



# Boston Public Schools

## 2016 K-8 Edition

### A Guide for Parents and Students

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### Our Mission

As the birthplace of public education in this nation, the Boston Public Schools is committed to transforming the lives of all children through exemplary teaching in a world-class system of innovative, welcoming schools. We partner with communities, families, and students to develop in every learner the knowledge, skill, and character to excel in college, career, and life.



**B**OSTON FAMILIES are fortunate to have more choices for their children's education than almost anywhere in the U. S. — and you will find some of our city's best and most exciting choices in the Boston Public Schools. From pre-kindergarten through middle school and continuing through high school, our schools offer academic, social, and cultural experiences that receive national recognition.

Among your many choices are:

- An extensive kindergarten program, with guaranteed full-day “K2” for all 5-year-olds, more than 2,400 seats for 4-year-olds, and extended day schools just for early learners, including a Montessori program.
- A growing number of kindergarten–grade 8 (K–8) programs, innovation schools, pilot schools, and in-district charter schools all over the city, in response to parents' requests.
- Schools with programs for talented and gifted students, English language learners, and students with disabilities.

We have great schools, and we are working harder than ever to make changes so that excellence is in every classroom, in every school, every single day. As you explore your school options, be sure to visit our schools and classrooms and talk to our principals, teachers, students and parents. You may find just what you're looking for!

## Welcome to Our Schools.

**W**E ARE PROUD to welcome you to America's first public school system — and one of the best among the nation's great cities. As the parent or guardian of a student in our schools, you are our most important and valued partner in our work to help your child achieve academic excellence. I invite you to read more about the Boston Public Schools in the following pages and (very important!) to visit as many of our schools as possible—especially if you are one of the thousands of families who will be choosing new schools for your children for the coming school year.

Here are a few of the great advantages of choosing the Boston Public Schools:

- We have **smaller class sizes**, comparable to many suburban school districts. In kindergarten through grade 2, the maximum class size is just 22 students.
- **Technology** is a part of daily learning, with an average of one digital device for every four students and Internet access in every classroom. Boston teachers are equipped with state-of-the-art laptop computers for instructional use in the classroom to support the district's goal of ensuring that all students are college-ready and success-bound. Parents can keep track of their child's academic progress on-line, and our Cyber Safety Campaign for students promotes a safe, online citizenry in today's digital world.
- We are fully committed to meeting the needs of our **English language learners**. Our ELL programs help every

student learn English quickly, which will help them advance in their study of literature, math, science, and history.

- Most of our schools have **before and/or after school programs** which may include tutoring, homework help, enrichment, and sports. Some schools have longer hours to give students extra time in both academics and electives. We are expanding **athletic opportunities** for middle school students and creating new partnerships at the elementary level to promote **health and wellness**.
- We are expanding **arts opportunities** for all students. The BPS Arts Expansion Initiative is working to ensure that every student in grades K-8 has weekly arts instruction in school. Each school offers unique programs, from visual arts and music to dance and theater.
- Our schools have strong, focused plans to teach **reading, writing, and math**, aligned to new curriculum standards set by the state. More students take Algebra 1 in grade 8, and we recently adopted a rigorous new reading program for students in K2 through grade 5. We are also offering **pre-Advanced Placement programs** in more middle/K–8 schools to expose many more students to challenging college-level material.
- Many students need **extra help** to succeed in reading or math. Students who are not scoring at the “proficient” level on state tests have a learning plan tailored to their particular needs, as well as more time to work on reading

and math during the school day. Some schools also provide after school tutoring.

- All of our schools are guided by the **goals and priorities developed by the Boston School Committee**. A top priority is that all schools will provide rigorous, effective and engaging curriculum, instruction and enrichment for all students.

In 2014, we began using a new plan to assign students to school. You will learn more about the **Home-Based student assignment plan** in the following pages. You will also have many opportunities this fall to attend presentations on the plan, ask questions, and visit the schools on your customized list of choices. We value your feedback on the Home-Based plan, which was developed in partnership with the community to help students attend quality schools closer to home.

If you are looking for information on our high schools, be sure to pick up a copy of **Discover BPS: High School edition**, available at all Welcome Centers and online: [www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org).

Thank you for choosing the Boston Public Schools for your family. We look forward to exceeding your expectations and being your partner in preparing your child for success from kindergarten through high school and beyond.

Tommy Chang, Superintendent

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## About the Home-Based School Choice Plan

IN JANUARY, 2014, the Boston Public Schools (BPS) began using a new school assignment plan for students in kindergarten through grade 8. The new plan helps students attend quality schools, closer to home. High schools remain as citywide options for all students. (Please check out *Discover Boston Public Schools: High School Edition* for this information).

### What are the main features of the Home-Based plan?

The Home-Based plan:

- Increases access to quality schools overall
- Ensures every incoming kindergarten child has quality schools from which to choose
- Cuts the average distance a child travels to school by 40 percent
- Offers sibling priority to help brothers and sisters attend the same school
- Offers additional, citywide choices for all families
- Allows currently-enrolled children to stay in their schools through the highest grade, regardless of where the school is located
- Pairs many schools in “pathways” so students are guaranteed assignment to their next school. Please see page 10 for details.

### How does the Home-Based plan work?

- The Home-Based plan uses a student’s home address as the starting point.
- BPS offers a customized list of school choices for every family based on their home address. The list includes every school within one mile of their home. If needed, we will add other nearby schools to ensure that every student can apply to some of our best schools as measured by two years of MCAS results. This ensures every family has access to high quality schools, no matter where they live.
- The list may also grow, as needed, to include schools offering unique programming, such as pre-kindergarten, Advanced Work Class (AWC) and more, and to ensure we can offer every child using the new plan a seat in a school on his or her list. These are called “Option Schools.”
- Most families will have an average of 8-14 choices.
- Families may also select any citywide school. They are: Boston Green Academy, Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School, Hernández K-8, Timilty Middle, UP Academy Boston, and UP Academy Dorchester.

### The Home-Based plan matches as many students with a top choice as possible.

- While the plan increases the chances of being assigned to one of your top choices, we can’t guarantee an assignment to a

specific school. Often, more families select a school than the number of seats available. When that happens, we assign available seats by “random number,” a kind of lottery. (Please see page 6 to learn how it works.)

### Who will be assigned under the Home-Based plan?

- For 2016-2017, students applying for K2 and grades 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 are guaranteed assignment to a school on their customized list. The guarantee grows by two grades each year.
- Students applying for grades 3-5 may be assigned to a school on their customized list if a seat is available. If a seat is not available in any of those schools, the student will be assigned to the school closest to home in his or her former zone (East, West or North) which has an available seat.
- Due to a limited number of seats, as in past years, assignments to K0 and K1 are not guaranteed.
- Students who apply for kindergarten, grade 6 and 9 in January have the best chance of assignment to their top choice school. Non-transition grades begin registration in February.
- Registration and assignments happen in rounds. It doesn’t matter whether you register on the first day or last day of a round. It’s only important to register within the first round for your grade.

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Schools with programs for students entering K0 through grade 8



► Home-Based Plan, from page 2

**The Home-Based plan makes sure every student has high performing schools on his or her customized list.**

We have grouped our schools into four **MCAS tiers**, according to how students performed on MCAS tests in a recent two-year period. Every family has at least two of the highest-scoring schools (MCAS Tier 1 – the top 25%) and at least four schools that are in the top half of MCAS performance and growth (MCAS Tier 1 and Tier 2) on their customized lists.

The Home-Based plan offers **more predictability** and gives parents a better opportunity to get to know their school options in advance. This means families can learn more about schools earlier, which can strengthen connections among schools, students and families. More information about the Home-Based plan is available at [bostonpublicschools.org](http://bostonpublicschools.org).

**How does the plan help English language learners and students with disabilities?**

For **English language learners and students with disabilities**, the Home-Based plan still starts with choices within a mile of the student's home, but also creates larger community clusters of schools with program options to ensure that these students can enroll in schools that are best able to meet their needs.

**How can you get your customized list of school choices?**

There are two ways to get your customized list:

- 1 **Use your computer.** Go to [DiscoverBPS.org](http://DiscoverBPS.org). This website has easy-to-follow directions. It will ask you to enter information including your address, the grade your child is entering, and if there are other children in the family who already attend a BPS school. When you have completed the information, the computer will display your customized list. You may then sort and prioritize your list using new search features.
- 2 **Call or visit any BPS Welcome Center,** listed on page 28. Parent kiosks are available for use, or ask the staff to help you print your customized list.

Be sure to visit our website to read school profiles and learn more about the school choice registration and assignment process: [www.bostonpublicschools.org/register](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/register).

## School Choice Season

### December 2015-January 2016

This is a great time for families to learn more about our schools before school registration begins. All our schools will have special opportunities to visit classrooms, tour the school, and meet the principal and teachers.

### Showcase In Our Schools for grades K-8

**Saturday, December 5 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Every early education center, elementary, kindergarten-grade 8 (K-8) and middle school will welcome visitors on this special Saturday. It's your chance to check out several schools on your list, meet the principal, teachers and parents, tour the building, and see student work.

Are you also looking at high schools for your older children? Our **High School Showcase** will take place on Thursday, December 3 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at the Bolling Municipal Building in Dudley Square, Roxbury.

### School Preview Days

All schools will also host at least three additional times to visit. For a schedule, visit any of our Welcome Centers (see back page) or find them online at [bostonpublicschools.org/Page/652](http://bostonpublicschools.org/Page/652).

Please contact schools directly to learn about any additional opportunities.

We encourage you to visit our schools during our special Showcase and Preview events. In addition, all schools are open during school hours to visitors who have appointments. If you want to visit classrooms and speak to the principal and staff, please call ahead.

### How do I know which schools may be best for my child?

Try to visit as many schools on your customized list as possible to get a sense of whether they could be a good fit for your student.

On pages 12-27, you will find brief school profiles. Our website, [bostonpublicschools.org](http://bostonpublicschools.org), also has lots of information about each school.

Our Welcome Centers can really help, too. Staff can explain what each school offers, what your options are, and how to apply. They also have information about:

- Wait lists and transfers, if you want to change schools
- Programs for English language learners and for students with disabilities
- Programs for high achievers
- Before and after school programs
- Summer programs
- Parent education and opportunities for family involvement
- Community resources
- ...and much more!

Our Welcome Centers are listed on page 28. Call or drop by.

If you are applying for kindergarten, **Countdown to Kindergarten** has lots of information on how to choose

a program, how and when to register, and how to help your child get ready for his or her exciting first year of school.

☎ 617-635-9288

[www.countdowntokindergarten.org](http://www.countdowntokindergarten.org)

### Choosing a School: Some Things to Look For and Ask

- The school's philosophy and expectations for every student
- Student achievement, measured by test scores and performance on projects and written assignments
- The school's plans to help students achieve at higher levels
- The curriculum: what will your child learn in every subject? Does the school offer Algebra 1 for 8th graders?
- Resources that support active learning, including the library, science labs, and technology
- Home/school communication: Is there a regular school newsletter or e-mail bulletin? How does the school communicate with parents whose English is limited? Are there regular times when parents can contact the teacher?
- Before and after school programs serving the school and neighborhood
- Opportunities for art, music, and physical exercise
- Support services available to students and their families, such as counseling and health services
- School uniforms and dress codes.

## Who needs to apply for school?

Students who already attend a Boston public school may stay in the school through the school's highest grade. They do not need to complete an application unless they want to request a transfer to another school.

### A student must apply for school if...

- The student attends a BPS school and is in the school's highest grade this year—for example, grade 5 in a K-5 school, or grade 8 in a middle school or K-8 school.
- The student is in a special program and must go to a different school for a new program.
- The student wants to transfer to another school.
- The student doesn't attend a BPS school now—even if the student applied and received a BPS assignment last year.

According to state law, every child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which he or she turns six years old. Failure to send a child to school could result in legal action against the parent.

### Where to Register

Students who are currently enrolled in the Boston Public Schools will get their applications from their school. They do not need to apply in person at a Welcome Center.

Parents of new-to-BPS students may pre-register on the BPS website. But to complete the process, they must visit a BPS Welcome Center (see page 28).

### Registration for English Language Learners

All students entering K2 through grade 12 who are not native English speakers will be tested for English proficiency. When registering for school at a Welcome Center, applicants complete a Home Language Survey. The results determine if a student needs testing. If so, the student will be given an appointment to go to the BPS Newcomers Assessment & Counseling Center. The multilingual staff will test the students' English language skills and help parents and students choose the education services that are best for them. The

center's parent liaisons can also help families to connect with services in their child's school and in the community.

### Newcomers Assessment & Counseling Center

Bolling Municipal Building  
2300 Washington St., Roxbury 02119  
617-635-1565

Open on school days, 8 am–5 pm.  
Please arrive at least one hour before closing time.

### Required Documents

When you go to register, bring all of these documents:

- 1 Child's original birth certificate (with raised seal), passport, or Form I-94
- 2 Child's up-to-date immunization record. See the list of required immunizations below for details. Contact BPS Health Services, 617-635-6788, if you have questions.
- 3 Parent/guardian photo identification
- 4 A transcript from the child's last school (grade 1-12, if applicable)
- 5 TWO proofs that you live in the City of Boston. Acceptable documents are in the Residency Requirement box on this page.

### Immunizations

The Boston Public Schools requires that students must have immunizations that are up-to-date for school entry at the time they register for school. This means that the following immunizations need to be in place at registration:

	K0/K1 (ages 3-4)	K2 (age 5)	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12
Hepatitis B	3	3	3	3
DtaP/DTP/ DT/Td/Tdap	≥4 DTP/ DTP	5 DtaP/ DTP	≥4 DtaP/DTP or ≥3 Td	4 DtaP/DTP or ≥3 Td; plus 1 Tdap
Polio	≥3	4	≥3	≥3
Hib	1-4	0	0	0
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1	2	Gr. 1-5: 2 MMR Gr. 6: 2 measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella	2 MMR
Varicella (chickenpox)	1*	2*	Gr. 1-5: 2* Gr. 6: 1*	2*

(\*or reliable history of chickenpox)

**NOTE:** If a child has turned 5 years old by the registration date, he or she must have received the K2 immunizations. However, if the child is 4 years old at registration, he or she is NOT expected to have received the 5-year-old immunizations.

**Immunization requirements are complex.** To learn more, go to: [bostonpublicschools.org/healthservices](http://bostonpublicschools.org/healthservices). Contact BPS Health Services, 617-635-6788, if you have questions. In addition, we strongly

recommend that your child have a Tuberculosis Risk Assessment.

When you register your child for school, you must submit a doctor's record stating your child has had the required immunizations. The record must include the month, day, and year when the immunizations were given. If you need a copy of the immunization record or have questions, contact your doctor or health center. If you don't have a doctor or health center, call the Mayor's Health Line, 800-847-0710. Please allow two to three weeks for your doctor or health center to copy records.

Please bring or send a copy of the immunization record to the school nurse on the first day of school.

By law, students whose immunizations are not up to date may be excluded from school.

**Special Situations.** Except in an emergency or epidemic, students may start school if a parent or guardian presents a written statement from a physician that their child has not been immunized for medical reasons, or a letter stating that immunization conflicts with his or her religious beliefs.

**Does your child have special health care needs?** At the time of registration, you will fill out a health form indicating if your child has asthma or allergies, is in a wheel chair, or has other special needs, to ensure that your child is assigned to a school that can provide appropriate health services. The form also asks for your health care provider's contact information in case the school needs to reach him/her.

**Physical Examinations.** Please see page 7.

### Completing the Application

Under the Home-Based plan, each applicant will receive his or her own personal application. The application form lists all the schools you may choose – the “customized list.”

- ▶ Choose as many schools as you wish—but we encourage you to make at least FIVE choices.
- ▶ Number your choices in order of your preference.
- ▶ Save your copy of the application in case there's a problem.

### When to Apply

To increase the chances of receiving an assignment to a school of choice, students should apply in the first registration period for their grade. This schedule is for new registrations and transfer requests for the 2016-2017 school year.

## Student Residency Requirement

In order to register for and attend the Boston Public Schools, a student must live in the City of Boston. The residence of a child under age 18 is the legal, permanent residence of the parent(s) or guardian(s) who has physical custody of the child. Residence is defined as the primary place where a person dwells permanently, not temporarily, and is the place that is the center of his or her domestic, social, and civic life. A student who is age 18 or older may establish a residence separate from his or her parents or guardians for school attendance purposes.

Temporary residence in the City of Boston, solely for the purpose of attending a Boston public school, is not considered “residency.”

This residency policy does not apply to homeless students. For questions regarding homeless students, please call the Office of Legal Advisor, 617-635-9320.

### Applicants must submit TWO of these documents when registering for school.

Documents must be pre-printed with the name and current address of the student's parent/guardian (or the student if 18 years of age or older). Items may not be from the same bullet.

- A utility bill (not water or cell phone) dated within the past 60 days
  - A current lease, Section 8 agreement, or BPS landlord affidavit
  - A deed or mortgage payment dated within the past 60 days, or property tax bill dated within the past year
  - 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.

### NOTES:

- The exam schools also require these documents, but they have a separate application process and timeline. See page 9 for details.
- Legal guardianship or caregiver status requires additional documentation from a court or agency.
- These documents are also required for any change of address.

Any student found to be in violation of the residency policy will be dismissed immediately from the Boston Public Schools. The parent/guardian of a student dismissed for non-residency may appeal the decision. The student may be allowed to remain in school during the appeal procedure.

In addition to dismissal from school, the Boston Public Schools may impose penalties on the family such as legal action, a fine based on the cost of educational services received, and the withholding of certain scholarships and prizes.

- ▶ More information on the Residency Policy is available on the BPS website: [bostonpublicschools.org/residency](http://bostonpublicschools.org/residency)

### FIRST REGISTRATION PERIOD

**January 4–29, 2016**

Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 9

To avoid long lines, we recommend the following schedule, based on the first initial of the parent's last name:

- A–I Register January 4-8
- J–Q Register January 11-15
- R–Z Register January 19-22
- All Register January 25-29

### SECOND REGISTRATION PERIOD

**February 3–April 15, 2016**

Kindergarten through Grade 12

### THIRD REGISTRATION PERIOD

**April 19–May 6, 2016**

Kindergarten through Grade 12

### FOURTH REGISTRATION PERIOD

**May 9–June 10, 2016**

Kindergarten through Grade 12

You will receive the notice of your child's assignment by mail. Assignments are usually mailed about six weeks after the close of the registration period.

All students who receive a new school assignment will receive an RSVP form to let us know if you will attend the Boston Public Schools in September. Please sign and return

## When to Apply, continued

the form so we can assign another student from the wait list if you are not attending. You can also use the RSVP form to tell us if you want to stay on wait lists for other schools.

## How does the BPS assign students?

Students are assigned by a computerized lottery. The computer tries to assign students to their highest listed choice for which they have the highest priority.

## What are priorities?

Sometimes a school doesn't have room for every student who lists it as a choice. When this happens, the computer assigns students based on choice and priorities. Within each assignment period, students with the highest priority are assigned first.

## Sibling Priority

We try to assign children in the same family to the same school if the parent requests it. If you want your children to go to the same school, ask the Welcome Center staff how to apply for sibling priority. However, sometimes a school doesn't have room for all the siblings who apply for it; so we can't *guarantee* sibling assignments.

Be sure to list sibling priority the first time you apply.

## Additional Priorities

- Students completing the highest grade at our early education schools either have a guaranteed seat at a pathway school (see page 10) or have priority for the next grade in other schools on their customized list after siblings are assigned.
- Grade 5 students have priority for grade 6 at their pathway school after siblings are assigned.
- Students in dual language programs at the S. Greenwood, Hernández, Hurley and Umana Academy have priority for Margarita Muñoz Academy, a dual-language high school.
- Students eligible for Advanced Work Class have priority for AWC in their current school before students who apply from other schools. In addition, eligible students in grade 5 receive priority for AWC at their grade 6 pathway school.

## East Boston Assignments

Due to its unique location, East Boston general education students, K2-12, are guaranteed an assignment in East Boston, if they so choose.

How does this work?

- Customized lists for East Boston students will include all schools

in East Boston. East Boston residents are given a priority over non-East Boston applicants for those seats. These customized lists may also include some schools outside of East Boston, but the priority would not apply for these schools.

- Since this limits access for non-East Boston residents who also may have East Boston schools on their lists, these students will have priority to the remaining schools on their lists over East Boston students.
- Exceptions may include program seats for English language learners, services for some students with disabilities, and middle school-age students, because some East Boston elementary schools have pathways to middle schools in Charlestown.

## Random Numbers

The computer gives each application a random number. Random numbers are used to break "ties" between students who have the same priorities for the school.

How does this work? Let's say there is one seat left for K1 at the Bates School. All applicants with sibling priority have been assigned. Three additional students, all registered in the same round and without sibling priority, listed the Bates as their first choice. The student with the lowest ("best") random number will be assigned.

## "Grandfathering"

Students already enrolled in our schools may remain in their current school, even if the school is not on their customized list of home-based choices. The district will continue to provide transportation through 2019-2020 for students currently eligible. (See page 7 for transportation information.)

## Wait Lists

If you don't get your first choice, we will try to assign your child to one of your other choices. We will also place your child on up to three wait lists. Here are the rules for wait lists:

- The BPS will create wait lists for all schools where there are more applicants than available seats for a particular grade.
- A student's place on the wait list is based on the registration period when the student applied, sibling priority, the school choices selected on the application, and random number. No student will have a lower place on a wait list than any student who applied in a later registration period, regardless of priorities. However, within each period, a student's place on the wait list can change

## For a better chance of getting one of your top school choices...

- **Apply within your first registration period**—January 4-29, 2016 for the transition grades (kindergarten, grade 6, and grade 9), and February 3–March 18, 2016 for all other grades. All applications received within a registration period are processed at the same time, not in the order received. It doesn't matter if you apply on the first day or the last day of the registration period. See pages 5 and 28 for registration schedule.
- **Make at least FIVE choices.** More is better!
- **List your school choices in your true order of preference.** If you list a popular school first, you won't hurt your chances of getting your second choice school if you don't get your first choice.
- **Choose a variety of schools**—including schools for which you have sibling priority and schools that are easier to get into. For information about less frequently chosen schools that may be a good "fit" for your child, ask Welcome Center staff or check Countdown to Kindergarten, [www.countdowntokindergarten.org](http://www.countdowntokindergarten.org).

