

EXAM SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS POLICY

(July 2021)



3 SCHOOLS

Boston Latin Academy
Boston Latin School
John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science

115 POINTS (max)

8 TIERS

STEP ONE: WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students need a minimum B grade point average (GPA) to be considered part of the applicant pool.

- **School Year '22-23:** students will receive a score, ranging from 1-100, made up of their **GPA only**.
- **School Year '23-24 and beyond:** eligible students will receive a composite score based on exam (**30%**) and GPA (**70%**) with potential additional points.

○ **15 additional points** will be added to the student's score if they are experiencing homelessness, are in the care of the Department of Children and Families, or live in federally or state funded housing owned by the Boston Housing Authority.

○ OR* **10 additional points** will be added to the scores for students attending a school in the year before applying where 40% or more of the students are from economically disadvantaged families.

○ ***Students can't receive additional points for both areas.**

STEP TWO: WHO IS INVITED?

100% of invitations are distributed through straight rank within **8** socioeconomic tiers.

What is a tier?

A grouping of geographic areas in the city with similar socioeconomic characteristics.

○ There will be **8 tiers across the city**, and tiers will be of relative equal size based on the number of school-aged children in grades 5-8. Census tract tiers will be re-calculated annually.

○ Every tier will have approximately the same number of seats. Invitations will go out in 10 rounds, with 10% of available seats within each tier distributed per round. **The tier with the highest need will go first in each round.**

○ For students with identical scores within a tier, their assigned random number will be used to determine the ranking order. The individual with the lower random number will be ranked higher than the other(s).