

Back Bay / Beacon Hill / Fenway / South End

Includes Back Bay, Fenway, Kenmore, Longwood, South End, and Beacon Hill

Summary

This area of the city is home to six percent of the total BPS population. The vast majority of students live in the South End and account for five percent of the BPS student population. There are 10 BPS buildings housing 8 BPS schools in the area: three high schools, one K-8, one 7-12 exam school, two public day schools, one K-5 elementary school. Two of the McKinley school sites are currently located in the same building, and the 11th and 12th grade of the Kennedy Health Careers are located on the Northeastern campus in this area while the 10th and 11th grade are located in a BPS building in Mission Hill/Jamaica Plain.



The number of elementary seats in these neighborhoods is well-aligned to the current number of elementary students who live in the area and currently attend BPS. On average there is roughly 1 student for every 1 seat available within 1 mile.

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	4,929	Number of buildings	9
Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)	3,127	Number of schools	10
% of school aged children attending BPS	63%	Number of grade configurations	7
% of total BPS population living in the area	6%		

Racial Demographics of BPS Students

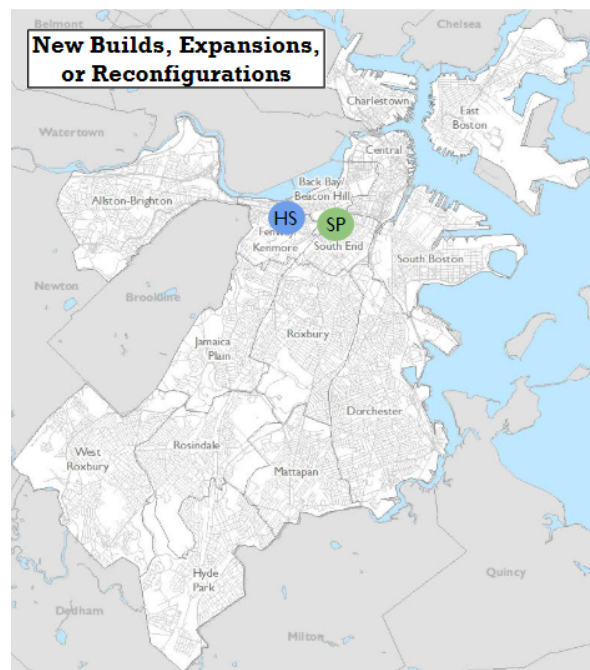
		(All Grades)	
Elementary Seat Access (BPS Students)		% Asian	13.7%
Average students per seat within 1 mile	1.01	% Black	25.4%
Average students per seat on school choice list	1.32	% Hispanic	45.7%
% of students traveling less than 1 mile to school	56%	% Other	3.5%
% of students traveling more than 2 miles to school	16%	% White	11.7%

Special Populations (BPS Students All Grades)

% of students with ELD Levels 1 to 3	16%
% of students with disabilities	18%

New Builds or Expansion

The Carter School, located in the South End, is a unique and special school, serving students who present with both severe, intensive disabilities and complex health needs. Due to these challenges, each classroom is composed of five students, one teacher, and two teaching assistants. Boston is excited to partner with the MSBA to build a state-of-the-art facility for Carter students. In October 2018, the school completed the requirements for the MSBA’s “eligibility period” process and is now progressing to the next phase, which includes forming a project team and beginning a feasibility study. To learn more about the MSBA process, you can visit its website or review its presentation on the process:



http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/sites/default/files/edit-contentfiles/Getting_Started/MSBA_Process_Overviews_Core_ARP.pdf

In addition to the new Carter School building, construction of a new building for Boston Arts Academy (BAA) will begin this year. BAA is the Boston's only public high school for the visual and performing arts. During the anticipated three-year construction period, BAA students will attend classes at the Cleveland building in Dorchester. This is the current location of the Community Academy of Science and Health (CASH); the two schools will share the space.

Middle School Reconfigurations

There are no middle schools in this part of the city.

High School Proposals

This area is home to the city's largest 7-12 high school, Boston Latin School. Two of the three other high schools in this area — Kennedy Health Careers and Snowden — do not have enough available space to change their configuration to 7-12 without moving to a new building. While there are no current proposals for a high school building in this area, both schools could submit an application for one of the new high schools sites or reconfigured middle school buildings.

The final high school in the area, Boston Arts Academy, is beginning construction this year to build a new arts facility in Fenway, as mentioned above. The school will continue as a 9-12. There are currently no plans to reconfigure high schools in this section of the city.

Elementary School Proposals

The Blackstone Elementary is the only traditional K-5 elementary school in this part of the city. It does not have space to add a 6th grade in its current building. The school community will be engaged regarding potential changes to its configuration as part of the Timilty community engagement process as Blackstone students currently are guaranteed assignment to the Timilty for the 6th grade.