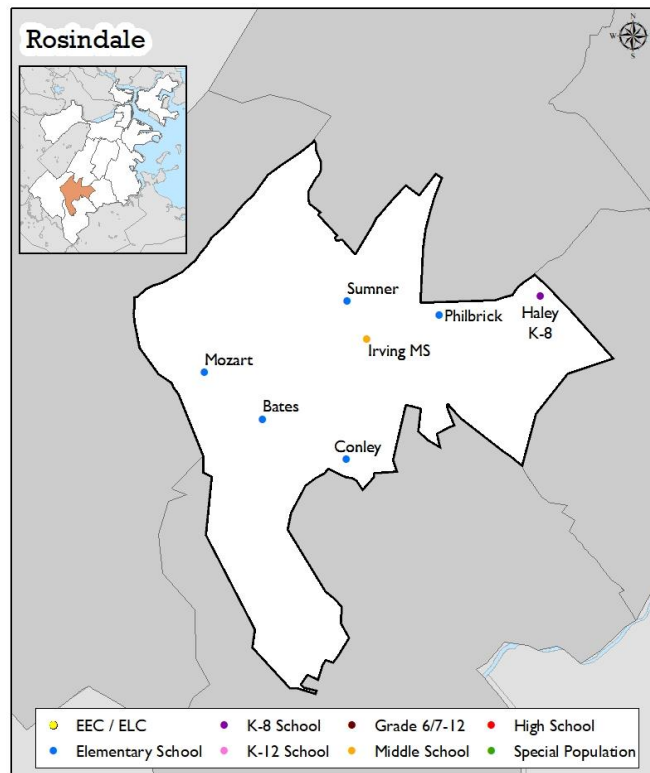


Roslindale

Summary

Roslindale is home to six percent of all BPS students. It has seven BPS buildings housing seven BPS schools: one middle school, one K-8, and five K-5 elementary schools. There is also an alternative program located at the Irving Middle School. The elementary schools in Roslindale are relatively small. Three of the five have only one general education classroom per grade, and a fourth has two classrooms per grade.

The number of elementary seats in Roslindale is well-aligned to the current number of elementary students who currently attend BPS. On average there is roughly one student for every one seat available within one mile. However, under the home-based student assignment system families from neighboring communities have access to schools in Roslindale, which increases competition for those schools. As a result, students living in Roslindale 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.



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 Roslindale	4,909	Number of buildings	7
Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)	3,239	Number of schools	7
% of school aged children attending BPS	66%	Number of grade configurations	3
% of total BPS population living in Roslindale	6%		
Racial Demographics of BPS Students (All Grades)			

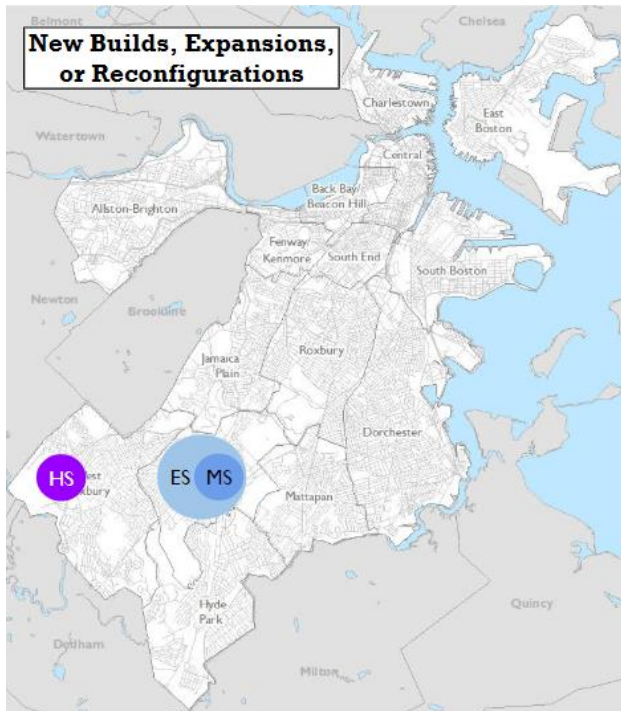
Elementary Seat Access (BPS Students)			
Average students per seat within 1 mile	1.01	% Asian	3.4%
Average students per seat on school choice list	1.43	% Black	21.4%
% of students traveling less than 1 mile to school	49%	% Hispanic	45.5%
% of students traveling more than 2 miles to school	21%	% Other	3.7%
		% White	25.9%

Special Populations (BPS Students All Grades)

% of students with ELD Levels 1 to 3	13%
% of students with disabilities	16%

New Builds or Expansions

Roslindale has been identified as one of the potential sites for a new K-6 elementary building. The current K-5 elementary schools in the neighborhood are too small to expand to K-6 in their existing building. They would require a new building to transition to a K-6 model. All five of the Roslindale K-5 elementary schools would be eligible to apply to move into a new building: The Bates, the Conley, the Mozart, Philbrick and the Sumner. As with all other new builds, applicant schools must comply with the program requirements to be offered for students with special needs and English learners.



Middle School Reconfigurations

The Irving Middle School will close and undergo renovations to be converted into a K-6 school building for one or more of the area elementary schools. This will increase access to quality seats for students living in Roslindale and surrounding communities, and would allow the district to divest of some of its oldest and smallest schools assuming the new K-6 building site is found in the area. The timing for the change is not laid out specifically in this plan, as it depends on a few external factors, explained below, that will be determined through the community engagement process.

In order for the Irving to transition to a K-6, the district must add 7th and 8th grade capacity by expanding more high schools to 7-12 schools. High schools in the southern half of the city would be ideal including the English High School or Another Course to College, or relocating another high school into a new 7-12 building in the area. Specific plans for those 7-12 expansions are not yet included in the plan, but will be explored through the community engagement process.

A pathway for all rising 6th grade students exiting schools that currently have a guaranteed pathway to the Irving (which includes all of the Roslindale K-5 elementary schools) will also need to be identified before the Irving can be closed for renovations. In some cases, this will involve elementary schools expanding to K-6. Since many schools in the area are too small to expand to K-6 in their current buildings, an existing high school may temporarily expand to 6-12 while the area elementary schools expand to K-6. Upon the Irving reconfiguration to K-6, the high school could convert to a 7-12. The Bates, Conley, Mozart, Philbrick and Sumner are eligible to apply to move into the renovated Irving building.

High School Proposals

There are currently no plans to create new 7-12 schools in Roslindale. Roslindale student access to 7-12 schools will be explored through aforementioned process to expand high schools.

Elementary School Proposals

All of the Roslindale K-5 elementary schools will eventually be expanded to K-6 schools, though this will not occur until the Irving is converted to a K-6 and/or a new building is built in the area. Two schools in the area (the Philbrick and Conley) will have space to add a 6th grade in their current buildings within the next few years (once a few larger-than-average classes leave the 5th grade), but the others are too small to expand in their current buildings. Transitioning all of the neighborhood's K-5 elementaries into K-6 schools would require that one or more schools move into the renovated Irving building, and that their vacated building be used by another school to create a two-campus K-6 school.