You may go to a Welcome Center any time during the year to register for school or to request a transfer—but the longer you wait, the fewer choices you will have. Many schools are full after the first registration period.

if his/her priorities change. This in turn may affect the place of other students on the wait list.

- Students registering for any grade may be placed on up to three wait lists. Students who are assigned to their second choice school may be on a wait list for their first choice school. Students assigned to their third choice school may be on wait lists for their first and second choices. And students assigned to their fourth choice school or a lower-ranked choice, or who are unassigned (kindergarten only) or administratively assigned, may be on wait lists for their top three choices.
- Any student placed on wait lists for certain schools but who would prefer to be on different wait lists may go to any Welcome Center to make new choices. However, students already on the maximum number of wait lists must go off one list in order to be added to another.
- Any student who remains a Boston resident may remain on a wait list after the beginning of the school year, regardless of whether or not the student attends the Boston Public Schools.
- All wait lists expire at the end of the second marking period (January of the following year).

When seats become available, students with sibling priority will be assigned from wait lists first, before other students who applied in the same registration period. We assign students with other priorities after siblings but before students without a priority, within each registration period.

Random numbers will be used as "tie-breakers" among students with the same priorities.

You can find out your child's wait list status by calling any Welcome Center after receiving your assignment notice. In August and September, you can also call the School Hotline, 617-635-9046.

*BPS is currently reviewing its wait list policy. The policy as of October 2015 is described here. Please check the BPS website or ask about any changes when you visit a Welcome Center. Information on any new policy or process will also be included in the folder you receive during registration.*

## Administrative Assignments

State law says every child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which the child turns six years old. If you don't receive one of your school choices, or if you don't return an application for a student age six or older beginning a "transition grade," we will assign the student to the school closest to home that has a seat.

If your child will be under age six through December 31, 2015, we will not assign your child to a school you did not choose. However, if your child is entering K2 kindergarten, you may request that we administratively assign your student if we cannot give you one of your choices. Otherwise, If you want your child to attend a BPS school, you must return to a Welcome Center and make more choices.

## Transfers

**If you want to change schools next school year,** you can apply for a transfer during the first registration period, January 4-29, 2016 (kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9), second registration period, February 3-March 18, 2016 (all grades), or later.

Students requesting transfers to grades 2-5 and 8 may choose from their customized list under the Home-Based plan — but due to grandfathering we cannot guarantee assignment to a school on their customized list. If we are not able to assign these students to a school they choose, they may remain in their current school.

All transfer requests received within each registration period are processed together. Requests received after September 30 will be processed in mid-November and late January.

**If you want to request a transfer for the current school year**, apply at any Welcome Center through the end of January.

We can't guarantee your transfer request will be approved.

The BPS limits the number of times students can transfer to a different school:

- **Elementary School:** Once per year in kindergarten–grade 5.
- **Middle School:** Only once in grades 6–8.
- **High School:** Only once in grades 9–12.

**Disciplinary Transfers.** Students in grades 6–12 who are transferred for disciplinary reasons will be assigned to an alternative program.

## If You Move

- Bring the proofs of your new address (see page 3) to any Welcome Center right away. If you don't have proofs of your new address, call the Center for advice.
- **If you move, your child may have to change schools.** However, your child may be able to stay in his or her current school if that school remains on your new customized list of home-based choices, or if you agree to provide transportation.
- Remember to give the school principal your new address and phone number.
- We can't change your bus stop until you change your address.

## Homeless Students

If you move to a shelter, are doubled-up, or are living in any other temporary situation, go to any Welcome Center and give them your new address.

Children have the right to stay in their school of origin for the entire time they are homeless, even if they move to a different school district. Students have the right to stay at their school of origin whether or not they live with their parents. You may also choose to enroll in a school within the new zone, town, or city where you live temporarily. If you become homeless during the summer and have to move, your child can

return to the school that he or she last attended. Transportation may be provided unless your new address is within the “walk zone” of your child's school.

If you move into permanent housing during the school year, your child may finish the year in the same school. However, transportation will not be provided unless your child is eligible for transportation to the school under BPS policy.

For help, call the Homeless Education Resource Network, 617-635-8037.

## Expulsion

Students who have been expelled from other school districts for possession of a dangerous weapon or controlled substance, assault on school staff, or a felony conviction may not enroll in the Boston Public Schools during their period of expulsion. If the BPS finds out that a student has been expelled from his or her previous school for any of these reasons, the student will be discharged from the Boston Public Schools in accordance with Massachusetts law.

Students may not be excluded from school for more than 90 school days except in the case of the serious offenses named above. Students must receive educational services during the period of expulsion.

## Transportation

About two-thirds of our 57,000 students receive some type of transportation service: either school bus or MBTA pass. These students are eligible for transportation:

- Students who live one mile or more from their kindergarten and elementary school
- Students who live one and a half miles or more from their middle school
- Students who live two miles or more from their high school.

Most students who take a school bus are picked up and dropped off at a corner near their home. Students in grades 7-12 get an MBTA pass or a combination of T pass and school bus.

When your child is assigned to school, we will tell you if your child is eligible for transportation. In late August, we will mail you information about your child's bus stop, bus number, and schedule.

## Transportation for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities may receive corner-to-corner service, MBTA service, or door-to-door service, as required in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Some students with severe medical or physical conditions that prevent them from walking to school may receive transportation. Contact the school nurse to request this service. The nurse will give you the required health forms and will discuss your child's transportation needs with your child's doctor. Our Health Services Office will decide if a student is eligible for transportation after reviewing documents from the doctor and input from school staff. During the summer, please call Health Services, 617-635-6788.

Except for some medical conditions, medical transportation is not automatically renewed. You must reapply each year.

We cannot make special transportation arrangements for children whose parent or guardian is disabled—but we may be able to assign a bus stop closer to home. Please discuss these requests with the BPS Transportation Department.

## Alternative Transportation

You can request “alternative transportation” to or from a bus stop other than your home stop (such as an after-school program). Students who are not eligible for transportation to and from home may also request this service. Your request is subject to these restrictions:

- The stop you request must be on an existing bus route and must not add time to the route.
- There must be room on the bus for new students assigned to the bus route.
- You must request your alternative stop for the whole week, not just certain days.

- We do not provide door-to-door alternative service unless it is required in an IEP.
- When students move, their current school may no longer be on their customized list of schools. (See “If You Move” on this page.) They may choose to remain in the current school—but they are NOT eligible for alternative transportation.

For more information and an application for alternative transportation:

- Go to: [www.bostonpublicschools.org/transportation](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/transportation)
- Contact the principal
- Call the Transportation Department, 617-635-9520
- E-mail: [schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org)

If you return a complete application for alternative transportation before August 1, you will receive a response by August 15. If the stop is approved, your child's alternative stop will be active by the first day of school. Requests received in late August and September may take several weeks to process.

## Transportation Tips

- We cannot guarantee that your child will get the alternative stop or service that you request.
- Do not apply for alternative transportation in order to change the bus stop if you have moved or are requesting a closer stop.

You may complete a “change of address” form at any Welcome Center. The Transportation Department in the Bolling Building, Roxbury, does not process “change of address” information.

When you submit your “change of address” form, we will automatically give your child a new bus stop near your new home if you are eligible for transportation.

- If you think your child's bus stop is too far from home or is dangerous, you may be able to change it. But keep in mind that students who do not receive transportation often walk up to a mile to their school.
- If we have determined that your child lives within the required distance to the school and you disagree, you can ask us to measure the distance.

## For help with transportation

Year-round 617-635-9520  
School Hot Line 617-635-9046

January 4-29, 2016 and mid-August through mid-September



## Boston Public Schools Programs

**FROM THE FIRST YEAR** of kindergarten through the last year of high school, we have high expectations for every student, in every subject. You can learn about what your child should know and be able to do by the end of each grade, kindergarten through grade 8, in our *BPS Family Guides to Learning*, <http://bpsfamilies.org/families/family-learning-guides>.

- EVERY SCHOOL is implementing the **BPS Promotion Policy** that requires students to pass specific courses and tests. Most schools provide extra help during the school day and after school for students who are having trouble meeting the promotion requirements.
- EVERY SCHOOL, kindergarten through grade 8, has a strong focus on **literacy**—reading and writing. All schools are using materials aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for English Language Arts and Literacy/Common Core State Standards to ensure that our students receive a solid literacy foundation.
- EVERY SCHOOL provides **mathematics** instruction based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for Mathematics. Students learn basic math concepts, such as adding, multiplying and measuring, and learn to apply those concepts to solve problems. They are expected to explain their thinking and justify their solutions. All students in grades 1–8 have First in Math accounts. This online resource builds skills and reasoning with fun activities to do in school and with their families.
- EVERY SCHOOL is focusing on **science**. We engage students in the practices of science and engineering to better prepare them for college and careers, and to make well-informed decisions as citizens. We are preparing for the transition to a new Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Framework. We have already moved forward on the science and engineering practices by focusing students' work on thinking, investigating and communicating like a scientist!

- EVERY SCHOOL teaches **social studies**—the study of how people live together and organize themselves in society—to help students learn to make good decisions and be informed, responsible citizens. Social studies includes history, geography, government, economics, and other topics.

For information on the courses students must take and pass to be promoted to the next grade, pick up a copy of the *Guide to the Boston Public Schools for Families and Students*. It is available at all BPS Welcome Centers, the central office in the Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury, and on the BPS website.

While high standards are the rule in all schools, each school offers unique programs, themes, and approaches to learning. When you are choosing schools, look for special classes and programs that match your child's needs and interests.

### Kindergarten

We offer several options to get our youngest learners off to a successful start:

- **Kindergarten 2.** Our goal is to offer the best possible preparation for children entering grade 1. To meet this goal, we provide a six-hour K2 program for 5-year-olds in all elementary schools. We guarantee a school assignment for all children who apply for full-day K2. However, due to capacity limits, we can't guarantee an assignment to a school you choose. To register for K2, children must be five years old on or before September 1, 2016.
- **Kindergarten for younger students.** This September, we will have more than 2,400 seats for children who are four years old on or before September 1, 2016. We also have a very limited number of openings in K0 for children who are three years old on or before September 1, 2016. We regret that we cannot guarantee an assignment to these programs.
- **Schools for Early Learners.** We have several schools that offer full-day kindergarten (starting with K0 or K1) through grade 1 or grade 3, plus before and after school care from 7:30 am to 4:35 pm, all free. Seats are limited and wait lists can be long for these popular programs.

### "Countdown to Kindergarten"

This partnership among the BPS, City of Boston, and many community organizations creates a continuum of services that support families from birth through kindergarten entry, including:

- **Talk, Read, Play:** A citywide campaign that provides Boston families with children ages birth to five with information about child development milestones, activities to support growth and learning at home, and resources and events in the community. Visit [www.talkreadplay.org](http://www.talkreadplay.org) for more information.
- **Play to Learn Groups:** Free weekly structured playtimes for parents and their children ages one to five in Boston Public Schools elementary schools.
- **Kindergarten transition:** Resources and activities to provide a positive transition into BPS kindergarten for students and their families.

Pick up copies of their publications, available in many languages, at any Welcome Center, or call 617-635-9288 or visit their website: [www.countdowntokindergarten.org](http://www.countdowntokindergarten.org)

### Important Kindergarten Notes

- All general education kindergarten students are guaranteed a seat through the highest grade of their assigned school, following the guidelines of our student assignment plan.
- We regret that we can't make exceptions to our entry age policy, regardless of your child's previous school experience.
- State law says each child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which the child turns six years old. If your child turns six from September 2–December 31, we will assign him or her to K2.
- If you need a program for your three- or four-year-old, we encourage you to check out Head Start, Child Care Choices of Boston (see page 11), and other preschool options. While our K1 program for 4-year-olds has greatly expanded in recent years, we can't guarantee an assignment for all applicants.

### English Language Learners

**617-635-9435 Information**  
**617-635-1565 Testing and Placement, K2–12**

The Boston Public Schools has made high quality instruction for English Language Learners a top priority. BPS provides various choices and services to help these students learn academic English as they study literature, writing, math, science, history/social studies, the arts, physical education, and other subjects. Our goal is that all our English language learners will graduate as life-long learners and engaged global citizens with the capacity to demonstrate critical thinking and 21st century skills to succeed in postsecondary and/or career pathways.

#### Who is an English language learner?

English language learners (ELLs) are students who are native speakers of languages other than English, and who are not yet proficient enough in academic English to perform ordinary class work in English without language support. Almost 16,000 students in the BPS (29% of all BPS students) are classified as English language learners.

#### How are students placed in ELL services?

The parent/guardian of every child entering BPS for the first time must complete a home language survey at the time of registration. If the survey indicates that the child might qualify for ELL services, the district must assess the child's academic English proficiency in four areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Parents and guardians of children who qualify for ELL services have the legal right to be informed of the options and benefits of ELL services available in a way they can understand (in terms of medium and language) and then to choose the option they (parent or guardian) believe best fits their child's needs. No matter in which school your child is enrolled, s/he has the right to receive services.

Parents of English language learners also have the right to "opt out" of ELL services for their child and have the child assigned to an English-only, general education classroom.

#### What program options are available for English language learners in our schools?

Under state law, "all children in Massachusetts public schools shall be placed in English language classrooms" to learn grade level content. They also shall be provided assistance with English language acquisition, such as English as a Second Language (ESL), so they can learn to speak, listen, read and write in English.



The Boston Public Schools offers the following programs to support English language learners:

- **Sheltered English Instruction (SEI).** In SEI classrooms, teachers qualified to teach the academic subjects provide instruction to ELLs in English language arts, math, science and history/social studies. The teacher may speak the students' first language to help clarify instruction.
- **Two-Way Bilingual Education** (also called Dual Language Education). In this classroom, native English speakers and speakers of one other language learn together. At this time, BPS only offers Spanish two-way programs. Literacy and the academic subjects (literature, math, science and history/social studies) are taught to all students in both languages, with at least half of the instructional time taught in the partner (Spanish) language. The goal of two-way bilingual programs is for all students to become fluent in both languages. Parents may choose a dual language program, but BPS can't guarantee the student will be assigned to the program because of limited space.

*For students to be assigned to the following programs, they need a signed waiver from their parent/guardian acknowledging that the parent has specifically requested the program.*

- **Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE).** Parents of ELL students may request a TBE program if they think their child will make better academic progress and learn English faster than in an SEI classroom. In a TBE classroom, the teacher teaches in the students' first language in order to facilitate learning in math, science and social studies. As students become more proficient in English, the teacher uses the primary language less frequently, until all instruction is conducted in English and students are able to transition to general education classes.
- **High Intensity Language Training (HILT) for Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE).** BPS recommends this program for students ages 9 or older who have recently arrived in the U. S. from their home country, who are not literate in their native language, and who did not attend school or whose schooling was interrupted in their native country.

In HILT programs, students receive:

- Intensive academic English language and literacy development
- Native language instruction designed to help them learn reading, writing, math, science, and history/social studies



- Additional classes such as technology, arts, and physical education.

#### **How does a parent request that their ELL student be placed in a TBE or HILT program?**

##### **Students ages 10 or older:**

- The parent may submit a request for waiver. BPS will authorize the request if the school principal and teachers believe that an alternative program would be better for the student's overall educational progress and rapid acquisition of basic English language skills.
- Waivers are in effect only for the current school year. The parent must visit the school each year to re-apply for the waiver.
- Parents have the right to appeal the decision if the waiver is denied.

##### **Students under age 10:**

The parent may submit a request for waiver as for older students. In addition:

- The student must have been placed in an ELL classroom for at least 30 days;
- The school must certify that the student has special and individual physical or psychological needs, separate from a lack of English proficiency; and
- The waiver must be approved by both the school superintendent and the school principal.

#### **What happens if the parent does not submit a waiver for their child to enter a TBE or HILT program, even though the student may benefit from the program?**

BPS will assign the student to a Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) classroom.

### **Advanced Work Class (AWC)**

**617-635-9450 Testing**  
**617-635-9512 Assignments**  
**617-635-9202 Curriculum**

Advanced Work Class (AWC) is a full-time program in the Boston Public Schools that provides an accelerated academic curriculum for students in grades 4, 5 and 6.

Students are expected to complete more school work and more home study. Programs are available in both English and Spanish. Students must be invited to participate. Invitations are based solely on the student's scores on an eligibility test: the Terra Nova (3rd edition) and, for English language learners, the Spanish-language SUPERA, given in the fall of grades 3, 4, and 5. All 5th graders, even those in AWC, must take the test to be invited to grade 6 AWC.

If your child is invited to participate in AWC, your school choice application form will include a combination of AWC and regular programs. To apply for an AWC program, you must choose the AWC option for a specific school. You may choose more than one AWC program. Students who do not receive any of their AWC choices may remain in their current school unless they are now in their school's highest grade.

### **The Exam Schools**

**617-635-9512**

We have three "examination schools" for grades 7–12 that admit students on a competitive basis:

- Boston Latin Academy in Dorchester
- Boston Latin School in the Fenway
- John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics & Science in Roxbury.

All three schools accept new students for grades 7 and 9. O'Bryant School also accepts a few new students for grade 10.

Admission is based entirely on a student's grade point average and test scores from the Independent Schools Entrance Exam (ISEE). The grade point average is based on final marks in English and math from the previous school year (grade 5 or 7) and the first two marking periods of the current year.

Test registration materials for students applying for the 2017-2018 school year will be available in early September 2016 in all our K-8, middle schools and high schools, Welcome Centers, branch libraries,

and Boys & Girls Clubs. The test is given in early November at sites around the city.

Students who are not *currently* enrolled in the BPS—even if they have a sibling who *is* enrolled in BPS—must go to a BPS Welcome Center and prove that they are residents of Boston. They must do this by the first Friday in November in order to be considered for admission to an exam school. Information about where and when to prove residency is included in the test registration materials.

- ▶ More information:  
[bostonpublicschools.org/exam](http://bostonpublicschools.org/exam)

### **Educational Options**

**617-635-8035**

The Boston Public Schools offers a variety of schools and programs for middle school and high school students who are experiencing difficulty in a regular school setting. These programs offer small class size, intensive support services, and different approaches to learning. We cannot guarantee that every student who requests placement in an alternative program will get one.

### **Family Involvement**

**617-635-9660**

The Boston Public Schools recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the family, student, school and community. Research has demonstrated that when families are engaged and involved, children achieve at higher levels and have more positive attitudes about school.

There are many ways you can participate in your child's education. At home, read to or with your child. Set a regular time and a quiet space to do homework. Limit TV time, and always be aware of what programs your child is watching. Monitor your child's use of the computer. Check all homework. Check backpacks daily for notices sent home by the school. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep.

At school, you can attend special events and parent/teacher conferences, volunteer in the classroom, and join the School Parent Council or the School Site Council.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (BostonSpedPac) supports families of children with disabilities. Call them at 617-297-7335 or visit [bostonspedpac.org](http://bostonspedpac.org).

You can even go to school yourself — to BPS Parent University! To learn more, call 617-635-1683 or visit [www.bpsfamilies.org/parentuniversity](http://www.bpsfamilies.org/parentuniversity).

### **Physical Examinations**

Under state law, students new to the Boston Public Schools must present results of a complete physical

examination. During the first week of school, the school nurse will request results of a recent physical exam (within the past year) for each student, signed by a doctor or health center. No child can participate in school athletics without a recent physical and a clinician's documentation that the student is cleared to participate in physical activity.

The nurse will also review each student's record for health issues and medication needs. If medications need to be given during school hours, the nurse will provide forms to be signed by the parent/guardian and the child's clinician.

## School Meals

All our schools serve a healthy breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost, regardless of the family's income. Some schools also serve an after-school snack.

## School Uniforms

The School Site Council in each school decides if the school will have a mandatory uniform that all students are expected to wear, a voluntary uniform, or no uniform. For more information, call the schools directly or look at their "Report on Teaching & Learning" on the BPS website.

## Attendance Policy

Good attendance is one of the most important ingredients in the "recipe" for school success—so be sure your child goes to school every day unless he or she is ill.

- By state law, students ages 6–16 must attend school. Students ages 6 and older who are absent without an acceptable excuse for more than five days during the year are subject to follow-up, which may include interventions and legal action.
- If a student does not report to school in the first eight days of the school year, or within eight

days of being assigned, he/she will be removed from the school's rolls and will risk losing that assignment.

- Students with more than 12 unexcused absences during the school year may not be promoted to the next grade.
- Children need to be in school for the full school day. When they arrive late or leave early, they miss out on important learning and enrichment time. It is also very disruptive to the class. Please do not drop your children off late or pick them up early except when absolutely necessary. ★

## Words to Know

**Home-Based plan:** We assign students to early education, elementary, K-8 and middle schools using the BPS Home-Based school choice plan. Under this plan, a student's home is the starting point. We offer families the school options within one mile of their home. Where we have concerns about the MCAS quality of schools nearby, the plan offers additional choices a little farther away, as well as schools with programs that would otherwise not be on their list. The plan offers sibling priority as well as citywide choices for all families. Under the Home-Based plan, elementary schools are connected to middle schools through voluntary pathways, guaranteeing assignment from kindergarten through grade 8.

**Clusters:** Many of our English language learners (ELLs) and students with disabilities (SWD) are assigned to a school that has a program designed specifically to meet their academic needs. The Home-Based plan creates **community clusters** of school options to ensure that these students can enroll in schools that offer quality programs closer to home.

**Customized List:** We offer a customized list of school choices for every family based on their home address. It includes every school within one mile of their home plus, as needed, nearby schools that have the highest levels of MCAS performance and growth. This ensures that every family has access to high quality schools, no matter where they live.

The customized list also may include more schools—called "option schools"—to make sure we can offer every child a seat in a program or school on his or her list. Families may also select any citywide school. Most families will have an average of 8-14 choices.

As with the previous three-zone plan, we can't guarantee that an applicant will be assigned to one of his or her top choices.

