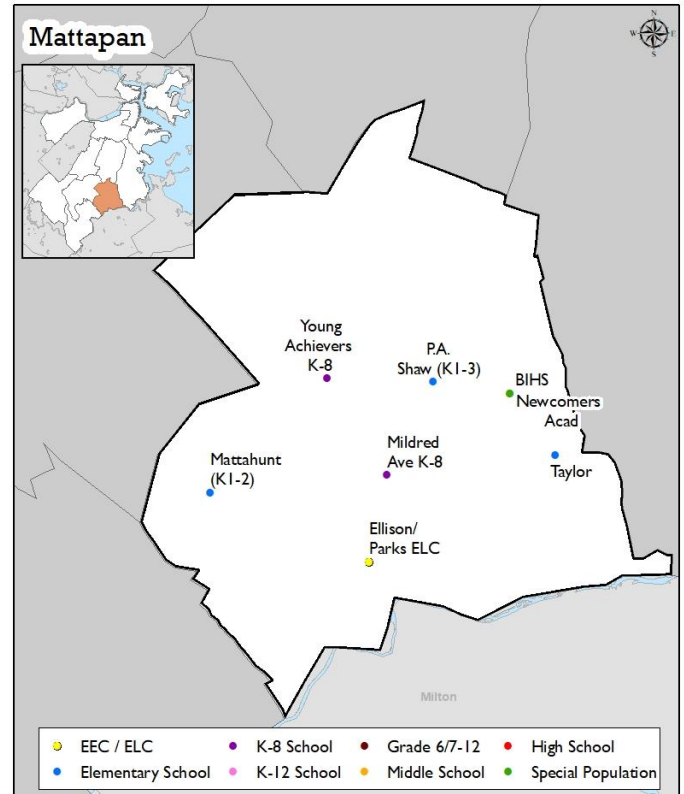


Mattapan

Summary

Mattapan is home to nearly eight thousand school aged children, and about ten percent of all BPS students. It has seven BPS buildings housing seven BPS schools and one program: one high school, one high school program for recent immigrants and students with limited or interrupted formal education, two K-8s, an Early Learning Center, and three elementary schools of varying grade configurations.

Given the density of the student population, Mattapan is one of the areas in which elementary aged students outnumber available seats. On average, there are 1.5 students for every 1 seat available within 1 mile. Therefore, elementary students in Mattapan are among the least likely to attend school within a mile of their home and among the most likely to attend school more than 2 miles from their home.



The five Mattapan schools serving elementary grades have four different grade configurations: Mattahunt elementary is K1-2 and growing to K1-6; the P.A. Shaw Elementary and Ellison/Parks Early Elementary Center are both K0-3, the Taylor is K1-5, and the Mildred Avenue and Young Achievers are both K-8.

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 Mattapan	7,936	Number of buildings	7
Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)	5,402	Number of schools	8
% of school aged children attending BPS	68%	Number of grade configurations	5
% of total BPS population living in Mattapan	10%		

Racial Demographics of BPS Students

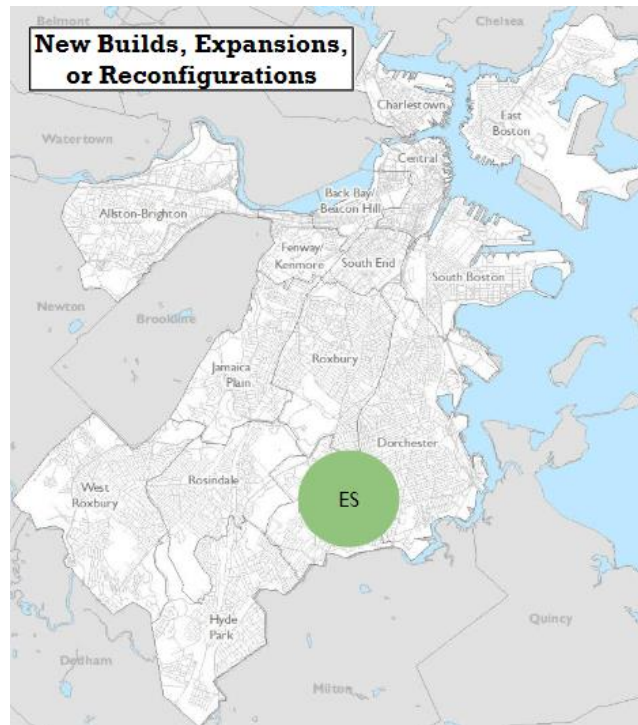
Elementary Seat Access (BPS Students)		(All Grades)	
		% Asian	1.2%
Average students per seat within 1 mile	1.5	% Black	57.8%
Average students per seat on school choice list	1.58	% Hispanic	37.2%
% of students traveling less than 1 mile to school	43%	% Other	2.4%
% of students traveling more than 2 miles to school	27%	% White	1.4%

Special Populations (BPS Students All Grades)

% of students with ELD Levels 1 to 3	15%
% of students with disabilities	22%

New Builds or Expansions

Given the shortage of seats in the area, Mattapan is one of the highest priority neighborhoods for building a new elementary school. Since there is a similar shortage of seats in neighboring Dorchester, the proposed plan includes identification of a site near the Mattapan/Dorchester line for an elementary school to serve both neighborhoods. The elementary building will be large enough to expand access for students with special needs and language needs while also increasing the total number of seats available in the area. These would be required for any school moving into the building. The new building could also help add coherence to the grade configurations in the area by providing one of the existing elementary schools that end in grade 3 a larger building in which they could expand to grade 6. The P.A Shaw in Mattapan, and Lee Academy and Taylor in Dorchester would be eligible to apply to move into the building. Lee Academy and the Shaw are preferred candidates as their expansion would help eliminate some of the grade configurations in this area of the city.



Middle School Reconfigurations

There are no middle schools in Mattapan.

High School Proposals

Mattapan is home to one high school, Boston International, and one program for recent immigrants and students with limited or interrupted formal education, Newcomers Academy. Often thought of as one school, BINcA is configured as a 9-12. The current location does not allow for a 7-12, given classroom space constraints. While there are no current proposals for a high school building in Mattapan, BINcA could participate in the application process for one of the new high school sites or middle school reconfigurations and could thus grow to a 7-12.

Elementary School Proposals

The Mattahunt Elementary School currently offers grades K0 to 2. We will continue to work with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to expand the Mattahunt while monitoring its accountability status. The plan for the school is to increase by one grade every year until it becomes a K-6 in the 2022-2023 academic school year. The P.A. Shaw lacks the space in their current building to expand beyond a K0-3. In order for these schools to expand, BPS would need to build a new building or complete a major expansion. Therefore, both schools will be eligible to apply to be part of the new building or major expansion project in the area.

Mattapan is home to one of our Early Education Centers / Early Learning Centers (EEC/ELC), the Ellison/Parks. While it is configured as a K-3, the proposed plan does not include a change to the school's grade span. However, proposals to change the configuration of the school would be possible if driven by the school community.