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Bridging Collectives: A Summit on Selectivity, Integration, and Equity at Elite Public High Schools

Boston Exam Schools

Boston, MA

Boston Exam School Admissions

3 Exam Schools

- Boston Latin School
- Boston Latin Academy
- O'Bryant Sch. of Math & Science

Prior System - Test & Grades

- **Test (50% of admissions score):**
Independent Schools Entrance Exam (ISEE), a test for private schools not normed to state standards or BPS curriculum
- **Grades (50% of admissions score)**

2021 Pandemic Year Interim Plans

- Test suspended
- Pandemic grades *not* counted - only 19/20 fall/winter grades
- 20% of seats at each exam school allotted to students with highest grades citywide
- Next 80% of seats split among zip codes based on percentage of school-age youth
- Seats selected over 10 rounds
- Lowest median family income zip codes select first each round
- Students with highest remaining grades in each zip code pick first

Boston Exam School Demographics

	<u>Latin School</u>	<u>Latin Academy</u>	<u>O'Bryant</u>	<u>Boston Pub. Schools</u>
Female	52%	59%	55%	48%
Asian	29.3%	18.8%	20.2%	9.1%
Black	7.7%	21.4%	32.3%	29.3%
Hispanic or Latino	13.4%	26.4%	33.8%	42.4%%
White	44.5%	29.7%	11.7%	15.3%
Other	4.7%	3.5%	1.6%	3.4%
English Language Learners	0%	0.1%	1.3%	29.2%
Students with Disabilities	2.6%	3.8%	4.4%	21.5%

**What are other schools doing?
(Hunter College HS and Thomas
Jefferson)**

Where In Our Process Does Diversity Drop?

	NYC School Population (by percent)	2020 Test Taker Demographics *	2020 Passing Multiple Choice Demographics (14% n/a)*	2020 Accepted (14% n/a)*
Black	25.5	7%	2.6%	3.4%
Latinx	40.6	11.2%	6.7%	5.1%
White	15.1	24.6%	27.5%	26%
Asian	16.2	39.4%	40.4%	40.1%
Multi-racial	n/a	6.1%	8.3%	10.7%
Economically Disadvantaged / Free-Reduced Lunch Eligible	72.8	9.2%	No data available	

*This 2020 test taker data was collected from a July 2020 FOIL request for test taker data.

TJ Admissions Stage Demographics

	2015 Applicants %	2015 Semifinalists %	2024 Apps %	2024 Semis %
Asian	41	48	56	68
White	40	42	24	22
Multi	5	5	6	6
Hispanic or Latino	7	3	8	3
Black	7	2	6	1
Economically Disadvantaged	7.3	1.6	7.2	1.4
English Language Learners	8.2	4.1	2.7	0.6

Key Lessons and Takeaways

- Student voice matters and must be amplified at the grassroots, state, and federal level (next steps)
- The importance of integration activists not working in silos
- Researchers are paying attention to student activists