We regret that we cannot guarantee a school assignment to K0 and K1.

**Extended Day:** The standard school day for grades 1-5 is six hours. For grades 6-8, it is six hours and 10 minutes. Some schools have longer hours, referred to as "expanded day" or "extended day." "Extended day" may also refer to kindergarten programs that are a full, six-hour day. Nearly all BPS kindergarten programs are now extended day.

**General Education:** General education is the typical program for children who do not need special services in the classroom because of a disability or because they are English language learners. It may also be called "regular education."

**Inclusion:** In an inclusion classroom, children with disabilities are placed in a general education class with non-disabled peers. The teacher, who is certified in special education, adjusts the curriculum to meet the individual needs of all children.

**Option Schools:** Every customized list includes all schools that are one mile or less from home, and, if there are not enough schools of high MCAS quality within that circle, other high quality schools nearby. It may also include "option schools," which help balance the number of families living in an area with the number of classroom seats that are available. "Option schools" may also provide access to a program that otherwise would not be available on the customized list of schools, such as Advanced Work Class and early education programs.

**Pathway:** We have a growing number of schools that offer guaranteed assignments for students coming from their paired pathway schools. This creates a smooth transition for students from kindergarten through grade 8 (and even through some high schools). It also eliminates the need for students to enter a lottery for their next assignment. For example, the Tynan Elementary and McCormack Middle schools form a K-8 pathway: Tynan 5th graders are guaranteed admission to McCormack grade 6.

Students transitioning to their pathway elementary or middle school will be automatically assigned. If their families want to make other choices, they can complete an application at a Welcome Center.

To find out if your child's school is a pathway school, ask at the school, call any Welcome Center, or visit the BPS website.

**Regional School:** In an effort to provide more high-quality options to students, the Jackson/Mann K-8 School (located in Allston) is an additional choice for students living in parts of Roxbury, Mission Hill and Dorchester.

**Strand:** This refers to a program that continues through all the grades in a school. For example, a

small elementary school may have a single strand of general education classrooms. This means there is one general education classroom in each grade, kindergarten through grade 5. A larger school might have two or three (or more) strands (2-3 classrooms per grade). A school might also have special education or English language learner strands in addition to its general education or inclusion strands.

**Surround Care:** All elementary schools have an academic school day of at least 6 hours. A few schools, such as the early education schools, have free before-school and after-school care from early morning to late afternoon. This additional time beyond the regular school day is called surround care.

## MCAS Tiers

At the end of each school profile in the following pages, you will see the school's **MCAS tier**. We have grouped our schools into four tiers according to how students performed on MCAS tests in 2013 and 2014. We take into account both overall performance and improvement. Every family has at least two of the highest-scoring schools (Tier 1, the top 25%) and at least four schools that are in either Tier 1 or Tier 2 (the top half of MCAS performance) on their customized lists. MCAS Tiers 3 and 4 are in the bottom half. Tier 4 is the bottom 25%.

## Why aren't we using 2015 test results?

In 2015, Boston Public Schools administered Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) for the first time in grades 3-8. In grade 10, BPS students continued to take MCAS as required by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). PARCC is a new assessment for Boston Public Schools and other districts across Massachusetts. During this transition year, it is not being used for state accountability or for local student assignment purposes.

We know that families look at many factors beyond state test results to decide whether to choose a school. In fall 2016, we will replace MCAS tiers with a more complete, long-term measure of quality, developed with the community.

You can find BPS PARCC results for each school on the Massachusetts DESE website, [doe.mass.edu](http://doe.mass.edu), or pick up a printed report at any Welcome Center.

# Parents' Rights Under "No Child Left Behind"

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, called No Child Left Behind (NCLB), funds a number of grants. The largest of these is Title I, which aims to improve basic education for low income students. In the Boston Public Schools, all schools received Title I funding in 2015-2016.

Under this law, if your child goes to a Title I school, you have these and many other rights:

- 1 The school district must give you an annual Report Card for your child's school with information about assessment, accountability, and teacher quality.
- 2 At your request, the school must provide information about the qualifications of your child's teachers.
- 3 The school must inform you when your child will be taught by a teacher who is not considered "highly qualified" for longer than four consecutive weeks.
- 4 Districts and schools must involve parents/guardians of students in a Targeted Assistance program. For more information, visit [www.doe.mass.edu/apa/titlei/parta/family-engagement](http://www.doe.mass.edu/apa/titlei/parta/family-engagement).

To find out more about No Child Left Behind, pick up a copy of the *2015-2016 Guide to the Boston Public Schools for Families and Students* at

any Welcome Center, or read it on the BPS website.

The Obama administration has a plan to replace NCLB with a new Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The plan calls for better access to high-quality pre-school, encourages innovation, and advances equity and access to resources and opportunities. ESEA is going through reauthorization with the U. S. Congress now.

## Resources for Families

### Boston Public Schools [www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org)

Main Number/All Departments .....	617-635-9000
Adult Education .....	617-635-9300
Attendance .....	617-635-8035
Boston School Committee .....	617-635-9014
Citywide Parents Council (CPC).....	617-635-9210
Communications .....	617-635-9265
Counseling Services.....	617-635-8030
Countdown to Kindergarten .....	617-635-6816
Early Childhood Programs (pre-kindergarten and kindergarten) .....	617-635-9701
Educational Options (alternative schools and programs) .....	617-635-8035
Engagement .....	617-635-7750
English Language Learners .....	617-635-9435
Enrollment Planning & Support (school assignments) .....	617-635-9516
Equity (discrimination and civil rights issues).....	617-635-9650
Food and Nutrition Services.....	617-635-9144
Guidance Services .....	617-635-8030
Health and Wellness ( <a href="http://bpshealthandwellness.org">bpshealthandwellness.org</a> ) .....	617-635-6643
Homeless Education Resource Center .....	617-635-8037
Medical Services ( <a href="http://bpshealthservices.org">bpshealthservices.org</a> ) .....	617-635-6788
Newcomers Assessment & Counseling Center.....	617-635-1565
Parent University.....	617-635-1683
Safety Services (School Police) .....	617-635-8000
School Hot Line (August, September, and January).....	617-635-9046
Special Education and Support Services.....	617-635-8599
Student Records .....	617-635-9506
Superintendent's Office .....	617-635-9050
Title I Training Center (workshops for families) .....	617-635-7750
Transportation.....	617-635-9520
Welcome Centers:	
Dorchester .....	617-635-8015
East Boston.....	617-635-9597
Roslindale.....	617-635-8040
Mattapan.....	617-635-9596
Roxbury.....	617-635-9010

### Community Organizations & Services

Boston Centers for Youth and Families (Community Centers) .....	617-635-4920
Youth programs, adult education, recreation, GED	
Boston Navigator .....	<a href="http://BOSTONnavigator.org">BOSTONnavigator.org</a>
Searchable database of out-of-school time programs	
Child Care Choices of Boston .....	617-542-5437 ext. 6641
Licensed day care centers and providers, .....	<a href="http://childcarechoicesofboston.org">childcarechoicesofboston.org</a>
operating Monday-Friday, 9:30 am-3:30 pm	
Federation for Children with Special Needs.....	617-482-2915   <a href="http://fcsn.org">fcsn.org</a>
Advocacy, information, and training	
Mayor's Health Line .....	1-800-847-0710
Information on immunizations and more	
Mayor's Youthline.....	617-635-2240   <a href="http://bostonyouthzone.com">bostonyouthzone.com</a>
Youth activities and information	

### ABCD Head Start Pre-Schools and Day Care

[www.bostonheadstart.org](http://www.bostonheadstart.org)  
617-348-6272

For low-income families, accepting children ages 3-4 (some younger).

#### Allston/Brighton

Allston/Brighton Head Start..... 617-783-1235

#### Charlestown

JFK Family Service Center \*..... 617-241-7017

#### Dorchester

Bradshaw Children's Learning Program .....

Dorchester Head Start..... 617-929-6200

Early Head Start @ Geneva Ave..... 617-929-6200

Franklin Field Children's Center..... 617-282-0946

Gertrude E. Townsend Learning Program .....

Horizons for Homeless Children \* .....

Yawkey Kombit Kreyol Center \*..... 617-506-6600

#### East Boston

East Boston Head Start and

Early Head Start..... 617-567-8855

#### Jamaica Plain

Horizons for Homeless Children \* .....

Jamaica Plain Head Start..... 617-522-5533

#### Mattapan

Mattapan Head Start..... 617-298-1785

#### Mission Hill

Associated Early Care & Education –

Ruggles/Gilday \* .....

Parker Hill/Fenway..... 617-427-0464

#### North End

North End Head Start..... 617-367-0532

#### Roslindale

South Side Head Start .....

617-327-1152

#### Roxbury

Associated Early Care & Education –

Sunnyside \* .....

617-427-4300

Horizons for Homeless Children \* .....

617-445-1480

Roxbury Head Start and Madison Park

Learning Program..... 617-541-6935

Walnut Grove Head Start..... 617-445-8202

#### South Boston

South Boston Head Start..... 617-269-5160

#### South End

Chinese Church Head Start..... 617-426-2855

Infants and Other People \* .....

617-482-9464

South End Head Start and Early Head Start.. 617-426-2855

\* Head Start Affiliate

## Elementary & K-8 Schools

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Adams	East Boston	14	K1-grade 5	300	7:30-1:30	18%	63%	90%		x		E, Sp, Po, It	Yes
Alighieri Montessori	East Boston	14	K0-grade 6	90	7:30-1:30	6%	68%	93%		x		E, Sp, Po, Fr/Ar	Yes
Baldwin ELC	Brighton	14	K0-grade 1	150	7:30-4:35; 7:30-11:30 W	21%	56%	91%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, Ch, HC, Po	No
Bates	Roslindale	14	K1-grade 5	300	9:30-3:30	15%	25%	89%	x	x	4 and 5	E, Sp	Yes
Beethoven	West Roxbury	14	K1-grade 2	340	8:30-2:30	15%	24%	91%	x	x		E, Sp, HC	Yes
Blackstone	South End	14	K0-grade 5	600	8:30-3:00	20%	46%	86%	x	x		E, Sp	Yes
Boston Teachers Union	Jamaica Plain	15	K1-grade 8	330	8:30-3:00	21%	16%	89%		x		E, Sp, Po	No
Bradley	East Boston	15	K1-grade 5	310	9:30-3:30	15%	35%	89%	x		4 and 5	E, Sp, It	Yes
Channing	Hyde Park	15	K1-grade 5	300	8:30-3:00	14%	19%	80%	x	x	4 and 5	E, Sp, HC	Yes
Chittick	Mattapan	15	K1-grade 5	320	8:30-3:10	20%	18%	82%		x		E	Yes
Clap	Dorchester	15	K1-grade 5	170	9:30-4:10	19%	28%	88%	x	x		E	Yes
Condon	South Boston	15	K1-grade 7	840	8:30-2:30	19%	34%	87%	x	x	4-6	E, Sp, CV, Ch, HC, Po, So, Vt, Sw, Al, Ar	Yes
Conley	Roslindale	15	K1-grade 5	220	8:30-2:30	36%	23%	91%	x	x		E, Sp, HC, Fr	Yes
Curley	Jamaica Plain	16	K1-grade 8	910	8:30-2:30	22%	38%	84%	x	x	4-6	E, Sp, CV, Po	No
Dever	Dorchester	16	K1-grade 5	510	7:30-3:30	14%	47%	81%				E, Sp, CV, HC, Po, Vt, Ar	Yes
Dudley St. NCS	Roxbury	16	K1-grade 5	270	8:30-4:30	11%	23%	83%		x		E, Sp, CV, Po	Yes
East Boston EEC	East Boston	16	K0-grade 1	190	7:30-4:35	22%	65%	91%	x	x		E, Sp, Po, Fr, Ar	Yes
Edison	Brighton	16	K1-grade 8	760	8:30-2:30	22%	43%	84%	x	x	4-6	E, Sp, CV, Po, Ar	Yes
Eliot	North End	17	K1-grade 8	520	8:30-3:00	24%	13%	95%		x		E, Sp, CV	Yes
Ellis	Roxbury	17	K1-grade 5	440	9:30-3:30	12%	40%	74%	x	x		E, Sp, Ch, Vt	Yes
Ellison/Parks EES	Mattapan	17	K0-grade 3	190	7:30-4:35	20%	57%	85%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, HC, Vt	Yes
Everett	Dorchester	17	K1-grade 5	280	9:30-3:30	12%	34%	92%	x	x		E, Sp, CV	Yes
Gardner	Allston	17	K1-grade 8	370	8:30-2:30	22%	46%	93%	x	x		E, Sp	Yes
Greenwood	Dorchester	17	K1-grade 8	420	8:30-3:30	26%	43%	86%	x	x		E, Sp	Yes
Grew	Hyde Park	18	K1-grade 5	270	8:30-3:00	11%	12%	82%	x	x		E, Sp, HC	Yes
Guild	East Boston	18	K1-grade 5	350	8:30-3:10	17%	66%	91%	x	x		E, Sp	Yes
Hale	Roxbury	18	K1-grade 5	170	8:30-2:30	11%	17%	88%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, HC, Po, So, Vt	Yes
Haley	Roslindale	18	K1-grade 8	450	8:30-2:30	32%	14%	92%	x	x		E	Yes
Harvard/Kent	Charlestown	18	K1-grade 5	510	9:30-4:10	24%	43%	85%	x	x		E, Sp, Ch	Yes
Haynes EEC	Roxbury	18	K0-grade 1	180	7:30-4:35	15%	46%	89%	x	x		E	Yes
Henderson	Dorchester	18	K0-grade 12	K-8: 480	8:30-2:30	33%	14%	90%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, HC, Fr	Yes
Hennigan	Jamaica Plain	19	K2-grade 8	640	9:30-3:30	17%	48%	83%	x	x	4-6	E, Sp, HC, So	Yes
Hernández	Roxbury	19	K1-grade 8	410	8:30-2:30	10%	52%	91%		x		E, Sp	Yes
Higginson	Roxbury	19	K0-grade 2	190	9:30-3:30	30%	34%	65%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, Ch, HC	Yes
Higginson/Lewis	Roxbury	19	K1-grade 8	420	9:30-4:10	19%	15%	76%	x	x		E	Yes
Holmes	Dorchester	19	K1-grade 5	370	9:30-3:30	25%	16%	78%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, HC, Vt	Yes
Hurley	South End	19	K1-grade 8	350	8:30-2:30	14%	55%	92%		x		E, Sp	Yes
Jackson/Mann	Allston	19	K1-grade 8	790	9:30-4:10	22%	35%	83%	x	x	4-6	E, Sp, CV, Ch, HC, Po, So, Vt	No
Kennedy, J. F.	Jamaica Plain	20	K1-grade 5	390	8:20-3:05	13%	48%	88%		x		E, Sp, CV, Po	Yes
Kennedy, P. J.	East Boston	20	K1-grade 5	300	9:30-3:30	13%	70%	90%	x	x		E, Sp, Po, Fa	Yes
Kenny	Dorchester	20	K1-grade 5	320	9:30-3:30	16%	52%	82%	x	x		E, Sp, HC, Vt	Yes
Kilmer	West Roxbury	20	K1-grade 8	460	9:30-3:30	20%	11%	95%	x	x		E	No
King	Dorchester	20	K1-grade 8	510	8:30-2:30	17%	21%	79%		x		E, Sp, CV, HC, Fr	Yes
Lee Academy	Dorchester	20	K0-grade 1	200	9:30-3:30	22%	26%	87%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, HC, Vt	No
Lee K-8	Dorchester	21	K1-grade 8	640	7:30-2:10	32%	14%	87%		x	4-6	E, Sp, CV, HC	Yes
Lyndon	West Roxbury	21	K1-grade 8	550	9:30-3:30	20%	21%	93%	x	x		E, Sp	Yes
Lyon K-8	Brighton	21	K2-grade 8	140	9:30-3:30	33%	6%	96%	x	x		E, Sp, Ch	Yes
Manning	Jamaica Plain	21	K1-grade 5	160	9:30-4:10	34%	6%	91%	x	x		E	No
Mason	Roxbury	21	K0-grade 5	230	8:30-2:30	32%	24%	93%	x	x		E	Yes
Mather	Dorchester	21	K1-grade 5	610	9:25-4:10	15%	43%	89%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, HC, Vt	Yes
Mattahunt	Mattapan	22	K1-grade 5	650	9:30-4:00	19%	25%	79%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, HC	Yes
McKay	East Boston	22	K2-grade 8	690	8:30-2:30	15%	67%	91%		x		E, Sp, Ar	Yes
Mendell	Roxbury	22	K1-grade 5	230	9:30-3:30	20%	20%	88%	x	x		E, Sp	Yes
Mildred Ave.	Mattapan	22	K1-grade 2 and 4-8	430	7:30-2:00	29%	25%	79%		x	6	E, Sp, CV, Ch, HC, Po	Yes
Mission Hill	Jamaica Plain	22	K1-grade 8	230	9:30-3:30	35%	18%	94%	x	x		E	No
Mozart	Roslindale	23	K1-grade 5	180	9:30-3:30	21%	24%	87%	x	x		E, Sp, HC	Yes
Murphy	Dorchester	23	K1-grade 8	930	8:30-2:30	16%	24%	94%	x	x	4-6	E, Sp, CV, Po, Vt	Yes
O'Donnell	East Boston	23	K1-grade 5	290	9:30-3:30	13%	69%	88%	x	x		E, Ar	Yes

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Ohrenberger	West Roxbury	23	Grades 3-8	640	8:30-2:30	21%	23%	89%	x	x	4-6	E, Sp	Yes
Orchard Gardens	Roxbury	23	K1-grade 8	840	7:20-2:20; gr 6-8 to 4:30 M-Th	14%	55%	90%		x		E, Sp, CV, Po	Yes
Otis	East Boston	23	K1-grade 5	400	8:30-3:10	10%	69%	91%	x	x		E, Sp, Po	Yes
Perkins	South Boston	23	K2-grade 5	230	8:30-3:10	10%	17%	86%	x			E	Yes
Perry	South Boston	24	K1-grade 8	230	9:30-3:30	28%	17%	89%	x	x		E	Yes
Philbrick	Roslindale	24	K1-grade 5	170	9:30-3:30	17%	19%	83%	x	x		E, Sp, Po	Yes
Quincy	Chinatown	24	K1-grade 5	790	9:30-3:30	17%	53%	96%	x	x	4 and 5	E, Sp, CV, Ch	Yes
Roosevelt	Hyde Park	24	K1-grade 8	460	8:30-2:30	24%	17%	93%	x	x		E, Sp, HC	Yes
Russell	Dorchester	24	K1-grade 5	400	8:30-2:30	10%	58%	88%	x	x		E, Sp	Yes
Shaw	Dorchester	24	K0-grade 2	160	9:30-4:10	9%	20%	85%	x	x		E, Sp	Yes
Sumner	Roslindale	25	K1-grade 5	550	9:30-3:30	23%	41%	88%	x	x		E, Sp, HC	Yes
Taylor	Mattapan	25	K1-grade 5	510	9:30-3:30	15%	32%	80%	x	x	4 and 5	E, Sp, HC, Vt	Yes
Tobin	Mission Hill	25	K1-grade 8	460	9:30-4:10	13%	37%	80%	x	x		E, Sp, CV, Gr	Yes
Trotter	Dorchester	25	K1-grade 8	510	7:30-2:00; gr 5-8 to 4:45 M-Th	15%	12%	87%		x		E, Sp, CV, HC	Yes
Tynan	South Boston	25	K1-grade 5	340	8:30-2:30	26%	19%	73%	x			E, Sp, CV, HC	Yes
Umana	East Boston	26	K2-grade 8	840	7:20-2:00	22%	50%	88%	x	x	6	E, Sp, Po	Yes
UP Academy Dorchester	Dorchester	26	K1-grade 8	670	7:30-3:30; to 12:30 W	17%	22%	89%		x		E, Sp, CV, HC	Yes
UP Academy Holland	Dorchester	26	K1-grade 5	750	7:30-3:30; to 12:30 W	16%	43%	53%		x		E	Yes
Warren/Prescott	Charlestown	26	K2-grade 8	550	8:30-3:10	12%	10%	93%	x	x		E, Sp, Po	Yes
West Zone ELC	Jamaica Plain	26	K0-grade 1	90	7:30-4:35	30%	33%	90%	x	x		E, Sp, Ch, Po	Yes
Winship	Brighton	26	K1-grade 5	250	9:30-3:30	21%	31%	81%	x	x		E, Sp, Ch, HC, Po, Vt	Yes
Winthrop	Dorchester	27	K1-grade 5	350	8:30-3:00	11%	28%	86%	x	x	4 and 5	E	Yes
Young Achievers	Dorchester	27	K1-grade 8	550	8:30-4:00	23%	33%	94%	x	x		E	Yes

## Schools that Start at Grade 6

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Boston Green Academy	Brighton	14	Grades 6-12	440	7:30-3:00; to 12:00 Fri.	29%	16%	75%		x		E, Sp, CV, HC	Grades 6-8: Yes
Dearborn STEM Academy	Dorchester	16	Grades 6-12	260	7:30-3:00	18%	46%	72%			6	E	
Edwards	Charlestown	16	Grades 6-8	370	7:20-4:15; to 11:40 Fri.	24%	38%	91%	x	x		E, Sp, Ch	Yes
Frederick	Dorchester	17	Grades 6-8	510	9:30-3:40	30%	42%	81%		x		E, Sp, CV, HC, Po, Vt	Yes
Irving	Roslindale	19	Grades 6-8	370	7:15-2:05	31%	17%	80%		x	6	E, Sp, CV, HC	Yes
McCormack	Dorchester	22	Grades 6-8	520	7:15-2:20	27%	33%	79%		x	6	E, Sp, CV, Po	Yes
Quincy Upper	Chinatown	24	Grades 6-12	500	Gr. 6-7: 8:40-3:40; to 12:20 W Gr. 8-12: 7:50- 2:50; to 11:30 W	19%	14%	95%			6	E, Sp, Ch, Vt	No
TechBoston Academy	Dorchester	25	Grades 6-12	990	7:30-2:30; to 11:00 W	22%	25%	84%		x		E, Sp, CV, Ch, HC	No
Timilty	Roxbury	25	Grades 6-8	440	7:30-3:10; to 11:30 F	23%	39%	86%		x	6	E, Sp, HC	Yes
UP Academy Boston	South Boston	26	Grades 6-8	480	7:35-4:00; to 12:00 F	22%	24%	76%		x		E, Sp	Yes

### Understanding the Schools at a Glance Table

<b>Page</b>	Turn to this page for more information about the school
<b>Grade Span</b>	Grades that will be offered starting September 2016
<b>Hours</b>	School hours can change! Visit our website for the latest information.
<b>% SWD</b>	The percentage of students with disabilities
<b>% ELL</b>	The percentage of students who are English language learners
<b>% Stability</b>	The percentage of students who stay in the school for the whole school year
<b>Before and After School Programs</b>	You will find details in the school profile
<b>AWC</b>	Advanced Work Class, offered in grades 4, 5 and 6

#### Languages Spoken by Staff:

<b>E</b>	English	<b>HC</b>	Haitian Creole
<b>Al</b>	Albanian	<b>It</b>	Italian
<b>Ar</b>	Arabic	<b>Po</b>	Portuguese
<b>Ch</b>	Chinese	<b>So</b>	Somali
<b>CV</b>	Cape Verdean Creole	<b>Sp</b>	Spanish
<b>Fa</b>	Farsi	<b>Sw</b>	Swahili
<b>Fr</b>	French	<b>Vt</b>	Vietnamese

#### Uniform Policy

<b>Yes</b>	The school has either a required or voluntary uniform. For details, call the school or look at its "Report on Teaching & Learning" on the BPS website.
<b>No</b>	The school does not have a uniform, but it may have a dress code.

