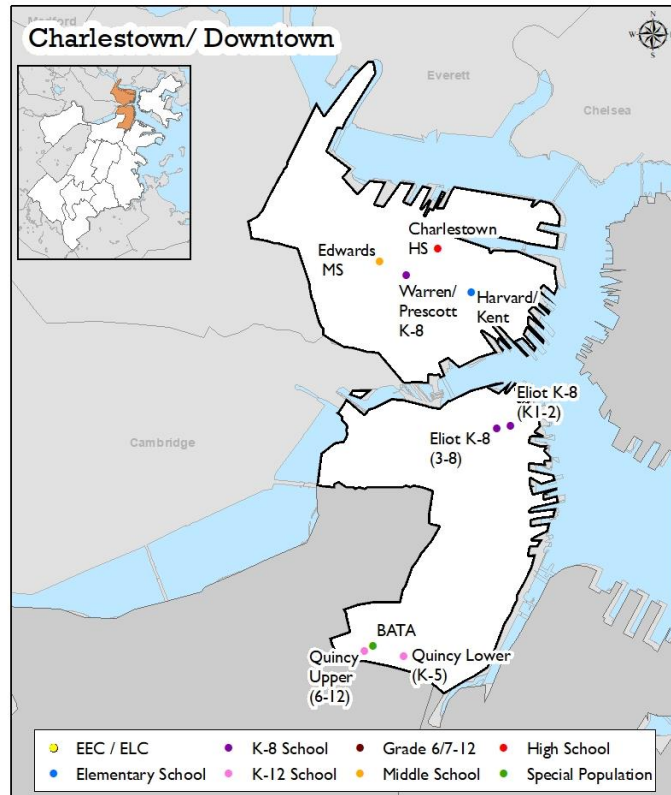
Charlestown/Downtown

Includes Charlestown, North End, Government Center, Chinatown, Bay Village, Theatre District, Downtown Crossing, the Leather District, and the Financial District

Summary

Charlestown and Downtown Boston are among the least populous neighborhoods in terms of their student population. They are home to 3 and 2 percent of the total BPS population, respectively. There are eight buildings and schools in the area: one traditional high school, one alternative high school, one 6-12, two K-8s, one middle school, and two K-5 elementary schools.

There are enough elementary seats to serve the local population in Charlestown and Downtown. On average, there are .9 students for every 1 seat available within a mile or 1.1 seats available for every student living in the area.



By the Numbers

All student data below refers to students living in the neighborhood(s).

Total Students		Building and School Information	
Total school aged children living in the area	3,476	Number of buildings	8
Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)	2,798	Number of schools	8
% of school aged children attending BPS	80%	Number of grade configurations	6
% of total BPS population living in the area	5%		
		Racial Demographics of BPS Students (All Grades)	
Elementary Seat Access (BPS Students)		% Asian	26.4%
Average students per seat within 1 mile	0.88	% Black	14.0%
Average students per seat on school choice list	0.76	% Hispanic	24.9%
% of students traveling less than 1 mile to	72%	% Other	3.0%

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% of students traveling more than 2 miles to school

13% % White

31.6%

Special Populations (BPS Students All Grades)

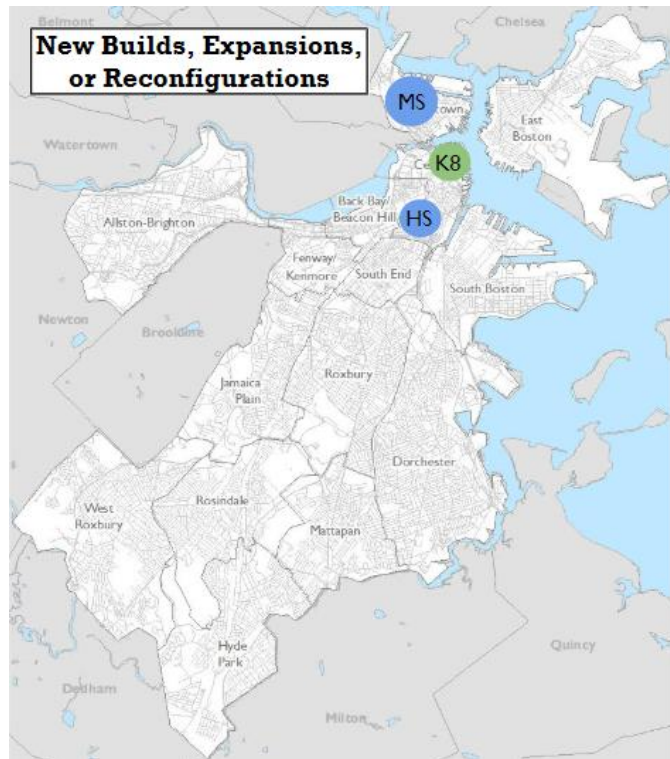
% of students with ELD Levels 1 to 3	17%
% of students with disabilities	13%

New Builds or Expansions

As previously stated, there are enough seats in Charlestown and Downtown to serve students living in that area. In addition, the Eliot School recently completed a construction project (its Salem St. campus) and has a second project underway (its Commercial Ave. campus). As a result, the neighborhood does not meet our current priorities for new builds or major renovations.

Middle School Reconfigurations

Many East Boston Students in grades 6 to 8 attend the Edwards Middle school in Charlestown, in part due to a shortage of 6h, 7th, and 8th seats in East Boston. There are no plans to reconfigure the Edwards until additional middle school capacity is created for East Boston students closer to home. Near-term possibilities for reconfiguration may include the creation of a K-8 by joining the Harvard-Kent with the Edwards or by using the site to expand capacity for the Warren-Prescott.



High School and Elementary School Proposals

With one 9-12 high school and three K-8s, students in the area have access to a predominantly single-transition pathway, K-8/9-12. There are no immediate plans to engage with schools in the community to transition to a K-6/7-12 model. BPS is open to proposals from the Harvard-Kent Elementary School(K-5) regarding how to best serve their students and potentially utilize the Edwards building. Any proposal would need to include a plan to continue to serving students who currently have access to the middle school.