

# Understanding Your School Choice Form

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## **Please note:**

- All schools on your choice list are sorted by a measure of quality (with Tier 1 being the highest quality) and then by distance from home.
- For English Learners, district recommended programs appear first and are labeled with a letter "R".

## **School Name and Program**



These are the schools and programs available to you. There can be multiple programs within a school and within a grade, such as general education, advanced work class, dual language, and more. You may make as many school/program choices as are available. Due to the unique language, special education, and academic needs of your child, you may have one or more program choices for a school. Please note that all programs are subject to change.

## **Distance and Transportation**



This section displays the distance of the school from your current address and what transportation, if any, is provided by the school district. Transportation provided by the district includes buses and T-Passes depending on grade level. Typically, all schools within one mile of your home do not have transportation provided (unless labeled otherwise).

## **School Quality Tier**



The district's system to measure school quality takes into account the whole school, not just standardized test results. Schools score from 0-100 based on measurements in four areas: Student Performance; Teaching and Learning; Family, Community, and Culture; and Leadership and Collaboration. Student Performance makes up 75% of a school's quality score. Families can view all school quality data and other school information at [DiscoverBPS.org](https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/discoverbps). From this score, a school quality tier from 1-4 is determined for the purpose of school choice.

High schools will not receive an assignment tier for the choice season beginning in fall 2017. Since students entering high school have access to all high schools city-wide, these schools do not require tiers for the Home-Based Assignment. For more information on the School Quality Framework please visit: <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/schoolquality>

## **School Hours**



Listed school hours are for the regular school day and do not include any before and/or after school programs that may be available at the school. Please see visit our website or contact the schools to learn more about additional program offerings.

*Finally, consider what is important to your family. This may include attending a school close to home, academic performance, availability of before and after school programs, transportation eligibility, athletic programs, dress code, and more.*

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### **Additional Requirements**

Some schools have additional requirements for admission aside from ranking them on this choice form. If you choose a school with additional admission requirements, you may need to submit other application materials to the school in order to indicate your interest in that school. Programs with additional requirements may include:

School Name	Description
<b>Alighieri Montessori (Grade 1 and older)</b>	Prior Montessori experience is required. Please submit documentation of Montessori experience directly to the school to be considered. Email: <a href="mailto:gcolon@bostonpublicschools.org">gcolon@bostonpublicschools.org</a>
<b>Boston Arts Academy</b>	Application and audition required, priority deadline: 2/3/2018
<b>Boston Community Leadership Academy</b>	Application and interview required, deadline: 2/2/2018
<b>Boston Green Academy</b>	Application (required), priority deadline: 2/16/2018
<b>Dual Language Programs (Grade 3 and older)</b>	Language testing is required to ensure new students understand the language effectively to participate in classes. If a seat becomes available, schools will contact families to schedule language testing.
<b>Dudley Street Neighborhood School</b>	Application (required), priority deadline 2/28/2018
<b>Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers</b>	Application (suggested but not required), deadline: 2/9/2018
<b>Fenway High School</b>	Application (required), deadline 2/2/2018
<b>Madison Park Technical Vocational High School</b>	Application (suggested but not required) Interviews required for students entering grades 10, 11, or 12. Email: <a href="mailto:jfoster2@bostonpublicschools.org">jfoster2@bostonpublicschools.org</a>
<b>New Mission High School</b>	Application and interview required, deadline: 2/2/2018
<b>Quincy Upper School (Grade 7 and older)</b>	One of the following four criteria must be met: i) The student is a sibling or step-sibling of a current Quincy Upper student ii) The student has previously attended Quincy Elementary or Quincy Upper iii) The student has previously attended an IB school iv) The student has an IEP and is referred to the Quincy by the BPS Office of Special Education. Email: <a href="mailto:atong@bostonpublicschools.org">atong@bostonpublicschools.org</a>
<b>UP Academy Boston</b>	Application (required), priority deadline 3/2/2018
<b>UP Academy Dorchester</b>	Application (required), priority deadline 3/2/2018