► The information below may change. For the most current information on your school choices, please visit our website or call any Welcome Center, listed on page 28.

## Adams Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
165 Webster St., East Boston 02128  
Hannah Irvin, Principal  
617-635-8383

### Special Features:

- A historic school overlooking Piers Park. We have the best view in Boston!
- Early adopters of the Core Aligned Literacy Modules in grades 3-5 and the Focus on First grade 1 curriculum
- Oral language development support in K1 and K2
- Enrichment programs in music and art
- A Parent Council with elected officers, parent representatives on School Site Council, and two teachers who serve as the school's Family and Student Engagement coordinators.
- Many activities for parents including Kindergarten Orientation, Open House, Family Math Night, parent workshops, and family potluck suppers
- Physical education, computer, science, and theatre as special programs for students
- After school programs to support students
- A full time ESL teacher to provide additional support for our English Language Learner

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Edwards Middle School or Umana Academy.

### Special academic programs:

- K1-2 SEI (Sheltered English Instruction) program and a hybrid (general education and SEI) strand in grades K1-4
- Highly specialized autism strand in grades K0-5

### Our partners:

- Boston Community Music Center, VSA of Massachusetts, Everybody Wins Program / Power Lunch, Allston Brighton Mental Health Association, YMCA of East Boston, New England Aquarium, Scholastic, Inc, Playworks, Museum of Fine Arts

### After school programs in our building:

- After school program until 6:00 PM operated by YMCA (fee) for students ages 5 and older.
- For 4th and 5th graders: Playworks Junior Coaches, Theatre Club, and Typing Club which each meet after school once per week.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

## Alighieri Montessori School

K0-Grade 5  
37 Gove Street, East Boston, MA 02128  
Glenda Colón, Interim Principal  
617-635-8529  
alighieri@bostonpublicschools.org

### Special Features:

- Full-day Montessori program with optional after school programming and care on-site
- Mixed age classrooms
- Hands-on Montessori curriculum
- Montessori certified teachers
- Individualized instruction
- Strong emphasis on early intervention
- Newly renovated building and beautifully prepared environments
- Outdoor learning, including gardening
- Integrated art and music
- Family-friendly community, including open houses, orientations, celebrations, and potluck suppers
- Special admission: Due to the unique nature of the child-focused learning, experience with the Montessori method is needed for students entering after kindergarten. Students interested in applying will have their names sent to the

Alighieri. School staff will contact families, in round and random number order, and determine their level of experience with the Montessori program and then offer a student an assignment if a seat is available.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to Edwards Middle School or Umana Academy

### Special academic programs:

- ESL instruction for all English Language Learners five days a week
- Special education provided two days a week

### School partners:

- National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector, East Boston YMCA, East Boston Harbor City School, East Boston Health Center

### After school programs in our building:

- Provided by the YMCA for children ages 3-10.

## Baldwin Early Learning Pilot Academy

K0-Grade 1  
121 Corey Rd., Brighton 02135  
Tavia Mead, Principal  
617-635-8409

### Special Features:

- Extended day program accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Pilot school with dedicated time weekly for staff professional development
- All teachers licensed in at least two of these areas: Early Childhood, Special Education and English as a Second Language
- Diverse, multi-lingual staff
- More than 90% of our grade 1 students score at or above benchmark in reading assessments
- Active home reading program: Our students read over 40,000 books with their families each year
- CitySprouts school garden integrated into curriculum for all grade levels
- Art, music, computer and physical education specialists
- Multiple field trips and special school events throughout the year
- Home visiting program for K0-K1 families
- Swimming instruction for grade 1 students

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to Edison K-8 School

### Special academic programs:

- All of our classrooms are "full inclusion": students with and without disabilities and English language learners learn together.

### Our partners:

- CitySprouts, Wheelock College, Boston University, Lesley University, Franciscans Hospital for Children

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Free surround care, 7:30 am to 4:35 pm; early dismissal 11:30 am on Wednesday

## Bates Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
426 Beech St., Roslindale 02131  
Andrew Vega, Principal  
617-635-8064

### Special Features:

- Before and after school tutoring and enrichment program for K1-5
- Competent and dedicated staff
- Scholastic Book Fair
- School Site Council and Parent Councils meet jointly for maximum collaboration
- Inclusion specialists dedicated to every inclusion grade, providing an additional teacher for students
- Weekly physical education, art, and science
- Field trips for every grade level that connect to curriculum
- Large playground, play structure, and Playworks program to promote safe, healthy play

- City Connects coordinator to support families with behavioral, medical, childcare, and housing needs.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Irving Middle School

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Classes for eligible students in grades 4 and 5
- Inclusion classrooms for K0, K1 and K2, growing to grade 1 in 2015

### Our partners:

- Brighton Allston Mental Health Association, Boston College Lynch Leadership Academy, Horizons at Dedham Country Day Summer Program, Jewish Coalition for Literacy, Boston College City Connects, West Roxbury YMCA, Strong Women, Strong Girls, Making Music Matters, Comprehensive Behavioral Health Model

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before and after school programs for K1-5 on site operated by West Roxbury YMCA

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Beethoven Elementary School

K1-Grade 2  
5125 Washington St., West Roxbury 02132  
Edward Puliafico, Principal  
617-635-8149

### Special Features:

- Specialists in computers, music, physical education, art and drama
- A new computer lab
- A nationally recognized home reading program
- Very active parent volunteers
- Speech therapy, occupational therapy, and counseling
- Mentors and student teachers from Boston College
- Support network for students who are having difficulties
- Bright, clean building with a beautifully landscaped schoolyard and a great playground

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to Ohrenberger grade 3.

### Special academic programs:

- Special education, 1 class per grade
- English Language learners: Sheltered English Instruction (SEI), 1 class per grade

### Our partners:

- Boston College, Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy, Chestnut Hill Realty, EdVestors Federation, West Roxbury Evening Garden Club, Curry College, Boston Institute for Psychotherapy, Inc. (BIP), Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Making Music Matters!, Northeastern University

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, from 7:00: \$6 per day
- After school, 2:30 to 5:30: \$20 per day

## Blackstone Innovation School

K0-Grade 5  
380 Shawmut Ave., Boston 02118  
Danielle Morrissey, Principal  
617-635-8471

### Special Features:

- City Year, Generations, Inc. and Boston Partners in Education providing in-class support
- Berklee College of Music instrumental program for students in grades 4-5
- NAEYC accredited early childhood education programs for students aged 3-5
- Physical education, swimming, art, social studies, music, and technology
- State-of-the-art, school-based health clinic: Dr. Gerald Hass-South End Community Health Center

- Power Lunch, Big Brother/Sister and City Year mentoring programs
- Several academic and enrichment afterschool programs
- Technology Goes Home for grades 4-5: parents and students take classes and earn a laptop upon completion
- Quarterly family nights with various themes: academic night, multicultural dinner, wellness night
- Counseling for students and families through the on-site South End Community Health Center
- Home visits to build relationships with families and students
- English as a Second Language and classes for our parents to stay involved

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Timilty Middle School.

### Special academic programs:

- Integrated early childhood, K0-K2 (ages 3-5)

### Our partners:

- Berklee College of Music, Big Brother/Big Sister Associations, Boston Partners in Education, City Year, Generations, Playworks, Blackstone Community Center, South End Community Health Center, St Stephen's Episcopal Church, IBA Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Mon.-Fri., 7:15-8:15; \$5 per day
- After school: City Year Starfish Program, grades 3-5, Monday-Thursday, free; IBA after school program, grades 1-2 English language learner (ELL) students, Monday-Friday, free; Imagine That after school program, for students in K0/K1/K2, Monday-Friday

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Boston Green Academy

Grades 6-12  
20 Warren Street, Brighton 02135  
Matthew Holzer, Headmaster  
617-635-9860  
info@bostongreenacademy.org

- A Horace Mann Charter School, part of the Boston Public Schools while also having the freedom and accountability for results that Commonwealth Charter Schools enjoy
  - Preparation for all students – especially those who have struggled – to be leaders in environmental stewardship and activism, to live their lives responsibly and sustainably, and to be prepared to succeed in the growing "green" economy
  - "Green" theme woven through all courses
  - Science courses including Physics, Biology, Chemistry and AP Environmental Science, as well as internships and projects
  - Humanities courses that combine literacy and social studies
  - Support course in literacy and math for 9th graders who need extra help
  - Spanish as a world language required in grades 9-10
  - Arts, sports and entrepreneurship
  - Clubs, SAT preparation, student government, sports, internships, and after-school tutoring
  - Admissions: Enrollment by lottery; all students living in Boston eligible to apply for grades 9-11; short application required, due March 3.
  - More information and application forms: www.bostongreenacademy.org
- Special academic programs:**
- Advanced Placement (AP) and honors courses in high school
- Our partners:**
- Boston Partners in Education, Boston University, Facing History and Ourselves, Institute for Contemporary Art, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Very Special Arts, The Nature Conservancy, Thompson Island Outward Bound, UMass-Boston, Vertex Pharmaceuticals

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school: BOKS program for grade 6 that gives students the body and brain boost they need to get ready for a day of learning.
- After school: tutoring, SAT prep and college application support, exciting clubs, activities and student government, sports, and academic support for student-athletes; internships throughout Boston with our many partners

**Boston Teachers Union K–8 School**

K1-Grade 8

25 Walk Hill St., Jamaica Plain 02130

Lindsay Chavez and Betsy Drinan, Teacher Leaders

617-635-7717

**Special Features:**

- A teacher-run K-8 pilot school: two teacher-leaders and the faculty work together to make important decisions regarding the school
- A longer school day
- Rigorous liberal arts education
- Focus on positive school climate
- Commitment to involving families
- Ongoing assessment, intervention, and support
- Art, music and physical education for all students
- Two substantially separate classrooms providing services for Special Education scholars
- Social-emotional learning programs, including Open Circle, Second Step, and a partnership with Urban Improv
- Two full-time clinicians from Family Services of Greater Boston on site to provide individual and small group counseling services

**Special academic programs:**

- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college readiness
- Reading Recovery

**Our partners:**

- Arnold Arboretum, Literacy Collaborative, Hyde Park YMCA, Playworks, New England Home for Little Wanderers, Family Services of Greater Boston, Simmons College, America SCORES Boston soccer, Eliot School of Art, Apprentice Learning, Urban Improv

**After school programs in our building:**

- After school program run by the Hyde Park YMCA for K1-grade 6. Fee for service; sliding scale for those who qualify. Other after school activities include art classes, yoga, soccer, basketball, debating, Girls' Group, chess, Explorers, ISEE prep, and tutoring.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

**Bradley Elementary School**

K0-Grade 5

10 Beachview Rd., East Boston 02128

Linda Manzo, Acting Principal

617-635-8422

**Special Features:**

- Computer network in every classroom, and a full computer lab with newly purchased computers
- Science and computer specialists
- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grades 4 and 5
- Boston Ballet program for grade 3 students
- Inclusive instruction for students with disabilities and English language learners
- Movement and dance program as well as physical education
- Reading aloud with the School Parent Council and a book buddies program
- Outdoor classroom for science
- Access to community-based after school academic and recreational programs
- School Parent Council and School Site Council that actively support teaching and learning

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to Edwards Middle School or Umana Academy.

**Special academic programs:**

- Advanced Work Class (AWC) for eligible students in grades 4 and 5 with Japanese language program
- Early childhood program for students in K0 and K1 with special needs, and K2 inclusion classroom
- Inclusive instruction for students with disabilities and English language learners

**Our partners:**

- Boston Ballet, Science Museum, Reebok BOKS program, Civics for grades 4 and 5 through Harvard, Dance and Movement through Community Dance

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school: Reebok BOK fitness program for 40 students; admission by lottery.
- Six Saturday classes to prepare for the ISEE exam.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

**Channing Elementary School**

K1-Grade 5

35 Sunnyside St., Hyde Park 02136

Carline Pignato, Principal

617-635-8722

**Special Features:**

- Music program
- Computer program
- Environmental science program
- Experiential learning
- Physical education program
- Highly qualified teachers
- ESL teachers for English language learners

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Irving Middle School.

**Special academic programs:**

- Advanced Work Classes for eligible students in grade 4 and 5 which includes Japanese language instruction
- A 'hybrid' program for English language learners
- Special education program E4 for K0 and K1
- Special education EI-3

**Our partners:**

- 'Life Is Good' Playmakers, ABC-Disney Volunteers, Boston Ballet, Harvard University, Hyde Park Library, Hyde Park YMCA -OST Program, Museum of Fine Arts, Science Museum, SERP

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school program, 5 days per week; fee
- After school services, 5 days per week, through the Hyde Park YMCA offering academic tutoring, recreational, and enrichment activities; fee.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

**Chittick Elementary School**

K1-Grade 5

154 Ruskindale Rd., Mattapan 02126

Michelle Burnett-Herndon, Principal

617-635-8652

**Special Features:**

- Small school with a warm, nurturing atmosphere that provides an academically challenging environment, empowering all children to believe, achieve and succeed.
- Bookstore every Thursday for our students to purchase books for home reading.
- Second Step, a program that helps students develop strategies for conflict resolution
- After school enrichment programs and tutoring in math and reading
- Strong Parent Council
- Monthly newsletters and student planners to help keep parents informed about classroom and schoolwide activities
- New computer lab, music specialist, physical education specialist, and visual arts program
- Playworks program to encourage safe, healthy play time
- Tech Goes Home program

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Irving Middle School.

**Special academic programs:**

- Specialized program for autistic students

**Our partners:**

- BOKS - Building Our Kids' Success, Celebrity Series of Boston - Arts for All!, Boston Nature Center, MusiConnects, City Missions, Read Boston-Read to Achieve Program, The Home for Little Wanderers, Tufts University, Boston University, Bird Street Community Center

**After school programs in our building:**

- Bird Street after-school program, 2:30-6:00 pm; homework help, literacy, math, health, science, dance, arts, music, fitness and recreation.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

**Clap Innovation School**

K1-Grade 5

35 Harvest St., Dorchester 02125

Chi Nguyen, Principal

617-635-8672

**Special Features:**

- Creative approaches to ensure that our students meet high academic standards
- A school climate that nurtures strong relationship
- Before and after school programs
- Science, music, visual arts, and physical education
- Town Hall Meetings with members of the community
- Rigorous instruction for all students
- Weekly school newsletter
- Parent University
- Very active School Parent and School Site Councils
- Field trips once a month

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the McCormack Middle School.

**Special academic programs:**

- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college readiness

**Our partners:**

- Bird Street, BOKS, City Connects, Dorchester Historical Society, John W. McCormack Civic Association, Strong Women Strong Girls, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Teach Plus, UMass Boston School of Education, Achievement Network

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school program, Monday-Friday 8:00-9:05 am; \$5 per day or \$20 per week. Students complete homework if necessary, play in the schoolyard (weather permitting), and work on fun and art activities. Call the school for details about BOKS, our before-school fitness program.
- After school program run by Bird Street, Monday-Friday, 3:50-6:00 pm. Contact Kathy Thomas at Bird Street, 617-282-6110.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

**Condon K-8 School**

K1-Grade 7 in 2016-2017

200 D St., South Boston 02127

Robert Chisholm, Principal

617-635-8608

**Special Features:**

- Two computer labs and one mobile computer lab
- Swimming pool and gym
- Very Special Arts/Chorus
- Playground and outdoor classroom
- Before and after school programs
- Harvard Civics Program
- 10 Boys Initiative
- Bullying Prevention Program
- Reduced class size
- RIF Book Celebrations
- Multicultural assemblies
- Parent workshops

**Special academic programs:**

- Early childhood
- Developmental day care
- Primary Transition Classes for children in K2 and grade 1 with special needs
- Special education: learning disabled (LD) classes
- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grades 4 and 5
- Multilingual classes for English language learners
- Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE) program

**Our partners:**

- ED Vestors, Fit Girls, BOKS, Jewish Coalition for Literacy Book Pals, LaBoure Center, Museum of Fine Arts, Power Lunch Mentoring Program, South Boston Boys and Girls Club, City Year, Sparks Program, UMass Boston, Harvard University, Very Special Arts

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school: available for 30 students in K2-grade 5, Monday through Friday, 7:00 - 8:15; tutoring and enrichment; small fee
- After school program, from 3:00 to 5:45; homework help, sports, and enrichment activities. Available to 100 students at a cost of \$10 per week.
- The Condon Community School also offers an after school program
- A new program, Imagine That, offers an after school program for K1 and K2 students.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

**Conley Elementary School**

K1-Grade 5

450 Poplar St., Roslindale 02131

Joseph Foley, Principal

617-635-8099

**Special Features:**

- Safe and nurturing learning environment
- A great schoolyard with a playground and outdoor amphitheater
- Before and after school programs
- Science, art, music, physical education, and math specialties
- Technology: All students in grades 2-5 have their own Google Chrome book, and students in K0 -grade 1 have access to iPads.
- Tutors from Boston Partners in Education and student teachers from Boston University, Lesley University and UMass Boston
- Schoolwide home reading program and Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) book give-aways at three special events
- On-site counseling available for all students and free tutoring for at-risk students
- Active School Parent Council
- Weekly parent newsletter and monthly calendar
- Tech Goes Home program: computer classes for parents and children and opportunity for families to buy a computer
- Four family nights: Science at the Children's Museum, Family Math, Literacy, and Art.

**Special academic programs:**

- Integrated Early Childhood
- Special Education Primary Transition Class (PTC)
- Special Education Intellectually Impaired / Moderate

**Our partners:**

- Comcast, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Eliot School of Fine Arts and Applied Arts, Behavior Health Model/Children's Hospital, Home for Little Wanderers, Boston Institute for Psychotherapy, Boston Bikes, Curry College, UMass Boston

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school: for all students in K2-grade 5, every school day from 7:15 to 8:15 in the cafeteria. Homework help, movement breaks and peer tutoring. \$5 per day.

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- After school: provided by the YMCA for K2-grade 5, every school day from 2:30 to 6:00. Families have an option for their children to participate 1-5 days a week. Cost runs on a sliding scale.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

## Curley K-8 School

**K1-Grade 8**  
40 Pershing Rd., Jamaica Plain 02130  
Katie Grassa, Principal  
617-635-8239

### Special Features:

- Whole School Whole Child Focus
- Open Circle social emotional learning curriculum in K-grade 5
- Tenacity tennis and reading for grades 6-8
- Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Partnership with Northeastern University which brings resources and volunteers into the school to enhance our curriculum, student achievement, family involvement, and student wellness
- Dance, theater arts, visual arts, computer labs
- Basketball, track, cheerleading, tennis and volleyball teams

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from the Curley Lower School and J. F. Kennedy Elementary School.

### Special academic programs:

- Literacy Collaborative, K-2
- Advanced Work Classes for eligible students in grades 4-6
- Autism program (PACE), K-8
- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for English language learners, K-8
- Social and Academic Remediation (SAR), grades 2-8

### Our partners:

- City Year, Community Music Center of Boston, Boston Public Library - Connolly Branch, Spontaneous Celebrations/Beantown Society, The Center for Restorative Justice, Suffolk University, The Home for Little Wanderers, Thompson Island Outdoor Education, Lesley University, Tenacity, BalletRox

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- After school: a new, full-service after school program currently serving approximately 60 students in K2-grade 8, 2:30 -6:00 pm Monday through Friday during the regular school year. The schedule includes four 45 minute blocks per day for each grade. We provide academic support through homework help and one-on-one tutoring, as well as enrichment activities. Fees are on a sliding scale. Please contact the school for costs and details.
- Tenacity offers a free after school program for students in grades 6-8 that focuses on literacy skills and learning to play tennis. [www.tenacity.org](http://www.tenacity.org)

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Dearborn STEM Academy

**Grades 6-12**  
60 Geneva Ave., Dorchester 02121  
Lisa Gilbert-Smith, Headmaster  
617-635-8412  
[dearbornstemacademy.org](http://dearbornstemacademy.org)

### Special Features:

- Students in the 11th and 12th grade have the opportunity to take college courses at

Northeastern University

- Every student is required to participate in an academic enrichment program during the summer (such as MathPOWER at Northeastern University and STEM at MIT)
- ISEE tutoring for the exam school entrance test for grades 6 and 8
- 6th and 9th grade students have one-to-one devices such as a laptop computer
- Family nights focusing on BPS instructional strategies
- An academic enrichment period built into the school day five days a week
- Student activities, including grade 8 trip to Washington, D.C.
- A member of the Boston Inclusive Schools Network: The network links together the BPS schools offering and developing expanded inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities
- Facilities: auditorium, library, science and computer labs, art room, gymnasium

### Our partners:

- Mentoring and career awareness programs with Cassidy and Turley, Fidelity, Harvard RALLY, City Year, St. Peter's, DSNI, MathPOWER, CitySprouts, and Vine Street Community Center

### After school programs:

- City Year and MathPOWER

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## Dever Elementary School

**K1-Grade 5**  
325 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester 02125  
Laura Miceli, Principal  
617-635-8694

### Special Features:

- Spanish language and science classes available at every grade level
- 4th grade Math Fellows, allowing for small group tutoring and support
- Partnership with nearby Boys and Girls Club for after-school program
- Expanded Learning Time: our school day is 7:30-3:30
- Full time nursing services
- Partnership with several therapeutic programs, providing mental health counseling
- Strong community connections with Harbor Point Development
- Welcoming bilingual environment
- Universal free breakfast, lunch and snack program

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the McCormack Middle School.

