



## BULLETIN OF INFORMATION

### ADVANCED WORK CLASS (AWC) TESTING FOR NON-BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Advanced Work Class (AWC) is a full-time program in the Boston Public Schools that provides an accelerated academic curriculum for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Students are expected to complete more school work and home study. Student participation is by invitation only and based solely on the student's scores on an eligibility test. BPS will administer the TerraNova, third edition, to determine eligibility for the AWC program.

The test will be administered free of charge to Boston residents currently in grades 3, 4, or 5 attending private, parochial, and charter schools, or students being home-schooled. Parents are encouraged to bring their children snacks and beverages for break time. The entire administration process is approximately two hours and includes test directions, distribution of materials, and break time.

**DATE:** Saturday, October 13, 2018

**TIME:** 8:00 AM Registration (Test 9 AM)

**PLACE:** Washington Irving Middle School  
105 Cummings Highway, Roslindale, MA 02131

Make-up testing and special accommodation testing will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 (8 AM Registration, Test at 9 AM) at Washington Irving Middle School, 105 Cummings Highway, Roslindale, MA 02131.

**Please note that seat availability for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade program is rather limited because students currently in grade 4 AWC are guaranteed a seat in grade 5 AWC. In addition, all students, including those already enrolled in the Advanced Work Class Program, will be administered a test during grade 5, and if eligible, will be placed in a pool for the Advanced Work Class Program for grade 6.**

Please send a completed Registration Form and Home Language Survey by **September 28, 2018** to:

AWC Testing/Non-BPS Students  
Boston Public Schools

Office of Data and Accountability  
2300 Washington Street  
Roxbury, MA 02119

**Please be advised that parents will not receive confirmation or a test ticket.** All students should report to the test site at 8:00 AM to check in.

Special accommodation testing is available for students who are unable to take the TerraNova under standard conditions because of a documented learning difference, physical disability, or language ability.

To apply for a special accommodation due to a physical or learning disability, the parent or guardian must submit a request form and a copy of the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan.

To apply for testing accommodations for English Learner (EL) students, the parent or guardian must submit a request form and the student will be required to take an English Proficiency Test the week of October 8-13, 2018 to determine eligibility. The EL accommodation will include the use of an approved word-to-word dictionary and extended time.

To ensure the use of the word-to-word bilingual dictionary, please bring your own copy which is subject to inspection by the BPS. Approved bilingual dictionaries are limited to those that provide word-to-word translations and do not include definitions. Parents may purchase a dictionary from the following list of authorized distributors:

- Bilingual Dictionaries Inc. - [www.bilingualdictionaries.com](http://www.bilingualdictionaries.com)
- Hippocrene Books, Inc. - [www.hippocrenebooks.com](http://www.hippocrenebooks.com)
- Tuttle Publishing - [www.tuttlepublishing.com](http://www.tuttlepublishing.com)

**The Special Accommodation Request Form can be found on the Boston Public School's website at <http://bostonpublicschools.org/awc> or by calling the Office of Data and Accountability at 617-635-9554. All Special Accommodation Request Forms must be submitted by September 28, 2018 to AWC Testing/Non-BPS Students, Boston Public Schools, Office of Data and Accountability, 2300 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119.**

For more information please contact the following departments:

For questions regarding the test registration process and AWC assignments, please contact Welcome Services at 617-635-9512.

For question regarding the TerraNova exam or test results, please contact the Office of Data & Accountability at 617-635-9554 or 617-635-9553.