RESIDENCY VERIFICATION FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, COMMONWEALTH CHARTER SCHOOLS, METCO, AND STUDENTS BEING HOME-SCHOoled

BPS Residency Requirement

Application to the Boston Exam Schools requires both the student and parent/guardian to reside in the city of Boston. Parents must verify the home address in person at a BPS Welcome Center between Monday, October 7 and Friday, November 22, 2019. If the student is planning to attend the November 9th exam with Boston Public Schools, the residency verification process must be completed by November 8, 2019. If the residency is not verified by the required deadline, the student will not be allowed to take the exam and will not be considered for admission.

If the student currently attends a public school outside of the Boston Public School district we will require a letter from the respective Superintendent from that city or town stating that they are aware of Boston residency, as per our requirement, but attending their public school. The letter must be original, notarized, on school district letterhead, and must be presented in person with the BPS required residency documents during the verification period. (Not applicable to METCO program schools)

BPS Welcome Center Locations & Schedule

Welcome Centers are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30-5:00 PM, and on Wednesdays from 12-7:00 PM. The East Boston Center is only open Mondays and Tuesdays.

Dorchester Welcome Center, 1216 Dorchester Avenue Dorchester, MA 02125
East Boston Welcome Center (Inside Mario Umana Academy), 312 Border Street East Boston, MA 02128
Roslindale Welcome Center, 515 Hyde Park Avenue Roslindale, MA 02131
Roxbury Welcome Center, 2300 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Roxbury, MA 02119

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:
Child’s original birth certificate or I-94 form (court order of guardianship if applicable)
Child’s immunization record
Parent/Guardian photo identification

TWO OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS (items cannot be from the same bullet):
• A Utility Bill (not water or cell phone) dated within the past 60 days
• A Deed, Mortgage Payment dated within the past 60 days, or Property Tax Bill dated within the last year
• A current Lease, Section 8 Agreement, or BPS Landlord Affidavit
• A W2 form dated within the year or a Payroll Stub dated within the past 60 days
• A Bank or Credit Card Statement dated within the past 60 days
• A Letter from an Approved Government Agency* dated within the past 60 days

* Approved government agencies: Departments of Revenue (DOR), Children and Family Services (DCF), Transitional Assistance (DTA), Youth Services (DYS), Social Security, any communications on Commonwealth of Massachusetts Letterhead.

** If the parent has a recent name change, appropriate legal documentation is required