### Special academic programs:

- Special education classroom in each grade

### Our partners:

- Generations Inc, Playworks, UMass Boston, Wediko's Children's Services, Home for Little Wanderers, Trinity Boston, Jumpstart, 3-Point Foundation, Boston Philharmonic, Big Sister

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Extended school day for all students from 7:30 to 3:30.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School

**K1-Grade 5 in 2016-2017**  
6 Shirley St., Roxbury 02119  
Dawn Lewis, Principal  
617-635-8507

### Special Features:

- An in-district charter school that opened in September 2012
- Our mission: (1) provide a world class education for all students, (2) prepare the highest quality new teachers, and (3) serve as a partner in improving all schools in the Dudley area

- Founded and run by BPE – the Boston Plan for Excellence/Boston Teacher Residency – an organization with a proven track record of academic success, in partnership with the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative
- More time for teaching and learning through an extended school day and school year
- Mixed-grade classrooms with the same teachers for two years, so teachers get to know their students well
- Promotion to the next grade based on competence: students must demonstrate they have met high academic standards
- Strong social and emotional support through school partner agencies
- Strong partnerships with community organizations and other schools in the Dudley neighborhood
- Enrollment open to all students who live in Boston.

### Our partners:

- BPE (Boston Plan for Excellence), DSNI (Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative), BTR (Boston Teacher Residency), DPC (Dudley Promise Corps), Family Services of Greater Boston, Project HOPE, Cradles to Crayons, Roxbury Children Services of Roxbury, The Home for Little Wanderers, The Food Project

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Free breakfast for all students from 7:15 to 7:45.
- After school, 3:15-4:30: arts, wellness, thematic exploration and tutoring as part of our extended school day for all students at no extra charge.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): no rank**

## East Boston Early Education Center

**K0-Grade 1**  
135 Gove St., East Boston 02128  
Olga Frechon, Principal  
617-635-6456

### Special Features:

- Extended day program for all students from 7:30 am to 4:35 pm
- Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals
- Support for at-risk students through Reading Recovery, in-school tutoring, and computerized reading programs
- Classroom libraries with more than 500 books
- Literacy-based program integrating music and science into all subject areas
- Robotics and engineering program
- Computers in every class, as well as in the library and staff rooms
- Media Center
- Math lending library with more than 200 games and books for families to take home
- Weekly take-home book program, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) book distributions, and workshops to promote parent support at home.

### Special academic programs:

- Five Early Childhood (K0/K1) classrooms
- Inclusion programs for K2 and grade 1 where children with and without disabilities learn together with individual support

### Our partners:

- Boston College Lynch School of Education, Embassy Suites Hotel, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Museum of Fine Arts, Tufts University Eliot-Pearson School, Kingsley Montessori, Museum of Fine Arts, ARCK (Art Resource Collaborative for Kids)

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Free surround care, 7:30 am to 4:35 pm. After school program continues the academic day with projects and monthly themes, arts and crafts, dramatic play, songs, and cooking.

## Edison K-8 School

**K1-Grade 8**  
60 Glenmont Rd., Brighton 02135  
Samantha Varano, Interim Principal  
617-635-8436

### Special Features:

- Arts-focused curriculum
- Before and after school programs for all grades
- Instrumental music, chorus, theater, dance, and art
- Basketball, track, volleyball and soccer
- Exit portfolio requirement for grade 8
- New science labs
- Auditorium, gym, full service cafeteria, playground
- Emphasis on inclusion practices for students with disabilities
- Technology in the classrooms

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from the Baldwin ELPA and Winship.

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grades 4-6
- Emphasis on inclusion practices for students with disabilities
- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) in all grades for students from 65 countries

### Our partners:

- Harvard University, PlayBall, Boston College, Berklee College of Music, Wheelock College, City Connects, College Success Academy/Steppingstone Foundation, Jackson Mann Community Center, New England SCORES

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: On site, run by Jackson/Mann Community Center for students in K1-grade
- After school: Jackson/Mann Community Center, College Success Academy, America SCORES Boston soccer and writing, rowing sports; Strong Women Strong Girls, Science Club, Debate Mate, Playworks Junior Coach program

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Edwards Middle School

**Grades 6-8**  
28 Walker Street, Charlestown 02129  
Robert Rametti, Principal  
617-635-8516  
[edwards@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:edwards@bostonpublicschools.org)

### Special Features:

- Expanded learning time for all students, with an additional hour each day for academics targeted to individual student needs, to help them earn higher grades and to succeed on important assessments
- Dedicated and talented teaching staff, dedicated to the safety and learning of every student
- Citizen Schools program for grade 6, with extensive academic support, enrichment, field trips, and leadership training
- Performing arts theme, with classes available in instrumental music, dance, musical theater, drumming, keyboarding and chorus
- Extensive enrichment activities for grades 7 and 8 students, including musical theater, community service, break dancing, swimming, tennis, fashion design, stepping, and much more
- Focus on good citizenship and character development, with student leadership and community service opportunities
- Acceleration Academy during February and April vacation providing academics and enrichment to selected students
- Teacher teams that have daily planning time
- Athletic and competitive teams for basketball, cheer leading, football, soccer, and track
- Strong partnerships with Harvard University, Boston University, and Boston College, which bring teachers in training, counseling interns, and other volunteers to the school each year



### Edwards (continued)

- Algebra 1 for 8th graders who are ready for high school level work
- School Climate Team highly focused on student safety, discipline, and positive student culture

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from the Adams, Bradley, Guild, O'Donnell, Otis, P. J. Kennedy, and Alighieri Montessori

#### Special academic programs:

- Extra support for students who are learning English through our ESL curriculum

#### Our partners:

- America SCORES Boston soccer, Bird Street Community Center, Boston Debate League, Citizen Schools, Sports Museum, Boston Partners in Education, EF Education, Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, Charlestown Community Center, Charlestown MGH Health Center, Arbour Hospital, Harvard University, Boston College, Boston University, National Center on Time and Learning.

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, from 7:00 am: morning gym and study hall activities.
- After school: all students stay until 4:15 Mondays-Thursdays. On Fridays students are dismissed at 11:40.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

### Eliot K-8 School

K1-Grade 8

K1-3: 16 Charter St., Boston 02113

4-8: 585 Commercial St., Boston 02109

Traci Walker Griffith, Principal

617-635-8545

#### Special Features:

- 2010, 2011, 2012 Massachusetts Commendation School
- Boston's oldest continuously operating school (founded 1713)
- Caring, committed and collaborative faculty, students, families and community
- Advanced instruction in ELA and math for grades 4-8
- One of the only Boston public schools with a K-8 robotics & engineering program
- City Connects on-site school guidance counselor
- Italian language and culture program
- Woodworking and bookbinding program in collaboration with North Bennet Street School
- Global Premier Soccer program during recesses, and "movement breaks" for all students, K-8

#### Special academic programs:

- Advanced classes for eligible students in grades 4-8
- Inclusion model for speech and language program
- Italian language program

#### Our partners:

- C.A.S.It (Italian Consul), North End Community Health Center, Nazzaro Community Center, New England Aquarium, Artists for Humanity, Emmanuel College, UMass Boston, Wellesley College, Lesley University, Suffolk University, Old North Church, Paul Revere House, Boston Conservatory, City Connects (Boston College), U. S. Coast Guard

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: School opens at 8:00 am for breakfast and community gathering before 8:20 am start to the instructional day
- After school: Champions after school program, 3:30-6:00 pm (fee; scholarships available); tutoring for ISEE (exam school entrance test); debate, theater. Please call the school for more information.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

### Ellis Elementary School

K1-Grade 5

302 Walnut Ave., Roxbury 02119

Cynthia Jacobs-Tolbert, Principal

617-635-8257

#### Special Features:

- Shares its grounds with the African American Museum, providing opportunities to enrich our history and social studies curriculum
- iPad computer classroom
- Exploratory science lab with certified science instructor, plus hands-on science experiences
- Strong partnership with Higher Ground Inc.

**K-12 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Dearborn STEM Academy (science/technology/engineering/math) for grades 6-12.

#### Special academic programs:

- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for students in K1-grade 5 (Spanish)
- Special education program, K1-grade 5: emotional impairment
- K0/K1 integrated classroom, where children with and without disabilities learn together

#### Our partners:

- Americas SCORES soccer, Bird Street Community Center, Higher Ground Boston, Generation Inc., City Sprouts, Boston Ballet, National Center of African American Artist, Franklin Covey Education Associates

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:00-9:15: Bird Street Community Center.
- After school, 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.: Bird Street Community Center Program, for K2-grade 5 students. Enrichment activities, homework time, chess, physical activities and art. Sliding fee scale.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

### Ellison/Parks Early Education School

K0-Grade 3

108 Babson St., Mattapan 02126

Natalie Ake, Principal

617-635-7680

#### Special Features:

- Partnership with VSA of Mass. brings in a resident artist to both plan and co-teach lessons that integrate the arts into content instruction for all grade levels
- Small classes, with a ratio of 1 adult to 10 children in the kindergarten and inclusion classrooms
- A diverse staff that reflects our diverse student enrollment
- Standards-based, culturally responsive curriculum
- Reading with Friends, My Reading Buddy, and Home Reading programs to promote reading
- Active parental/family engagement and advocacy, including Men's and Women's Night Out program that encourages parents/guardians to read to their children and become more involved parents
- Winner of several grants, including Harvard Achievement Support Initiative (HASI) and Family Literacy and Early Reading First from the U.S. Dept. of Education
- Beautifully designed, child-centered, state of the art building and playground
- STEAM specialist focuses on the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 4 at the Mildred Avenue K-8 School.

#### Special academic programs:

- Integrated classes of general education and special education students at every grade level
- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for English language learners

#### Our partners:

- Boston Children's Museum, Boston Nature Center & Trailside Museum, Cradles to Crayons, Harvard Achievement Support Initiative (HASI), Mattapan Public Library, Milton Academy, Museum of

Science, New England Aquarium, Swanson Automotive Services, VSA of Massachusetts (arts)

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Free before and after school surround care and enrichment from 7:30 am to 4:35 pm. SmartTALK, after-school homework program, robotics, photography, Zumba, science, visual arts, storytelling with puppets, creative movement, and math art.

### Everett Elementary School

K1-Grade 5

71 Pleasant St., Dorchester 02125

Karen Cahill, Principal

617-635-8779

#### Special Features:

- Strong literacy, math, and science programs, well-stocked classroom libraries, and the best elementary school library in the BPS
- Specialist teachers in music, science, physical education, health, and communications
- Creating leadership opportunities for students through junior activities coaches
- Wellness program that includes physical education and health instruction
- Before and after school program to help struggling students in a small-group setting
- Weekly newsletter, the "Everett Owl," to keep parents informed
- Support staff for students who are struggling, including a counselor, speech therapist, and occupational therapist
- Inclusion services and academic resource room support for students in all grades
- Award-winning schoolyard and outdoor classroom.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the McCormack Middle School.

#### Special academic programs:

- Inclusion services and academic resource room support for students in all grades

#### Our partners:

- PWC, Horace Mann Insurance Company, Home for Little Wanderers, Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy, Open Circle, YMCA of Greater Boston, Strong Women Strong Girls, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: on-site partnership with the YMCA; fee
- After school to 6:00 p.m.: provided by the YMCA; includes homework support; fee. We also offer an Environmental Club.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

### Frederick Middle School

Grades 6-8

270 Columbia Rd., Dorchester 02121

Pauline Lugira, Principal

617-635-1650

#### Special Features:

- A pilot school, part of a network of innovative schools with autonomies that support staff and student achievement.
- A school that serves the whole child; mind, body, and spirit
- A community school, supported by strong partnerships
- Data-driven instruction to support strong outcomes for student learning
- Rigorous academic curriculum enhanced by inquiry, exploration, experience, and hands-on learning
- On-site counseling services available for all students
- Basketball, tennis, lacrosse, wrestling, football, soccer and baseball

- Laptop computers with wireless Internet access for every student, and opportunities for families to own a home computer through Technology Goes Home
- Full-time nurse
- A beautiful, state-of-the-art building with Internet access, gymnasium, ceramics studio, dance studio, choral and instrumental music, and science and technology labs

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from the Holmes, Mather and UP Academy Holland.

#### Special academic programs:

- AVID college readiness program
- Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE), Somali Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) program, and Native Language Literacy

#### Our partners:

- Alliance for Inclusion and Prevention, Big Sisters, My Life My Choice, Grove Hall, Boston Ballet, Boston Rising, Boston Celtics Stay In School, Boston College, Boston University, Simmons College, Exeter School, Playball, Connection with Care, Mass College of Art, Project RIGHT, Tenacity, MetroLacrosse

#### After school programs in our building:

- After school: tutoring, many sports, clubs, and activities including art, drama, instrumental music, science and math clubs, media clubs, and more; most are free.
- Free Saturday tutoring sessions and activities

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

### Gardner Pilot Academy

K1-Grade 8

30 Athol St., Allston 02134

Erica Herman, Principal

617-635-8365

#### Special Features:

- A pilot school: Parent and community voice on governing board to inform budget decisions
- Extended services: before-school, after-school and adult education programming
- Arts opportunities: Friday Arts Program consisting of professional arts opportunities for all students every Friday morning
- Health and Wellness: Playworks program for all students, full-time school nurse, on-site health clinic, full-time school counselor, and full-time City Connects coordinator.
- Family Engagement: five schoolwide events per year to connect families to student learning
- 35 major university and community partners.

#### Special academic programs:

- Fully inclusive school for all students in all grades

#### Our partners:

- Universities: Harvard, Boston College, Lesley University, Simmons College, Boston University
- Arts: Young Audiences of Massachusetts, ARCK, MFA, BPO, Boston Ballet and Boston String, Boston Partners in Education, YMCA of Greater Boston, YWCA, America SCORES, Big Sisters
- Wellness: City Connects, Brighton Allston Mental Health, Joseph Smith Health Center, Playworks
- Academic: Read Boston, Steppingstone Academy, Women's Table, Cradles to Crayons

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, from 7:30 am: available for all students; free. Run by our full-time student interns; focus on engaging clubs to get students ready to learn by 8:30 a.m.
- After school, to 6:00 pm, provided in collaboration with YMCA of Greater Boston. Weekly fee; scholarships and reduced rates available. High quality programming provides academic, social and emotional development.
- America SCORES Boston soccer and writing program is available for middle school students in the fall and spring, \$25 per season per student

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

### Sarah Greenwood K-8 School

K1-Grade 8  
189 Glenway St., Dorchester 02121  
Alexander Matthews, Principal  
617-635-8710

#### Special Features:

- A “dual language” school, offering students the opportunity to learn in Spanish and English
- Boston Arts Academy enrichment
- Playworks
- Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- Winner of the first Thomas W. Payzant “School on the Move” Prize from EdVestors, 2006
- Named a Commonwealth COMPASS School by the Mass. Department of Education, 2005
- Named a Title I Distinguished School, 2005
- Stay In School program with the Boston Celtics
- New library
- City Connects, a project of Boston College that identifies the strengths and needs of every student and connects each child to a individualized services in the school and community
- PEAR/RALLY

#### Special academic programs:

- Dual language instruction, Spanish/English

#### Our partners:

- School Advisory Group, Franciscan Hospital, Sportsmen’s Tennis & Enrichment Club, PEAR/RALLY, City Connects, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Strong Women Strong Girls

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: BOKS Kidz fitness program for K-grade 5, and Playworks for K1- grade 8
- After school: Play Ball for grades 6-8 with volleyball, baseball, double dutch and track.

MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2

### Grew Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
40 Gordon Ave., Hyde Park 02136  
Christine Connolly, Principal  
617-635-8715

#### Special Features:

- Dedicated teaching staff
- Positive school environment
- Student Government leadership
- New England Patriots wellness grant
- Extra classroom support in reading, math, and science
- New schoolyard and outdoor classroom
- Student teachers from Curry College
- Dance program with Boston Ballet
- Parent involvement

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Irving Middle School.

#### Our partners:

- American SCORES New England soccer, Boston Ballet, Boston Partners in Education, Hyde Park After School Program (ShOut ), Jewish Community Volunteer Program, NFL Pay 60 New England Patriots Wellness Program, Reebok Corporation.

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, from 7:30: Reebok BOKS fitness program, three days a week
- After school: America SCORES New England soccer and writing program for grades 3-5, fall and spring, two days per week

MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4

### Guild Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
195 Leyden St., East Boston 02128  
Karen McCarthy, Principal  
617-635-8523

#### Special Features:

- A school that celebrates diversity, holds high expectations, and embraces the belief that all

students can achieve academic success

- Expeditionary Learning and Reading Street curriculum, TERC Investigation math, science, social studies, art, music, theater, and physical education.
- An award-winning staff, including Educator of the Year (2008); Milken National Teacher Award (2006); Teacher of the Year in Bilingual Education, and Nationally Board Certified Teacher (2009)
- Strong parental engagement, including monthly “Coffee Hours” with principal and teachers, Math Night, and International Night
- On-site counseling for students

**K-8 Pathways:** Guaranteed assignment to the Edwards Middle School or Umana Academy.

#### Special academic programs:

- Excellent instruction for English language learners taught by highly qualified teachers, including Spanish Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) in grades K1-5 and a Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE) program in grades 4 and 5
- Specialized strand for students with disabilities

#### Our partners:

- Harvard University, YMCA, Read Boston, The Achievement Network, The Farm School, New England Aquarium, Playworks, Boston Institute for Psychotherapy

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, from 7:10 am: Guild Gators for students in K-grade 5 with homework help and movement/physical education
- After school, to 6:00 pm: In partnership with the East Boston YMCA; tutoring and enrichment opportunities

MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3

### Hale Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
51 Cedar St., Roxbury 02119  
Sandra Mitchell-Woods, Principal  
617-635-8205

#### Special Features:

- Small, safe community school
- State-of-the-art courtyard and award winning mural
- School band, ITEAMS, Technology Goes Home, and state of the art computer lab
- Community Service Learning projects and Junior Achievement programs
- High expectation for academics and behavior
- Annual Year Book
- Chosen by Boston Magazine as one of the “Best of Boston: Top 100 Schools” in 2005
- Students SMILE a lot: Safe environment for learning
- Committed to effective teaching and best practices
- National awards for staff and principal, National Bronze Award for Health, Wellness, and Nutrition

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Timilty Middle School.

#### Our partners:

- Boston Ballet, Families First, Wakefield Estates, Boston Celtics and Patriots, Boston Nature Center, Boston Jewish Literacy Coalition, Boston Partners in Education, Junior Achievement, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Harvard School of Public Health, Healthy School Alliance, Northeastern University, UMass, Wheelock College, Omega Phi Psi, Boston Arboretum, ReadBoston, Discover Roxbury, Urban Improv, Bird Street Community Center, Urban League

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:15-8:00 am: BOKS, a fun physical activity program.
- After school, to 6:00 pm: Run by Bird Street Community Center. Instrumental music, chess,

poetry, art, homework time. The principal enjoys clarinet lessons with the students. Sliding fee scale.

MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1

### Haley Elementary School

K0-Grade 8  
570 American Legion Highway, Roslindale 02131  
Kathleen Sullivan, Principal  
617-635-8169

#### Special Features:

- Schoolwide focus on community and environment
- Partnership with Boston Nature Center
- Supports the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Model (CBHM)
- Beautiful school yard, outdoor classroom and gardens
- Many opportunities for parent engagement
- Expeditionary learning

#### Special academic programs:

- Full inclusion: Students in all grades with and without disabilities learn together in all classes with support to meet their individual learning needs.

#### Our partners:

- Home for Little Wanderers, Boston College, Boston Community Boat Building, Harvard University, Mass. Audubon Boston Nature Center, UMass Boston, Wheelock College, Courageous Sailing, Boston Bikes, Spirit Series

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Program for K-grade 5; fee. BOKS fitness programs for grades 6-8.
- After school, to 6:00 p.m.: Haley/YMCA After School Program

MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2

### Harvard/Kent Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
50 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown 02129  
Jason Gallagher, Principal  
617-635-8358

#### Special Features:

- Strong academic programs in literacy, math, social studies
- An award-winning staff and highly qualified teaching team
- Consistent growth on MCAS assessments, particularly in math
- Harvard/Kent Leadership Scholarship program, offering \$1,000 college scholarships to six student leaders each school year.
- Summer partnership with Courageous Sailing and the USS Constitution Museum
- Great educational events for families, including Bedtime Story night and our annual Family Health Fair
- Read Boston to help younger students become stronger readers
- Spacious classrooms and library, a great gymnasium, and new Boston Celtics computer lab
- Many additional student programs, including BOKS, School Chorus, Healthy Bodies, SuperSoccer Stars, and Knucklebones
- Before school and after school academic support programs
- On-site school and adjustment counseling for students

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Edwards Middle School.

