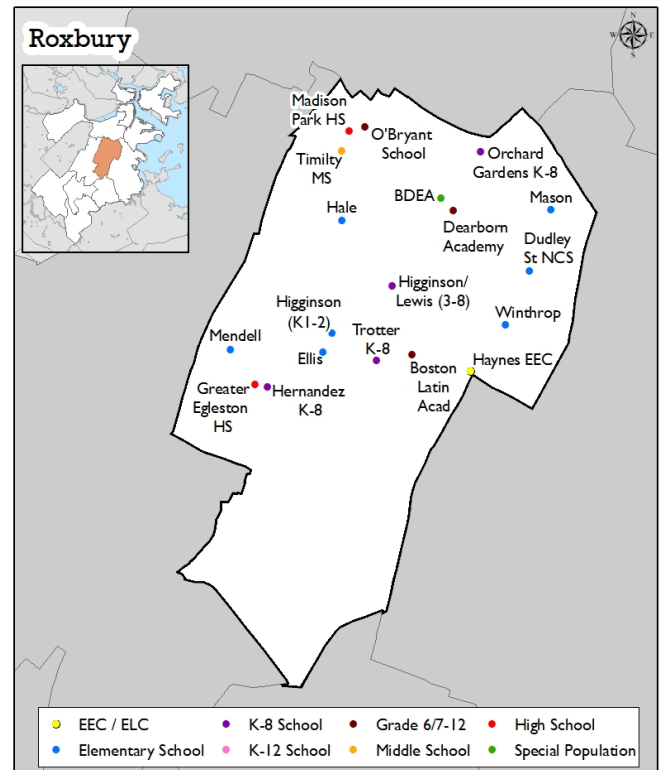


## Roxbury

### Summary

Roxbury is the second most populous neighborhood in the city in terms of its student population. It is home to 17 percent of all BPS students. It has 19 BPS buildings housing 19 BPS schools: one vocational high school, two alternative high schools, one middle school, one 6-12, one 3-8, two of the three 7-12 exam schools, three K-8s, one Early Elementary Center, one K-2 school, and six K-5 elementary schools.

The number of elementary seats in Roxbury is well-aligned to the current number of elementary students currently attending BPS. On average there is roughly one student for every seat available within one mile. Competition for those seats rises somewhat under the home-based student assignment plan, given Roxbury's central location, but less so than in other areas of the city.



### By the Numbers

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

Total Students		Building and School Information	
Total school aged children living in Roxbury	13,645	Number of buildings	21
Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)	9,555	Number of schools	21
% of school aged children attending BPS	70%	Number of grade configurations	9
% of total BPS population living in Roxbury	17%		
		Racial Demographics of BPS Students (All Grades)	
<b>Elementary Seat Access (BPS Students)</b>		% Asian	1.8%
Average students per seat within 1 mile	1.02	% Black	44.3%
Average students per seat on school choice list	1.29	% Hispanic	48.9%
% of students traveling less than 1 mile to	57%	% Other	2.4%

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% of students traveling more than 2 miles  
to school

14% % White

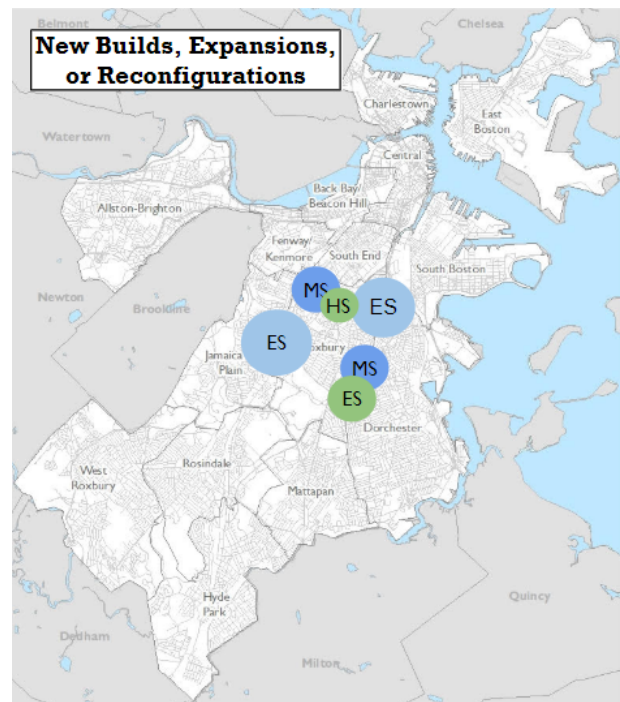
2.6%

**Special Populations (BPS Students All Grades)**

% of students with ELD Levels 1 to 3	18%
% of students with disabilities	21%

**New Builds or Expansion**

Three of the nine identified potential areas for new buildings would benefit students and families in Roxbury: two near the border of Dorchester (near Upham’s Corner and one closer to Franklin Field) and one near the Roxbury/Jamaica Plain line. Many of the current K-5 elementary schools in the neighborhood are too small to expand to K-6 in their current buildings, so new buildings would be leveraged to allow area schools to expand to a K-6 model. Current BPS schools or teams of schools would be encouraged to participate in an application process to move into any new buildings. Successful applicants must offer the programs identified by the district to students with special needs and for English learners. The Ellis, Hale, Mason, Mendell, and Winthrop would all be eligible to apply for a new building. These schools were identified based on their proximity to the areas of need. Other schools may participate in the process, but would need to relocate to this area.



**Middle School Reconfigurations**

As part of the broader goal to reconfigure stand alone middle schools, the Timilty Middle School will undergo renovations to be converted into a K-6 school. This will allow one of the area schools that is too small to add a 6th grade in its current building to move into the Timilty building and expand. The Timilty site is too small to be converted into a new high school. As with new builds in these areas, current BPS schools or teams of schools will be encouraged to apply to move into the renovated building after agreeing to offer the special education and English learner programs identified by the district. The Ellis, Hale, Mason, Mendell, and Winthrop would all be eligible to apply.

The timeline for the Timilty reconfiguration is not laid out specifically in this plan, as it depends on a few external factors that will be determined through the community engagement process. Additional 7th and 8th grade capacity in expanded 7-12 schools will need to be created before the Timilty can undergo any significant changes. Possibilities for 7-12 expansions beyond those already included in the plan will be explored through the community engagement process.

### **High School Proposals**

There are currently no plans to create any new 7-12 schools in Roxbury. However the district community engagement process for new 7-12 high schools in other areas will explore how to best provide access to students across the city.

### **Elementary School Proposals**

Beyond the new building and conversion of the Timilty to a K-6 for existing Roxbury elementary schools, this plan does not include expansion of Roxbury elementary schools to K-6 or K-8 schools due to the limited number of classrooms in each building. Schools that do not move into the new building or renovated Timilty building may later have the opportunity to leverage recently vacated elementary buildings to create two-campus K-6 sites.

Roxbury is home to one of our Early Education Centers / Early Learning Centers (EEC/ELC), the Haynes. EEC/ELCs are configured as either K-1 or K-3. The grade spans of these schools are not scheduled to change. However, the district will work with school communities interested in changing the configuration of the EEC's and ELC's if there is interest.