

Excellence for All Initiative

Excellence for All is an initiative growing out of Superintendent Tommy Chang’s 100 Day plan for the start of his tenure as Superintendent of Boston Public Schools. It is intended to expand access to rigorous curriculum and enrichment experiences for students in Boston Public Schools. During school year 2016-2017 the initiative will focus on 4th grade classrooms, some in AWC schools and some in non-AWC schools. As a result of this initiative, hundreds of additional 4th grade students will have access rigorous academic and enrichment experiences! Over 3-5 years the plan is to expand to every classroom in the district.

Integrating AWC

As part of the Excellence for All initiative, schools with Advanced Work Class programs were invited to consider making changes in their programming model that would make the type of rigorous experiences currently found in AWC classrooms available to more 4th graders. The Table below shows the programming that will be offered to students in 4th grade in schools with AWC programs:

School Name	Programming Model for the 2016-2017 school year
Bates Elementary	Students will not be grouped in a separate AWC homeroom. All 4 th graders will engage in Common Core aligned curriculum, complete interdisciplinary projects, receive instruction in organizational and study skills (executive functioning skills) and participate in enrichment experiences provided specifically for Excellence for All schools.
Bradley Elementary	no change to programming
Channing Elementary	no change to programming
Condon Elementary	no change to programming
Curley K-8 School	Students will not be grouped in a separate AWC homeroom. All 4 th graders will engage in Common Core aligned curriculum, complete interdisciplinary projects, receive instruction in organizational and study skills (executive functioning skills) and participate in enrichment experiences provided specifically for Excellence for All schools.
Edison K-8 School	Students will not be grouped in a separate AWC homeroom. All 4 th graders will engage in Common Core aligned curriculum, complete interdisciplinary projects, receive instruction in organizational and study skills (executive functioning skills) and participate in enrichment experiences provided specifically for Excellence for All schools.
Hennigan K8 School	no change to programming
Jackson/Mann K-8 School	no change to programming
Lee K-8 School	Flexible grouping to include additional students in the AWC classroom as space allows.
Murphy K-8 School	Common curriculum for all students but maintain separate grouping for AWC students.
Ohrenberger School	no change to programming
Quincy Elementary	no change to programming

Taylor Elementary	Flexible grouping to include additional students in the AWC classroom as space allows.
Winthrop Elementary	no change to programming

Prototype Schools

In addition to supporting current AWC schools, the Excellence for All Initiative BPS will be working with 4th grade classrooms in an additional group of schools to support and develop the elements of success needed to attain “excellence for all” in every BPS classroom.

The schools participating in this prototyping process are:

Ellis Mendell
Gardner Pilot Academy
Grew
Guild
Harvard Kent
Holmes
King
Philbrick
Orchard Gardens
Sumner