#### Special academic programs:

- Special education programs: emotional impairment and learning disabilities
- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for English language learners (Chinese)

#### Our partners:

- Big Sister/Big Brother, Courageous Sailing, Community Boat Building, Charlestown YMCA,

Harvard-Kent Leadership Scholarship, MGH Health Careers Institute, Museum of Science, E-INC, Read Boston, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:45-9:10 am: Program for ages 5-12 with light tutorial work, BOKS fitness program, and activities to get ready for school; \$25 per week.
- Specialized reading instruction; K2-grade 5, 8-week sessions for struggling readers.
- After school: Math program for grade 3-5; enrichment and recreation activities.
- K1-K2 after school program, \$20 per week, including soccer and other organized activities

MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2

### Haynes Early Education Center

K0-Grade 1  
263 Blue Hill Ave., Roxbury 02119  
Donette Wilson-Wood, Principal  
617-635-6446

#### Special Features:

- Small class size of 20 students with 2 teachers during academic hours
- Free before and after school surround care
- Winter and spring dance/music performances
- Many fun-filled activities, including Harvest Fest, Field Day, and Splash Day
- Swimming at the Kroc Center
- Annual Awards Day to honor schoolwide student achievement
- Special subjects: dance, science, and music
- Free breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack program
- A facility built for young children
- New playground in September 2014, with outdoor classroom

#### Special academic programs:

- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for English language learners in all grades
- Full inclusion classrooms

#### Our partners:

- Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, Twelfth Baptist Church (Circle of Promise), Jewish Community Centers Readers/Jumpstart Volunteer Program, Boston Society of City Missions, Metropolitan Opera Guild, Popplestone Foundation, Roy Kroc Centers, Suzuki Institute of Boston, Tufts Dental Program, UMass Extension Program/Science & Nutrition, Greater Love Tabernacle (Circle of Promise)

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Free before and after school surround care offerings: string instrument lessons before school, Boys’ Choir, Girls’ Choir, one-to-one reading buddies, game time, cooking class, art classes, swimming, dance, tennis, basketball, Book Club and Special Olympics.

### Henderson Inclusion School

K0-Grade 12  
Lower School, K0-Grade 4:  
1669 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester 02122  
Upper School, Grades 5-12:  
18 Croftland Street, Dorchester 02125  
Patricia Lampron, Principal

#### Special Features:

- Extended school day
- Small class size (average class size is 22 students)
- Rigorous, standards based instruction
- Vibrant after-school programming
- State of the art technology in every classroom
- Unparalleled parental involvement
- The most up-to-date textbooks and supplementary materials
- Student support services
- Data-driven instructional model

#### Special academic programs:

- Fully inclusive school, all grades
- AVID College Prep Program

**Our partners:**

- Harvard Graduate School of Education, Very Special Arts, The Achievement Network, Berklee College of Music, Achieve 3000, Dot Art, Federation for Children with Special Needs, Best Buddies, Neighborhood House Charter School, Thompson Island Outward Bound, UMass Boston, Museum of Fine Arts

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school program from 7:30 am: available to all students. Activities include learning and playing; \$2 per day; limited number of scholarships available.
- After school program: available to students of all abilities. Programming changes by season and includes basketball, volleyball, art, music, African drumming, homework help, Lego Club, taekwon do, iPad Club, dance, piano lessons, Garden Club, and Fun Fridays that include trips to places like the New England Aquarium and Museum of Science. Weekly fee is \$30 and drop-in fee is \$10.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1****Hennigan K-8 School**

K2-Grade 8 in 2016-2017  
200 Heath St., Jamaica Plain 02130  
Maria Cordon, Principal  
617-635-8264

**Special Features:**

- Specialties including swimming, performing arts, music, science, computer literacy, physical education, and Latin dance
- Math and literacy specialists and tutors who provide small group and one-to-one literacy and math support.
- Tutoring for state tests
- Academic Achievement Frameworks Team that coordinates educational services, resources, counseling, advocacy and consultation
- Large Somali and ELL population supported by the ACEDONE after school program
- City Year classroom and after school support
- Boys and Girls Club, Strong Women Strong Girls, and Boys Scouts

**Special academic programs:**

- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) and multilingual classrooms in kindergarten-grade 7
- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grades 4 and 5; English and Spanish programs
- Special education classes: emotional and social development (ESD), Spanish; and student learning disabilities (SLD)
- ESL support in kindergarten-grade 7
- HILT (High Intensity Language Training) to help native language speakers whose formal education has been interrupted make rapid progress learning English.

**Our partners:**

- Harvard University, Boston University and Hellenic College, BOKS Kids and Girl Scouts, Boston Institute of Psychotherapy, Boston Partners in Education, Harvard University-HASI After School Program, Boys and Girls Club, Museum of Fine Arts, Read Boston, Hyde Square Task Force Learn Through Dance, Hennigan Community Center

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school: Hennigan Community Center, \$20 per week for grades K-5; BOKS before school program from 8:10 am, grades K-5, free
- After school:
  - City Year Starfish for grades 3-5, free
  - America SCORES N.E. soccer and writing program for grades 3-5, \$50 per year
  - Hennigan Community Center Friendship Program for grades K-5, \$65 per week, vouchers accepted, sliding fee scale
  - Girl Scouts for girls in grades K-5, \$12 per year
  - ALERTA program for selected students, free

- ACEDONE after school program for English language learners in K-grade 5, free

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4****Hernández K-8 School**

K1-Grade 8  
61 School St., Roxbury 02119  
Ana Tavares, Principal  
617-635-8187

**Special Features:**

- Dual language: all students learn in both English and Spanish
- Project based learning
- Integrated arts curriculum and partnership with area museums

**Special academic programs:**

- Two-way, dual language program, English and Spanish

**Our partners:**

- Friends of the Rafael Hernandez, Inc., Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston Institute for Psychotherapy, Museum of Fine Arts, Massachusetts College of Art, Wellesley College, 826 Boston

**After school programs in our building:**

- After school, 2:30-6:00 p.m.: Tutoring, homework, arts & crafts, martial arts, drama, visual arts, yoga, dance, African dance and drumming, Sole Train, Strong Women Strong Girls, middle school peer leadership; \$300 per month, partial scholarships available.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2****Higginson Elementary School**

K0-Grade 2  
25 Dunbar Ave., Dorchester 02124  
Marie Mullen, Principal  
617-635-8618

**Special Features:**

- School for early learners in a neighborhood setting
- Full inclusion of students with disabilities and students in regular education
- Very small classes: the teacher : student ratio for K0/K1 is 2:15 and the ratio for K2-grade 2 is 2:20
- K0-grade 2 SEI inclusion strand for English language learners
- Highly qualified and committed staff: All teachers hold Masters' degrees and hold several teaching certificates and licensure
- Highly qualified paraprofessionals who hold an Associate's or Bachelor's degree
- Diversified staff who speak the various languages of the students we serve: English, Spanish, Cape Verdean creole, French, Portuguese, Cantonese and Haitian creole
- Strong support team to meet the needs of our varied learners
- Specialists in physical education, visual arts, and yoga
- School nurse in the building five days per week
- K-8 Pathway: Guaranteed assignment to an inclusive classroom at the Higginson/Lewis K-8 school for grade 3.

**Special academic programs:**

- Full inclusion of general education, special education and English language learner students

**Our partners:**

- Comprehensive Behavioral Health with Boston Public Schools and Children's Hospital, Higher Ground, Families First, Friends of the Children, Tufts Dental Program

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school drop-in program, 7:30-9:10 am; small fee.
- After school: none in building; some students participate in community-based programs.

**Higginson/Lewis K-8 School**

K1-Grade 8  
131 Walnut Ave., Roxbury 02119  
Darlene Ratliff, Principal  
617-635-8137

**Special Features:**

- A community based, full service school with a strong academic focus
- Modernized building with a gymnasium, cafeteria and auditorium
- Brand new, beautiful playground and outdoor classroom
- Music, art and dance education
- Physical education program including Tae Kwon Do
- Many community, cultural and university partners, including our new partnership with Boston Ballet

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from the Higginson Elementary School.

**Special academic programs:**

- Special education: autism program

**Our partners:**

- New England School of Optometry, Bird Street Community Center, City Year, Boston Ballet, Pyramid Builders, Healthy Smiles, Community Music Center of Boston, Northeastern School of Law, Young People's Project

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school program: run in partnership with Bird St. Community Center for ages 5-12; sliding fee scale beginning at \$50 per week
- After school programs: partnership with Bird St. Community Center for elementary school students; sliding fee scale, \$50 per week; vouchers accepted
- After school program for middle school students run by City Year; free

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4****Holmes Elementary School**

K1-Grade 5  
40 School St., Dorchester 02124  
Yeshi Gaskin Lamour, Principal  
617-635-8681

**Special Features:**

- 21st century model inclusion school that fully includes students with disabilities in inclusion classes
- Small class size of 15 students in K0-K1 and 20 students in K2-grade 5 in inclusion classrooms
- Strong music program, with band and chorus, and a grant from VH1 "Save the Music"
- Countdown to Kindergarten parent-child playgroup
- Grant from ASTOS to support creative activities for students with and without disabilities
- Volunteers from Federal Reserve Bank and Milton Academy
- Open Circle social competency program
- Achieve before and after school enrichment program
- Children Discovering Justice
- Achievement Network

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Frederick Middle School.

**Special academic programs:**

- Special Education: full inclusion school, K0-grade 5

**Our partners:**

- Achievement Network, City Connects/Boston College, AIP, BOKS by Reebok, Imagination Playground, Federal Reserve Bank, Inclusive Schools Network, Harvard University, UMass Boston, Lesley University, Wheelock College, Berklee College of Music, Boston Bikes, Climb Corps, and other local Americorps organizations

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school: 7:00-9:00 am, \$30 per week
- After school: Achieve! by GRASP, 3:20 -6:00 pm, \$87 per week per child (rate varies), academics and enrichment

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4****Hurley K-8 School**

K1-Grade 8  
70 Worcester St., Boston 02118  
Marjorie Soto, Principal  
617-635-8489

**Special Features:**

- A Spanish-English dual language school: Students applying for grades 3-8 must attend an orientation with their families, participate in an informal interview, and take a language proficiency assessment in Spanish and English to determine their ability to succeed in the dual language program
- Committed to graduating students who perform at the proficient or advanced academic levels in two languages
- Strong focus on the arts, includes partnering with Urban Voices, Urbanity, The New England Conservatory, The Museum of Fine Arts
- Robotics lab
- Soccer field
- Fully automated bilingual school library
- Annual field day, movie nights, and family "fiestas"
- After school program, tutoring and clubs

**Special academic programs:**

- Dual language program for all students

**Our partners:**

- Museum of Fine Arts, Neighborhood Parents for the Hurley, Strong Women/Strong Girls, and the YMCA

**After school programs in our building:**

- After school, 2:30- 6:00 pm: Bodega de Arte, our own program in partnership with the YMCA. Students receive the opportunity to work with the Museum of Fine Arts, Robotics, Playworks, and others. Cost based on income; vouchers accepted.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1****Irving Middle School**

Grades 6-8  
105 Cummins Highway, Roslindale 02131  
Karin Kell Deyo and Harold Miller Jr., Co-principals  
617-635-8072

**Special Features:**

- Students clustered by grade level
- High expectations for all students: Resource students are fully mainstreamed with additional academic support in math and literacy
- Extended learning time until 2:05 for all students
- Additional intervention blocks in reading, writing and math to ensure that all students, soaring and struggling, reach their potential
- Strong visual arts program
- City Year and Alliance for Inclusion and Prevention Program extended day programming
- Teachers meet weekly with parents and collaborate on their own teaching three times a week
- Safe school environment

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed admission to grade 6 for students who attend the Bates, Channing, Chittick, Conley, Grew, Mozart, Philbrick, and Sumner schools

**Special academic programs:**

- Advanced Work Classes for eligible students in grade 6
- AVID college readiness program

## Irving (continued)

### Our partners:

- Alliance for Inclusion & Prevention, Citizens School, Connecting With Care, City Year, America SCORES soccer, Olweus Anti-Bullying Program, Roslindale Community Center, Eliot School (crafts and fine arts).

### After school programs in our building:

- After school: Partnerships with City Year and AIP

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Jackson/Mann K-8 School

K1-Grade 8  
40 Armington St., Allston 02134  
Andy Tuite, Principal  
617-635-8532

### Special Features:

- A caring community with a nurturing and enriching school environment and strong core curriculum
- Instructional focus on literacy, math, and closing the achievement gap
- Boston University Siblings program
- Tutoring and small group work from Boston College interns and in our after school program with Jackson/Mann Community Center for students who need extra help
- Workshops for parents on school and child development issues developed by the staff, City Connects, and Leaders of Tomorrow
- College for Every Student program
- City Connects program and services co-sponsored by Boston Public Schools and Boston College
- Parent-teacher conferences and ongoing telephone contact between home and school
- Extended day school, including a school day and beyond partnership with West End Boys and Girls Club.
- Apprentice Learning program with local businesses including WGBH.

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grades 4-6
- Special education inclusion school
- Autism program for K0-grade 8
- Multilingual Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for K2-grade 8

### Our partners:

- Berklee College of Music, Harvard University, Big Brother, Big Sister, Boston College and Boston Connects, Boston University School of Education, College for Every Student, Franciscan Children's Hospital, Cradles to Crayons, Jackson/Mann Community Center, Steppingstone, Tenacity, BOKS fitness, West End House Boys & Girls Club.

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school from 7:30 am, free: staffed by Jackson/Mann teachers and paraprofessionals with assistance and program support from West End House, Berklee College of Music, BC and BU tutors, America SCORES soccer, and Harvard University Smart Talk academic program.
- After school: partnerships and support from Jackson/Mann Community Center, Boston College (autistic program), Tenacity, West End House, ISEE prep, and College Success Academy (a Steppingstone program).

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## J. F. Kennedy Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
7 Bolster St., Jamaica Plain 02130  
Waleska Landing-Rivera, Principal  
617-635-8127

### Special Features:

- Safe, nurturing, child-centered environment with outstanding staff who are engaged in every aspect of student learning
- Smartboards in all classrooms to allow teachers to record their instruction and post the material

for review by students at a later time.

- Open Circle, a high quality social and emotional learning program for grades K-5 children
- Full-time instructors in science, engineering, computer, and physical education
- Weekly parent breakfast group and informational sessions about educational issues
- Reading Is Fundamental programs, focusing on increasing the amount and quality of our students' reading
- Student teachers from Wheelock College and interns
- Spacious gymnasium and auditorium

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Curley K-8 Upper School.

### Special academic programs:

- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for English Language learners

### Our partners:

- Boston College City Connects, Boston Police/Area E13, Martha Eliot Health Center, City Year, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Bird Street Community Center, Lesley University, ReadBoston, Wheelock College, Playworks recess and game time

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- After school: grades 1-2, homework help, recreation; America SCORES soccer and writing for grades 3-5; dance for grade 5; City Year for grades 3-5; American Learners for grades 1-2. Other seasonal activities in science, robotics and sewing.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

## P. J. Kennedy Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
343 Saratoga St., East Boston 02128  
Walter Henderson, Principal  
617-635-8466

### Special Features:

- Our mission: We strive to provide our students with the skills, values, knowledge, and experiences they will need to become tomorrow's leaders
- Highly skilled, professional faculty committed to educating the whole child
- Innovative music program including percussion, violin, recorder, and chorus
- Honors Academic Program for 4th and 5th grade students
- Technology Goes Home: computer instruction for parents and students together, and no-interest loans to buy a computer at the end of the program
- Focus on literacy, with publishing parties, Book Fair, and dramatic performances
- America SCORES Boston soccer and writing program for grades 3-5
- Active School Parent Council and School Site Council involved in Fall Festival, Holiday Bazaar, Field Day, and musical concerts
- Citi Arts in-school arts programming, music, physical education
- ESL classes for parents

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Edwards Middle School or Umana Academy.

### Special academic programs:

- Three full-time ESL teachers for English language learners
- Special education: one K0 early childhood classrooms, one K2 inclusive classroom and one primary transition classroom

### Our partners:

- America SCORES Boston soccer, Boston College, Northeastern University, Community Design Center, Community Music Center of Boston, Eagle Hill Civic Association, East Boston Collaborative, Heavy Advertising, Kiwanis, Lexia Learning Systems

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 8:00-9:00 am: Open to all students 5 days a week; activity time and an opportunity to work on homework; \$5 per day.
- After school: For Kids Only after school program until 6:00 pm: Music Club, Theater Club, Science Club, Arts and Crafts Club, Dance Crew, homework help
- America SCORES Boston soccer and writing for grades 3-5 in the fall and spring

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

## Kenny Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
19 Oakton Ave., Dorchester 02122  
Emily Bryan, Principal  
617-635-8789

### Special Features:

- Early Childhood playgroups and Kindergarten 1 program
- Music, art, science, chorus, and gym
- Kenny School Marching Band for grades 3-5, the only marching band in the BPS
- Winner of a VH1 Instrument Grant
- Chorus
- BalletRox Dance classes and scholarships
- Farm for City Kids: grade 5 students spend a week on a farm, working and learning about farm living
- Generations tutoring
- First Night, St. Patrick's Day, Dorchester Day, Haitian Day Parades, Memorial Day Exercises, other special performances.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Mildred Avenue School

### Special programs:

- SEI Haitian and Vietnamese programs for English language learners
- Special Education: Learning Disabled (LD), and Early Childhood programs

### Our partners:

- City Connects, BELL Foundation, Berklee College of Music, U-Mass Boston, Farm for City Kids, Generations, Home for Little Wanderers Counseling, Pierce House, Children's Museum Conservatory Lab Charter School, The Achievement Network, BOKS, America SCORES, Boston Bikes, DebateMate, Robotics with Latina STEM (science/technology/engineering/math)

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school program, 8:00-9:15 am, run by Kenny School staff; \$50 per month
- After school, Mon.-Thurs.: 3-hour tutorial in reading, writing and math for grades 1-5 from BELL Foundation. Free; program runs from mid-October through March.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## Kilmer K-8 School

K1-Grade 8  
35 Baker St. (K-3) and 140 Russett Rd. (4-8), West Roxbury 02132  
Jennifer Cramer, Principal  
617-635-8060

### Special Features:

- Experienced, caring staff
- Focus on academics
- K-8 school housed on two sites
- High MCAS success rate
- Involved parents
- Ranked among the top 5 BPS schools on 2010 MCAS by Boston.com
- Named a top-ranked Boston Public Elementary School by Boston Magazine

### Special academic programs:

- Special Education: Inclusion classrooms and highly specialized K-8 program for children with autism.

### Our partners:

- Dedham School of Music, MSPP, New England Home for Little Wanderers, YMCA, Boston Celtics, TD Bank

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before and after school care for all students available every day; all students are eligible to take a school bus to and from the lower campus for this program.
- Before and after school instrument lessons offered through the Dedham School of Music for a fee.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

## M. L. King Jr. K-8 School

K1-Grade 8  
77 Lawrence Ave., Dorchester 02121  
Khita Pottinger, Principal  
617-635-8212

### Special Features:

- Focus on character-building, teaching students responsibility and productivity, and service to the school and community for the common good
- Math and reading enrichment each week for grades 1-8
- Newly renovated building: campus is under renovation and will feature new playground equipment and an outdoor classroom
- Home-school-community partnership valued
- Art, music, chorus, performing arts, and physical education
- Student Council and Debate Club
- Strong Women, Strong Girls and Girl Scouts
- Robotics and National Society of Black Engineers Club
- Thompson Island partnership focused on expanding students' access to "real world" science education
- Onsite counseling for students in need of services provided by the Home for Little Wanderers

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grade 6
- Special Education kindergarten-grade 8

### Our partners:

- Thompson Island, Generation Inc., Harvard University Digital Literacy Project & Robotics, LINK, Home for Little Wanderers, Mass Housing Mentoring, Playworks, Project Right, Read Boston, YMCA, Boston Athletic Association

### After school programs in our building:

- After school program, 2:30-6:00 p.m. run on-site by the YMCA

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Lee Academy

K0-Grade 1  
155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester 02124  
Amelia Gorman, Principal  
617-635-6619

### Special Features:

- A pilot school offering a comprehensive program with high quality instruction and support for children ages 3-6 and their families
- Tae Kwon Do, dance, visual arts, yoga instruction, science, and physical education
- Inclusive community of learners
- Several NAEYC accredited classrooms with very low student/teacher ratios
- Lesley Literacy Collaborative school
- Looping in some grades: children have the same teacher for two years
- Highly professional staff who benefit from professional development to better support student learning
- Collaborative relationship with the local YMCA
- Social skills curriculum: our Open Circle, Second Step, and Playmakers certified teachers help foster social emotional development

- Partnerships with Boston University (teaching interns) and UMass Boston (Jumpstart and teaching interns)
- Home visiting program

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to Lee K-8 School

**Special academic programs:**

- General education/special education inclusion classrooms in all grades

**Our partners:**

- Center for Collaborative Education, Dot Art, Boston University, UMass Boston, Dorchester YMCA, Second Step social skills curriculum, Urbanity Dance, Swaby Tae Kwon Do, UMass Boston Jumpstart, Imagine That after school program, BOKS (Build Our Kids' Success), Home for Little Wanderers, The Osiris Group

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school, from 7:30 am, including Reebok BOKS fitness
- After school, 3:25-6:00 pm: Imagine That program with homework help, academic enrichment activities, and playtime

**Lee K-8 School**

K1-Grade 8  
155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester 02124  
Kimberly Crowley, Principal  
617-635-8687

**Special Features:**

- "School on the Move Award" winner
- Out of school time programming for students in grades K0-8
- Peer Buddies and other programs to promote inclusion of all students
- Recipient of State of Massachusetts Commendation for academic achievement
- Art, music, computer science, and physical education
- Programs with UMass Boston, Harvard University, and Wheelock College
- Interns from UMass, Harvard University and Wheelock College.

**Special academic programs:**

- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grade 4, 5 and 6
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college readiness
- Specialized program for students with autism spectrum disorder – 17 classrooms

**Our partners:**

- Children's Hospital, Codman Square Health Center, Anthony Perkins Community Center, Wheelock College, and UMass Boston

**After school programs in our building:**

- After school care to 5:30.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

**Lyndon K-8 School**

K1-Grade 8  
20 Mt. Vernon St., West Roxbury 02132  
Kathleen Tunney and Andre Ward,  
Management Team  
617-635-6824

**Special Features:**

- A pilot school, with the freedom to make informed decisions which prepare our students to be life-long learners.
- Science, math, and computer specialists
- A full arts curriculum with visual art, general music, chorus, instrumental program, and dance
- Lending library supported and maintained by parent volunteers
- All teachers are trained in Responsive Classroom and Second Step, social curriculums which have built a strong learning community
- Many opportunities for family engagement, including PTA, Friends of the Lyndon and School Site Council

- Literacy specialist, ESL teacher, special education teachers
- Partnership with Children's Hospital which provides our students support and guidance
- Computer lab and wireless laptop carts to support grade level learning.

