



BPS EXAM SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

*Exam Schools Admission Criteria
Task Force*

February 23, 2021

Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of Charge and Membership
- III. Discussion of Next Steps
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjourn

The Task Force Charter

Building upon the work initiated by the Superintendent's Exam Schools Admissions Criteria Working Group, the Boston School Committee Exam Schools Admissions Task Force shall develop a set of recommendations for the admissions policy for Boston Public Schools exam schools. The desired outcome is to expand the applicant pool, and create an admissions process that will support student enrollment at each of the exam schools such that rigor is maintained and the student body better reflects the racial, socioeconomic, and geographic diversity of all students (K-12) in the city of Boston. The Task Force shall consider use of the new NWEA assessment and other factors, and leverage learning from a full review of the implementation of the SY 21-22 admissions criteria, as well as a thorough review of practices in other districts.

Draft Working Agreements

- Start on time and end on time.
- Create a safe space for honest and robust dialogue.
- Remain flexible and open-minded, and actively participate.
- Listen to understand other points of view.
- Maintain a respectful stance towards all participants.
- Monitor airtime – ensure that all members who wish to have an opportunity to speak are afforded a chance to do so.
- Speak one at a time – refrain from interrupting others.
- Presented data and materials will be shared following the meeting unless required in advance

The Working Group's Timeline Ahead

February

ES Task Force
organizing meeting

March

Community listening
sessions

Overview of the 1-year
policy implementation
efforts

Review of admissions
criteria in other districts

April

Formulate admissions
criteria and
mechanisms

Review simulation data
for admissions criteria
and mechanisms

Draft
recommendations

Community listening
session

May

Review and give
feedback on first draft
of written admissions
criteria and other
recommendations

Finalize
recommendations

Submission to School
Committee.

SC
Presentation
May/June

Present the Task
Force policy
recommendations to
the School Committee

Scheduling Meetings

Frequency, duration and structures

- Once weekly March - April and twice weekly in May
- Minimum 90-minute sessions
- Include public comment at each meeting and hold at 2 community listening sessions, in addition to stakeholder outreach