**Special academic programs:**

- Special education: four SAR classrooms, grades 2/3/4, 4/5/6, 6/7/8 and 7/8
- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI), grades 1-5

**Our partners:**

- Boston Ballet, Boston Celtics/Boston Red Sox, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Children's Hospital Neighborhood Project, Friends of the Lyndon, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Northeastern University, Regis College, Brandeis University, West Roxbury/Roslindale YMCA.

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before and after: Provided by the West Roxbury/Roslindale YMCA.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

**Lyon K-8 School**

K2-Grade 8  
50 and 95 Beechcroft St., Brighton 02135  
Deborah Rooney, Principal  
617-635-7945

**Special Features:**

- Full inclusion model
- Free before and after school programs
- Pilot high school option for grades 9-12
- Highly qualified staff: All teachers hold Masters' degrees, and all are dually certified in regular and special education
- Specialists in music, art, technology, and physical education
- Engaged School Site Council and Parent Council

**K-12 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to Lyon High School.

**Special academic programs:**

- Fully inclusive school: all classrooms have special education and general education students

**Our partners:**

- Boston College, Read Boston, Walker Home and School, Wheelock College, Strong Women Strong Girls, Celtics Stay in School, Harvard University

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school, 7:30-9:15 am: available for students in kindergarten-grade 6
- After school, 3:30-4:30 pm for eligible students: music, band, chorus, enrichment opportunities and recreational activities

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

**Manning Elementary School**

K1-Grade 5  
130 Louder's Lane, Jamaica Plain 02130  
Ethan d'Ablemont Burnes, Principal  
617-635-8102

**Special Features:**

- Instructional focus on higher order thinking skills
- Inclusion program to support all students
- Positive school culture nurtured by Responsive Classroom
- Full-time science technology teacher and librarian, art teachers, and physical education through Playworks
- School psychologist
- Occupational and speech therapy
- Music with Community Music Center of Boston
- Computers in every classroom
- Active parent participation as volunteers, fund raisers, and members of the School Parent and School Site Councils
- Individual parent conferences

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Boston Teachers Union (BTU) K-8 School.



**Special academic programs:**

- Special Education: Early Childhood integrated K0-K1 classroom; K2-grade 5 are inclusion classes with extra support.

**Our partners:**

- Arnold Arboretum, Community Music Center of Boston, Courageous Sailing, Brigham & Women Faulkner Hospital, Playworks, Reading is Fundamental, Showa Boston, Spontaneous Celebrations, Wediko, Wheelock College

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school, 8:00-9:25 am: For the convenience of our parents, we offer a wonderful fee-based program with arts & crafts, chess and Lego club and outdoor activities.
- After school, 3:25-5:45 pm: Our dynamic, exciting fee-based after school program offers a variety of activities for students such as dance, physical education, music, sailing, Spontaneous Celebration, fencing, and French. We also offer academic support and enrichment. Extra fee programs include: Spanish, karate, hip hop, woodworking and ballet.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

**Mason Elementary School**

K0-Grade 5  
150 Norfolk Ave., Roxbury 02119  
Lauretta Lewis-Medley, Principal  
617-635-8405

**Special Features:**

- Full integration of students with disabilities and regular education students
- Highly qualified staff (dual certified in regular and special education) and mentor lead teachers
- Full time parent coordinator that coordinates family and fundraising events.
- Kindergartens accredited by National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Partners with City Connects to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of students.
- Art, music, dance, physical education, technology and swim instruction (grades 1-5) offered.
- Extended science learning through the Boston Nature Center, Food Project, and Ferry Beach.
- Boston University, Northeastern University and Wheelock College provide interns and tutors.
- Read Boston grant that provides free books and literacy events for all students
- Looping in grades K2/ 1 (children have the same teacher for two years), plus grades 2/ 3 and 4/ 5 classrooms
- Reading Recovery, a research based literacy intervention for struggling first graders.

**K-12 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at Dearborn STEM Academy for grades 6-12.

**Special academic programs:**

- Special Education: two inclusion classrooms per grade from K0/K1 (ages 3 and 4)–Grade 5.

**Our partners:**

- Boston Ballet, Boston Nature Center, Boston University, Center for Collaborative Education, City Connects, Community Music Center, Newmarket Business Association, Northeastern University, Wheelock College, and YMCA of Greater Boston

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school, 7:30-8:10 am: for K-grade 5, \$45 per month
- After school, 2:30-6:00 pm: run by YMCA for K2-grade 5, sliding fee scale

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

**Mather Elementary School**

K1-Grade 5  
24 Parish St., Dorchester 02122  
Rochelle Valdez, Principal  
617-635-8757

**Special Features:**

- The oldest public elementary school in America established in 1639
- Two outdoor classrooms and three playgrounds
- BOKS before school athletic program
- Out of School (OST) programs: 3 Point Foundation Basketball, America SCORES soccer, Boston City Singers, BRYE, Brookline Literacy, Mather Music Ensemble, Boy/Cub Scouts, City Sprouts, Girl Scouts, Saturday Academy, Viet-Aid, Sportsmens Tennis, DARE Dance, Dance with Books
- Weekly adult volunteers in the classrooms
- Achievement Network School, Literacy Collaborative
- Active School Site Council and School Parent Council
- Nutrition programs through Northeastern University for primary grades and UMass Boston for upper grades
- Located on historic Meeting House Hill, next to a fire station and two churches

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School

**Special academic programs:**

- Vietnamese Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) program for K1-grade 5
- Full Learning Disabled (LD) strand for students in grades 1-5

**Our partners:**

- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, BalletRox, The Achievement Network, Brookline Literacy Partnership, City Sprouts, America SCORES, "e" inc., Target, Lesley University Literacy Collaborative, Wheelock College Teach Boston

**Before and after school programs in our building:**

- Before school, 7:30-9:00: \$35 a week. Discounts apply for families who cannot afford the full fee, and vouchers can be considered. Activities include homework support, arts and crafts and physical education. Additionally, there is a free fitness program (BOKS) for students in grades 1-5 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00-9:00.
- After school, 3:30-5:30: Regular after school program for \$40 a week with homework support and enrichment opportunities such as hip-hop and martial arts.
- Free programs: BELL tutoring program, November-April; Winsor School tutoring on Wednesdays; Brookline Literacy Partnership on Tuesdays; Cub Scouts and Music Ensemble on Fridays; and America SCORES Boston soccer and literacy, or students in grades 3-5.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Mattahunt Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
100 Hebron St., Mattapan 02126  
Genteen Lacet Jean-Michel, Principal  
617-635-8792

### Special Features:

- Focused Interventions for reading and math proficiency
- After school programs that focus on helping students to improve reading, writing, and math; and a home reading program
- Parent Center, an active School Parent Council and School Site Council, and parent volunteers
- Outdoor science in the urban wild wetlands
- Nature's Classroom
- Internet access in the computer lab and classrooms
- Visual arts and music programs
- Purple Star behavior management system, providing incentives to encourage positive behavior
- A large, modern building with a swimming pool, gym, and two playgrounds
- Swimming pool

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Mildred Avenue School.

### Special academic programs:

- Early Childhood programs
- Autism program
- Multilingual Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) program

### Our partners:

- CityYear, Boston Celtics, Colorado Street Citizen Group, Mattapan Community Health Center, Mattapan Library, Student Conservation Association (SCA), Wheelock College, Wheelock Family Theatre, Wheelock Upward Bound/Eagle Program

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Program with City Year and Reebok BOKS fitness.
- After school: BELL Foundation tutoring for grades 2-3, Mattahunt STAR program for K2-grade 1, and Wheelock Community Center for grades 3-5

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## McCormack Middle School

Grades 6-8  
315 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester 02125  
Jose Duarte, Principal  
617-635-8657

### Special Features:

- Expanded learning time for all students in grades 6-8
- Nationally recognized talent development initiative focusing on achievement, attendance, and behavior
- Strong programming offered by Citizen Schools, City Year, Trinity, and Tenacity
- Visual and performing arts program available to all students
- Daily science and social studies for all students
- Extra academic assistance in reading and math as needed
- Visual and performing arts program available to all students
- Participation in middle school leagues for football, basketball, track and field, and baseball
- Focus on student leadership and good citizenship
- School wide values: Work Hard. Work Together. Panther PRIDE!
- Caring faculty focused on the success and well-being of every student
- A great school community that welcomes all families and wants you to be part of the McCormack.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from the Clap, Dever, Everett, Perkins, and Russell

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grade 6

### Our partners:

- Berklee College of Music, UMass Boston, Citizen Schools, City Year, Tenacity, Eliot School, Talent Development, Trinity Boston Foundation, Wediko Children's Services, Harbor Point Task Force

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: The school opens for breakfast at 7:00, and the school day begins at 7:15
- After school, 2:20-4:30: Wide range of enrichment and extra academic activities, Monday-Thursday provided by our partners

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## McKay K-8 School

K2-Grade 8  
122 Cottage St., East Boston 02128  
Jordan Weymer, Principal  
617-635-8510

### Special Features:

- A partnership with City Year designed to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of every child
- A Student Support Team designed to meet needs of the whole child
- On-site, bilingual clinicians
- Technology Goes Home: students and parents take computer classes together and can buy a new computer at a low cost at the end of the program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program providing all students with healthy snacks
- English as a Second Language afterschool and family literacy programs
- Pre-AP program in middle school English, math, and science
- Steppingstone College Success Academy for students in grades 5-8
- After school tutoring with licensed teachers
- Flying Cloud and Student of the Week student recognition program

### Special academic programs:

- Special education programs that aim to include students in general education classrooms
- Spanish Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) program in K2 through grade 5
- Pre-AP program in middle school English, math, and science

### Our partners:

- America SCORES Boston (soccer and literacy), Boston Bikes, Boston Institute of Psychotherapy (BIP), Boston Partners in Education, City Year, Connecting with Care (school counseling), East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, MassInsight (pre-AP program), Steppingstone College Success Academy, UMass Boston

### After school programs in our building:

- YMCA program for all students; fee.
- America SCORES Boston soccer for grades 3-8
- Steppingstone College Success Academy for students in grades 4 and 5
- After school tutoring with licensed teachers.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## Mendell Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
164 School St., Roxbury 02119  
Julia Bott, Principal  
617-635-8234

### Special Features:

- A small school with a safe, nurturing environment
- Strategic, data-driven instruction to meet the needs of all learners
- Music, visual and performing arts, physical education, science, and social studies
- Two school-based counselors from Boston College City Connects and Brighton Allston Mental Health Association to provide individual

and group counseling services

- Leadership Teams
- Choral music program with Community Music Center of Boston, Classroom Cantata Singers, and the Metropolitan Opera
- Many family activities, including workshops on how to prepare children for state tests, family literacy and math, and fun activities such as Magical Mendell Day
- Inclusive school with increased supports for all learners
- Newly designed and developed Outdoor Classroom
- Partnership with EdVestors to deepen and enhance rigor of instruction for all learners
- Active Parent Council that supports fundraising, marketing and teaching and learning

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Timilty Middle School

### Special academic programs:

- Expanding inclusive offerings that provide rigorous teaching and learning to all learners in a general education classroom setting, including accelerated learners and students with disabilities

### Our partners:

- Additional school partners: Northeastern University and Simmons College interns and Playworks movement and physical education

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:30-9:00 am: provided by Mendell staff and interns, offering clubs including art, physical activity, and technology; also BOKS fitness program
- After school: run by YMCA for all students in K1-grade 5. Sliding fee scale. Homework support, enrichment opportunities, and more; also free tutoring for students who need extra help

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## Mildred Avenue K-8 School

K1-grade 2 and grades 4-8 in 2016-17  
5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan 02126  
Andrew Rollins, Principal  
617-635-1642

### Special Features:

- Extended day: an extra half hour of school for all students and three hours of dynamic afterschool programming (optional; low cost) enable us to provide students rich opportunities from 7 am to 5 pm
- A state-of-the-art facility with a dance studio, theatre, pool, science and computer labs, art studio, library, athletic fields and playground.
- ISEE test preparation for entrance into exam schools
- Strong partnerships with City Year, Boston Debate League, the Achievement Network, Generations, and many community organizations.
- Lower class sizes in Math and ELA
- Frequent field trips and outside-of-the-box, experiential learning opportunities

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from Ellison/Parks Early Education School, Kenny Elementary, Mattahunt Elementary, and Taylor Elementary

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class provides an accelerated Honors curriculum

### Our partners:

- City Year, Boston Debate League, The Achievement Network, Neighborhood House Charter School, Mildred Avenue Community Center (BCYF), E Inc. Environmental Science Program, Pan-African Cultural Education, Inc. (PACE), Boston Celtics, Generations, Inc. Early Literacy Program

### After school programs in our building:

- After school: programs for all grade levels until 5:00 pm (Monday through Thursday and Friday in the lower elementary grades). Lower elementary programming is provided by the Mildred Avenue Community Center and PACE (Pan-African Cultural Education). Upper elementary programming is provided by City Year. Middle school programming is led by Mildred teachers and features many community partners. Annual fee for elementary and middle school grades is currently \$50 for the year.
- Low cost afterschool programming is offered on-site in the lower elementary grades.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Mission Hill K-8 School

K0-Grade 8  
20 Child St., Jamaica Plain 02130  
Ayla Gavins, Principal  
617-635-6384

### Special Features:

- A pilot school emphasizing active, project-based, collaborative learning
- Multi-aged classes of not more than 20 students, with more than one adult present
- Arts emphasized through much of the school day
- Focus on three schoolwide themes each year
- Graduation based on performance
- Focus on Habits of Mind and Work
- Use of multiple assessments, not just standardized testing, to measure student achievement
- Home/school partnership sustained through family participation in ongoing exhibitions of student work
- Partnerships with local universities and museums focused on learning
- Sharing and learning from innovative educators locally and internationally
- The school requires that families attend an informational meeting before their child can be officially accepted. This assures that families are making an informed decision and embrace the mission and vision of the school.

### Special academic programs:

- Full inclusion of general education and special education students

### Our partners:

- City Connects, Farm School (Athol, MA), Mass College of Art, New England Baptist Hospital, Northeastern University, Urban Improv, Apprentice Learning, Wheelock College, Mass Audubon Society, Boston Natural Areas Network

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 8:00-9:15 am. Children of all ages may attend.
- After school, 3:30-6:00 pm for students in K0-grade 6.
- K0 children may only attend one program, either before OR after school, not both.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Mozart Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
236 Beech St., Roslindale 02131  
Erin Borthwick, Principal  
617-635-8082

### Special Features:

- We are Mozart ROCK Stars! Our core values are: Respect, Openness, Cooperation, and Kindness
- Highly effective program for students with autism
- On-site before and after school programming for students in K1 through 5th grade
- Technology instruction is embedded in 1st-5th grade classrooms
- Science, physical education, art, music, and library specialty classes

## Mozart (continued)

- Semi-private flute, clarinet, trumpet and violin lessons for students in grades 3-5 through partnership with Making Music Matters!
- NAEYC accredited Early Childhood program
- Active and diverse School Parent Council
- Beautiful facility with an outdoor classroom frequented by science classes and a renovated playground
- Counseling and tutoring through partnerships with the Boston Institute for Psychotherapy and the Jewish Coalition for Literacy
- Enrichment opportunities through partnerships with BOKS and the Eliot School
- Experienced and devoted staff with very low turnover

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Irving Middle School

### Special academic programs:

- Special Education: autism program for K0-grade 5

### Our partners:

- The Eliot School (visual arts instruction), Making Music Matters! (instrumental music), Boston Institute for Psychotherapy (counseling), YMCA of Boston (after school provider, and The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (tutoring)

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Fee based, rates vary. BOKS physical activity before school program, a free program offered in fall and spring sponsored by Reebok
- After school, 3:30-6:00 pm: program for K2-5 run by the West Roxbury YMCA; program for K1 run by Mozart School staff

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Murphy K-8 School

K1-Grade 8

1 Worrell Street, Dorchester 02122

Courtney Sheppeck, Principal

617-635-8781

[murphy@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:murphy@bostonpublicschools.org)

### Special Features:

- A dedicated faculty, including lead teachers, teacher-coaches, Boston Teacher of the Year winners, and National Board Certified teachers
- Preparation for Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) for all grade 6/8 students
- Swimming, music, art, technology, and physical education
- Renovated gym with rock wall
- Three new computer mobile labs
- Strong parent involvement with active committees
- Partnerships with many businesses, universities, and cultural organizations

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Classes for eligible students in grades 4-6
- AVID college readiness program

### Our partners:

- Celtics Stay in School Program, Children's Services of Greater Boston, Community Music Center of Boston, Emmanuel College and Graduate School, Northeastern University, Reebok BOKS Kidz, Simmons College, Stop and Shop, Gardner Museum, Urban Improv

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:30-8:15 am, Monday through Friday. BOKS Kidz fitness is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00-8:00
- After school, Monday-Friday to 6:15 pm: homework help, art, music, technology, chess, science, history, renewable energy, drama, Destination Imagination, instrumental music lessons, and STEM programs

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

## O'Donnell Elementary School

K1-Grade 5

33 Trenton St., East Boston 02128

C. Sura O'Mard, Principal

617-635-8454

### Special Features:

- First in Math computerized enrichment program for grades 1-5
- History Alive social studies for K-grade 5
- Hatchett Book Group and Generations Inc. reading initiatives for primary grades
- 10 Boys Initiative mentorship programs for at-risk ethnic minority boys
- Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) summer program
- Discovering Justice character development, social justice and citizen awareness program
- Tech Goes Home: parents and students take computer classes together and can buy a computer with a no-interest loan

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to Edwards Middle School or Umana Academy

### Special academic programs:

- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college readiness for grades 4 and 5
- Project ALERTA/UMass Boston academic and enrichment for Latino students

### Our partners:

- Achievement Network for grades 3-5, Alliance for a Healthy Generation, AVID Advancement Via Individual Determination, East Boston Social Center & Health Center, Fitness Forward / Drive 2 Fitness Program, Generations Incorporated Literacy Program, Hatchett Book Group volunteer readers, Shady Hill School Teacher Training Program

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: BOKS fitness program (12 weeks)
- After school: ALERTA for grades 3-5, free, 3:30-5:00 Wednesday and Thursdays
- Summer: NOAH Summer Schoolyard Day Camp, July-August

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Ohrenberger School

Grades 3-8

175 West Boundary Rd., West Roxbury 02132

Naomi Krakow, Principal

617-635-8157

### Special Features:

- Making Music Matters instrumental program for grades 3-5
- Berklee College of Music Faculty Outreach program for grades 6-8
- After school enrichment programs in partnership with the Ohrenberger Community Center
- Before and after school child care programs
- Extracurricular sports opportunities for students in grades 6-8
- After school tutoring through a partnership with Noble and Greenough School
- Roughly 50 students accepted into exam schools each year
- Tutors through a partnership with the Temple Emmanuel Literacy Coalition
- Student teachers from Northeastern University, Curry College and UMass Boston

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 3 for Beethoven School 2nd graders

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grades 4-6
- AVID college readiness program
- Special Education: resource room supports; Learning and Adaptive Behavior (L/AB) program for students with emotional disabilities
- English Language learners: Multilingual SEI program at all grade levels

### Our partners:

- Making Music Matters, Berklee College of Music, Curry College, Northeastern University, UMass, Noble and Greenough School, Price Waterhouse Cooper, JCRC-Temple Emmanuel, Newton, Ohrenberger Community Center, Play Ball Foundation

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school from 7:00 am: \$6 per day
- After school: enrichment programs in partnership with the Ohrenberger Community Center, 1-2 afternoons per week \$35 for 10 sessions; childcare from 2:30-5:30 for grades 3-5, \$20 per day

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Orchard Gardens K-8 School

K1-Grade 8

906 Albany St., Roxbury 02119

Megan Webb, Principal

617-635-1660

### Special Features:

- An innovative "pilot" school for kindergarten through 8th grade
- "Community building" theme: children do best acad
- Music, art, theater, dance, library media program
- Multiple extended day programs
- Guidance counselor and student support coordinator
- Strong partnerships with families through monthly progress reports
- Family Coordinators who partner with families to a
- A beautiful, state of the art building built in 2003
- Clubs and sports for students grades 3-8
- Additional school partners:

### Special academic programs:

- Specialized strand for students with disabilities
- Full inclusion model with skilled intervention teachers providing specialized support
- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for Spanish and Cape Verdean Creole speaking students
- Specialized program for students with interrupted formal education

### Our partners:

- Boston Medical Center, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI), Mass 2020, New England Conservatory of Music, PlayBall Foundation, Playworks (recess and class game time), and Thompson Island Outward Bound Program.

### After school programs in our building:

- After school programs, all free: City Year (grades 3-5), Citizen Schools (mandatory for all 6th-8th grade students); America SCORES soccer and writing program (grades 3-5); sports and clubs (eligibility based on attendance and grades)

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Otis Elementary School

K1-Grade 5

218 Marion St., East Boston 02128

Paula Cerqueira-Goncalves, Principal

617-635-8372

### Special Features:

- First Family Friendly accredited school in BPS in 2014
- Full-time community field coordinator
- Diverse, multilingual staff
- Specialist teachers for art, music, dance, science, and computers
- Music, art, science, computers, physical education, keyboard lab
- Extended Learning Time School, 8:30-3:10
- Interactive Polyvision whiteboards in most classrooms.
- Afterschool ESL classes for parents
- Active Parent Council, with representatives on our School Site Council

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to Edwards Middle School or Umana Academy.

### Special academic programs:

- Special Education: Integrated Early Childhood program, K0/K1
- English Language learners: Sheltered English Instruction (SEI); multilingual program

### Our partners:

- Harbour Counseling Services, Boston Ballet, Boston College, East Boston YMCA, East Boston Community Health Center, Harborside Community Center, Kiwanis Club of East Boston, Read Boston, UMass Boston, Microsoft

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:30-8:15 am: BOKS fitness program; tutoring
- After school: program for children of parents enrolled in on-site ESL school program, Monday-Thursdays, 2:30-4:45 pm; tutoring by Otis teachers for select students; YMCA program, 2:30-6:00 pm

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

## Perkins Elementary School

K2-Grade 5

50 Rev. Burke St., South Boston 02127

Craig Martin, Principal

617-635-8601

### Special Features:

- School Success Team model that supports the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual needs of the whole child.
- Outdoor classroom that inspires creativity in artistry, writing, reading, and the sciences
- Brothers of Distinction, MJP Boys' Program
- Wonderfully Made, MJP Girls' Group
- Perkins Pride Student Ambassadors Program
- Student Council
- Community Day of Scholars awards program
- Parent 2 Hour Program Initiative
- International Potluck Literacy Night
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Artistry & Mathematics) Clubs
- Exclusive MJP Fill the Bucket Program
- After school programs near the school at the Dorchester YMCA, Joseph M. Tierney Learning Center, Paraclete Academy, Ollie, and South Boston Neighborhood House.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the McCormack Middle School.

### Our partners:

- Tufts University, Boston Housing Authority, Fourth Presbyterian Church South Boston, South Shore Mental Health for onsite counseling, Lesley University, New Balance Foundation, Boston University Dental School/Kool Smiles, The Paraclete Academy, Tierney Learning Center/ South Boston Boys & Girls Club, MassStart/Wediko Children's Services

### Before school programs:

- BOKS fitness

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Perry K-8 School

K1-Grade 8

745 East 7th St., South Boston 02127

Geoffrey Rose, Principal

617-635-8840

### Special Features:

- Strong school climate: Students are positively reinforced every day with "Shark Bites" and "Shark Shout Outs"
- Monthly assemblies when students are recognized for academic achievement, academic improvement and positive citizenship
- Oceanfront outdoor classroom created by the Schoolyard Initiative Initiative
- Wellness program physical education and health
- Inquiry-based science curriculum

### Perry School (continued)

- Strings instruments, chorus and music classes
- Access to technology: All teachers have projectors, and we have two Chromebook carts, three Ipad carts, and one Macbook cart to support daily lessons.

#### Special academic programs:

- Highly specialized special education programs for language-based learning and developmentally delayed students.

#### Our partners:

- New Philharmonia Orchestra, Urban Improv, UMass Boston, New England Aquarium, Boston Children's Choir, Paraclete Center (South Boston), "The Ollie" South Boston Neighborhood House, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, John Hancock Financial Services, Massachusetts Cultural Council Freedom Trail Foundation

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:45-9:15 am, Monday-Friday: Drop-in program for K1-grade 5, \$5 per day per student; Shark Squad fitness program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, fee.
- After school, 3:30-5:00 pm: program for K1-grade 5 led by Perry staff, Monday-Thursday, \$15 per day.

#### MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3

### Philbrick Elementary School

#### K0-Grade 5

40 Philbrick St., Roslindale 02131

Amy Sprott, Principal

617-635-8069

#### Special Features:

- Level 1 school with a focus on student achievement for all
- Core values: respect, hard work and kindness
- Wireless laptop and iPad access for students
- Monthly school community award assemblies
- Making Music Matters, small group instrumental lessons in grades 4-5
- Recently renovated schoolyard and playground
- Annual camping trip for grade 5 students, with science focus
- Monthly curriculum-based Family Nights
- Science and literacy grant
- Parent Workshops

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Irving Middle School

#### Special academic programs:

- Two mixed-grade special education classrooms: integrated Early Childhood for K0/K1 and Primary Transition for K2/grade 1.

#### Our partners:

- Boston Nature Center, Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, Making Music Matters, Boston Teacher Residency Program, Home for Little Wanderers, Boston Institute for Psychotherapy, Temple Aliyah Literacy Tutors, Ferry Beach Ecology School, FIS Global

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 8:00-9:15 am: run by a Philbrick staff member; \$35 per week; includes BOKS fitness three days a week.
- After school: structured program run by Philbrick parents, five days a week; sliding fee scale. Also: enrichment activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, Mandarin lessons, and more at additional costs on a sliding scale.

#### MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1

### Quincy Elementary School

#### K0-Grade 5

885 Washington St., Boston 02111

Cynthia Soo Hoo, Principal

617-635-8497

#### Special Features:

- Chosen as one of the 100 best public elementary schools in Massachusetts
- Small class size in grades 1 and 2
- Robotic science program for grades 4 and 5
- Clubs, dance troupes, visual arts, and swimming
- Orchestra for K2 to grade 6 students
- Cultural events such as Winter Festival and Chinese New Year
- Workshops for parents in Chinese and English
- Weekly coffee/tea hour for parents at School Parent Council meetings
- Modern complex with rooftop play decks and outdoor learning space

**K-12 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at Josiah Quincy Upper School.

#### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grades 4 and 5
- Mandarin language instruction for all students

#### Our partners:

- Big Brother/Big Sister, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Boston Partners in Education, Boston College City Connects, Longy Music Institute, Community Music Center, Museum of Fine Arts, Northeastern University, Tufts University, Boston University, Wellesley College, South Cove Health Center, Tufts Medical Center, Dental School, Engineering School, and Nutrition Department; "e" Inc.

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Free activities sponsored by the physical education teacher three mornings a week; Neighborhood Walking Club, Strong Women, Strong Girls group, gymnastics, basketball, BOKS fitness
- Free academic support before and after school for students recommended by their teachers, 4 hours a week
- JQS Before School Orchestra/Chorus program, K2-grade 5
- After school programs: offered by the Red Oak After School Program BCNC, Wang YMCA, Castle Square Tenants Organization Youth Education Program, United South End Settlement, Chung Wah Academy, Kwong Kow Chinese School, IDILL, and Ellis Memorial
- Chinese dance and band in partnership with local agencies

#### MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1

### Quincy Upper School

#### Grades 6-12

152 Arlington St., Boston 02116

Grades 6-7: 900 Washington St., Boston 02111

Richard Chang and Stephen Cirasuolo,

Co-Headmasters

617-635-8940

#### Special Features:

- International Baccalaureate Diploma and International Baccalaureate Middle Years programs
- Theater arts and music
- Physical education and sports teams
- Mandarin and Spanish language programs
- After-school enrichment programs
- Teachers as leaders
- Corporate partnerships
- Pathfinding and Renewal focus
- Facilities: auditorium, computer lab

**K-12 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from Quincy Elementary School.

#### Special academic programs:

- International Baccalaureate programs
- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grade 6

- AVID college readiness program

#### Our partners:

- Big Brother / Big Sister, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Boston Public Health Commission, Holland & Knight Law Firm, Northeastern University, Peer Health Exchange, State Street Bank, Tufts University / Tufts Medical Center, University of New Hampshire, Wang Chinatown YMCA

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- After school: Students are offered a choice of academic and non-academic courses.

#### MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1

### Roosevelt K-8 School

#### K1-Grade 8

K1-Grade 1: 30 Millstone Rd., Hyde Park 02136

Grades 2-8: 95 Needham Rd., Hyde Park 02136

Lynda-Lee Sheridan, Principal

617-635-8676

#### Special Features:

- K1-8 full inclusion school on two campuses
- Safe and structured school culture
- Highly experienced teaching staff
- Onsite counseling services provided by Arbour, Primary Project, and Home for Little Wanderers
- Technology Goes Home program offered to families outside of school time
- Strong family/community engagement
- Before and after school programs on site.

#### Special academic programs:

- Special education: full inclusion school

#### Our partners:

- YWCA, America SCORES soccer, Arbour Counseling Services of Allston, Boston Celtics Stay in School, Curry College, Primary Project, Little Voices After School, Technology Goes Home, Digital Literacy Project/Harvard University, Empower Yourself Ltd.

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school programs, 7:30-8:15, offered at each campus; BOKS free movement program two days a week at each campus, fall and spring
- After school: Little Voices, K1-grade 5, every day; America SCORES soccer, grades 3-5, fall and spring; Intramural sports by season (basketball, double-dutch, volleyball), grades 6-8; International Economic Summit Club (October to January), grades 6-8

#### MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1

### Russell Elementary School

#### K1-Grade 5

750 Columbia Rd., Dorchester 02125

Tamara Blake-Canty, Principal

617-635-8803

#### Special Features:

- Strong partnership with City Mission and Citizens Bank to provide resources for the students and families like our school coat drive
- Students partake in project based learning around nature and sustainability in our two green space, our outdoor classroom and community garden
- Partnership with the Kraft Foundation and Fuel Up to Play 60 provide students leadership opportunities in the context of health and wellness
- Students participate in destination learning experiences to sites like Hale Reservation, Harbor Islands, Museum of Science, Wakefield Estate, Plymouth Plantation and the Aquarium
- The Russell received the distinguished honor of being named a bronze level school with the Alliance for a Healthier Generations Healthy School Program
- Diverse learning experiences including physical education, science, art, library and music

- Cross-disciplinary learning activities and projects through specialist teachers
- Technology in the classroom: Smart boards, Ipad, computers, flip cameras, and a grant from Adobe Youth Voices
- Student leadership development through programs like the Student Wellness Council, 10 Boys Initiative, and Junior Coaches Program
- Community partners who support student growth during the day, before and after school
- Strong collaboration between retired administration and the current staff to maintain consistency in student education and family support.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to McCormack Middle School

#### Special academic programs:

- AVID college readiness program

#### Our partners:

- Boston Ballet City Dance, Kraft Family and Patriots Charitable Foundation, Boston Community Music Center, Boston Partners in Education, Citizens Bank, City Mission Society of Boston, EdVestors, Hale Reservation, Harvard, Tufts and Boston universities, Boston College, Harbor Islands, Wakefield Estates

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Reebok BOKS fitness
- After school: Girls LEAP empowerment program for girls in grades 4-5; Russell Runs track and field program for K-grade 5; robotics for grades 3-5; Girls in Science for girls in grades 4-5 to encourage early interest in science and engineering; Tech Goes Home training for families on the use of technology for education

#### MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2

### Shaw Elementary School

K0-Grade 2 in 2016-2017; expanding through Grade 5

429 Norfolk St., Dorchester 02124

Akosua Osei-Bobie, Principal

617-635-8777

shaw@bostonpublicschools.org

#### Special Features:

- Extended Learning Time school with a focus on social emotional learning and STEM (science/technology/engineering/math)
- Home visiting program
- Emphasis on hands-on learning
- Interdisciplinary learning centers, such as the Block Area, Dramatization Center, and Art Studio
- Instruction in small groups where teachers help students build basic skills
- OWL and Building Blocks programs for K0 and K1 to give our youngest students a strong foundation in literacy, math, and social skills
- Long-term projects that allow children to go deeply into what they are learning
- Focus on guiding students to become good citizens and members of a community
- Specialty classes: gym, visual arts, library, and performing arts

#### Special programs:

- Small classes for children with disabilities

#### Our partners:

- City Connects, Community Music of Boston, Conservatory Lab Charter School of Cambridge, Rosie's Place, YMCA Dorchester, Home for Little Wanderers, Doc Wayne, Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:15-9:15 am: provided by YMCA Dorchester
- After school, 3:30-6:00 pm: also provided by YMCA Dorchester



## Sumner Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
15 Basile St., Roslindale 02131  
Catherine MacCuish, Principal  
617-635-8131

### Special Features:

- Strong focus on differentiating instruction
- Science, physical education, computers, arts
- Partner for Student Success school, extending teaching and learning beyond the school day
- Response to Intervention through the Academic Achievement Framework
- Tutoring for students who need extra help
- Many opportunities for family involvement
- Diverse community
- Healthy School program with a focus on teaching children healthy choices
- Located in the heart of Roslindale, just off Roslindale Square

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Irving Middle School

### Special academic programs:

- Special Education classes, grades 1-5
- Inclusion classes in K2-grade 2 — and expanding!
- Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) for English language learners

### Our partners:

- Boys and Girls' Club, Boston Children's Hospital, Home for Little Wanderers, Playworks, Berklee College of Music, Brimmer and May School, MusiConnects, Roslindale Community Center, Project ALERTA, America SCORES soccer

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: literacy and math activities for K1-grade 5; sliding scale fee and financial aid available.
- After school, grades 1-5: provided by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston; homework help, enrichment activities and recreation centered around literacy, math and technology, and developing leadership skills
- After school, K1 and K2: program focused on academic support, enrichment activities and recreation

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## Taylor Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
1060 Morton St., Mattapan 02126  
Jennifer Marks, Principal  
617-635-8731

### Special Features:

- Rigorous academics, with emphasis on reading, mathematics, and science/technology
- Continuous assessment of students' progress, measured through monthly publishing of writing pieces, reading/comprehension tests, and math and science tests
- Highly skilled, committed staff
- Outdoor science classrooms
- Positive Behavior Intervention System schoolwide including monthly celebration and Purple Heart rewards.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Mildred Avenue School

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Classes with Japanese language instruction for eligible students in grades 4 and 5
- Special education strand for ESD/SAR students
- Outstanding Haitian Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) program for K1-grade 5 which supports our English language learners

### Our partners:

- Franklin Park Zoo, Scholastic, Troubadour, Edvestors, Community Music Center of Boston, Very Special Arts, Miton Academy, ReadBoston, UMass Boston, Brighton Allston Mental Health, Wakefield Estates

### Before and after school programs:

- Before school, 7:00-9:15 am: tutoring and enrichment program, \$40 per week or \$5 a day; BOKS exercise program, 3 days a week
- After school, 3:30-5:45 pm: enrichment, homework and tutoring program, \$60 per week

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 2**

## TechBoston Academy

Grades 6-12  
9 Peacevale Road, Dorchester 02124  
Keith Love and Nora Vernazza, Co-headmasters  
617-635-1615  
tbainfo@techboston.org

### Special Features:

- Pilot 6-12 school with 1,000 students, offering a college preparatory curriculum with technology focus and interdisciplinary, project-based learning
- Extended day program for all students that provides various academic supports
- Winner of many awards and recognitions, including Model Secondary School and Innovative High School awards from the Gates Foundation
- Full sports program and after-school activities for all grades
- Personalized learning and tutoring with teachers
- Summer enrichment opportunities
- Inclusion program for students with disabilities
- College Center on site
- Laptops and Chromebooks in every classroom
- Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses and dual enrollment opportunities
- Advanced technology courses, including digital art, Adobe graphic design applications, computer programming, and Robotics

### Special academic programs:

- Inclusion program for students with disabilities
- Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) program (cluster and inclusion)

### Our partners:

- LearnLaunch, Edvestors, Hayden Foundation, Harvard Medical School, Codman Square Health Clinic, Facing History and Ourselves, Breakthrough Boston, Suffolk University, University of Massachusetts at Boston, Wentworth Institute of Technology

### After school programs in our building:

- Varsity and JV sports (football, basketball, baseball, soccer, cheerleading, volleyball, softball, track, wrestling), Student Government, Dorchester Leadership Academy, Anime Club, Technology clubs, Book Club, Haitian American Responsible Teens Program, Music Club, Robotics Club, National Honor Society, Bear Zone with Boston Scholar Athletes, and Boston Debate League

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Timilty Middle School

Grades 6-8  
205 Roxbury St., Roxbury 02119  
Valeria Lowe-Barehmi, Principal  
617-635-8109

### Special Features:

- Expanded Learning Time school, an innovative approach to learning
- Science program with Massachusetts General Hospital
- Saturday Scholars and community service
- Preparation for the ISEE (admission test for exam schools)
- College awareness and readiness program
- Tech Goes Home: students and parents take computer classes together and can get a no-interest loan to buy a computer
- Two-time winner of the National Award for Excellence from the U. S. Dept. of Education; and winner of many other awards, including the National Title I Distinguished School Award and

designation as a

- Promising Pals: student letter exchange program with distinguished adults in Boston

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed admission to students from the Blackstone, Hale, and Mendell schools

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class (AWC) for eligible students in grade 6
- AVID college readiness program

### Our partners:

- Boston Partners in Education, Sociedad Latina, Mass General Hospital, Peoples' Baptist Church & North River Community Church, MathPOWER, Simmons College, SquashBusters, Technology Goes Home, Wheelock College, Boston Debate League

### After school programs:

- STE(A)M Team through Sociedad Latina; free string lessons through Boston's Citywide String Orchestra; MathSTARS through MathPOWER (Northeastern University); academic and enrichment activities with UU Urban Ministry; SquashBusters.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## Tobin K-8 School

K2-Grade 8  
40 Smith St., Mission Hill, Roxbury 02120  
Efrain Toledano, Principal  
617-635-8393

### Special Features:

- An extended services K-8 school
- Four Chromebook carts
- A state-of-the-art computer lab donated by the Celtics' Ray Allen
- A collaboration with Mass College of Art & Design
- Music and dance opportunities offered through Sociedad Latina
- Summer jobs for graduating 8th graders at Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Free food market available to Tobin families
- Active Parent Council and School Site Council
- Tutors for All, a 1-to-1 tutoring program for grades 7 and 8
- Boston Educator of the Year award winners on staff
- Science labs for students in grades 5-8 every other Friday through our partnership with Brigham and Women's Hospital

### Special academic programs:

- Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) for English language learners
- Required community service project for all classes

### Our partners:

- Tobin Community Center, Boston Institute of Psychotherapy, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Whittier Street Health, Boston's Bridge to Excellence, Friends of the Children, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Parker Hill Library, Sociedad Latina, America SCORES

### Before and after school programs:

- Before and after school: Boston's Bridge to Excellence for K2-grade 2, 8:00-9:30 am and 3:30-5:30 pm
- After school: Tobin Community Center for grades 1-5, 3:30-5:30 pm, sliding fee scale; staff walk students to center around the corner
- Sociedad Latina for grades 6-8, 3:30-5:00 pm at the Timilty; free, transportation provided.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Trotter K-8 School

K1-Grade 8 in 2016-2017  
135 Humboldt Ave., Dorchester 02121  
Maired Nolan, Principal  
617-635-8225

### Special Features:

- Focus on rigorous academics and treating all people with respect and kindness
- Science, music, art and computers for all students
- Tutoring and mentoring provided by Boston University, our major partner; and volunteers and foster grandparents who serve as mentors, tutors and teacher assistants
- A beautiful, well-stocked new library provided by Target
- Outdoor classroom for science, math, and writing activities
- Tech Goes Home program in our new computer lab: parents and their children take computer classes together and may buy a computer with a no-interest loan
- Full-time family and community outreach coordinator and a Family Center which hosts a Dad's Club, monthly coffee hours and workshops
- Math classes for parents
- Communication between families and the school through newsletters, e-mails, School Messenger phone calls, letters and flyers
- Monthly food pantry provided by the Greater Boston Food Bank

### Our partners:

- Big Sisters; Strong Women, Strong Girls, YMCA, Boston University (especially the School of Education), City Year, Family Independence Initiative, Friends of the Children, Generations Inc., Home for Little Wanderers, Playworks, Global Ministries, and Grace Chapel

### After school programs in our building:

- Run by YMCA, 2:00-6:00 pm: Homework help, tutoring, sports and enrichment through clubs such as dance, woodworking, and basketball; fee
- Many enrichment programs that are free for Trotter students, such as City Year, tutoring, Big Sisters, but these would not be suitable for families who need consistent after-school child care.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## Tynan Elementary School

K1-Grade 5  
650 East 4th St., South Boston 02127  
Leslie Gant, Principal  
617-635-8641

### Special Features:

- Mass. Water Resources Authority (MWRA) science programs
- Student performances highlighting vocal music and dance
- A new school library, computers with Internet in classrooms, and an exciting playground.
- Mass. History Initiative
- Boston Partners in Education / Power Lunch, mentoring students in kindergarten-grade 3
- Full time specialist teachers for science and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)
- Culturally diverse school population
- Volunteers and tutors from NSTAR, Boston Partners in Education, Foster Grandparents, and Generations, Inc.

**K-12 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to McCormack Middle School

### Special academic programs:

- Special education: autism program
- Program for English language learners

### Our partners:

- Harbour Counseling, Boston Institute of Psychotherapy, City Stage, Target, Mount Washington Bank, Tynan Community School, Boston Partners in Education, Westin Hotel, Greater Boston Food Bank, Boston Ballet

### Tynan (continued)

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: BOKS fitness from Reebok
- After school: Tynan Community Center; bus to South Boston Neighborhood House and South Boston Boys & Girls Club

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

### Umana Academy

**K2-Grade 8**  
312 Border St., East Boston 02128  
Claudia Gutierrez, Interim Principal  
617-635-8481

#### Special Features:

- Excellent dual language instruction for grades K2 and 1 that builds students' English and Spanish literacy skills; adding one grade per year.
- Becoming a STEM school (science, technology, engineering, math), currently partnered with East Boston High School Science Mentoring Program.
- Piloting the EcoRise Program that allows students to take an active role in environmental issues in their community
- START blocks (intervention and enrichment blocks) to meet the academic needs of all students
- Exposure to professionals in various industries through the Big Cheese Reads program
- Resident partners such as Tenacity, Harvard RALLY, and Gear Up who help students develop academically, socially, and emotionally.

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment for students from the Adams, Alighieri Montessori, Bradley, Guild, P. Kennedy, O'Donnell, and Otis schools.

#### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class for eligible students in grade 6
- Special Education: program for students with intellectual impairment, K2-grade 8.

#### Our partners:

- American Student Assistance GEAR-UP, America SCORES Soccer, Debate Mate U.S., East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Families First, RALLY, Tenacity, Waypoint Adventure, Zumix

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Many students come to school for open gym or use of the computer lab at 6:30 am
- After school: For Kids Only academic, recreational and social opportunities. This program runs during the summer, vacation weeks and most holidays.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

### UP Academy Charter School of Boston

**Grades 6-8**  
215 Dorchester St., South Boston 02127  
Amanda Gardner, Principal  
617-635-8819

#### Special Features:

- A tuition-free, college preparatory public middle school (grades 6-8) run by the non-profit Unlocking Potential, modeled on the highest-performing urban public schools in the U.S.
- Aims to ensure all students acquire the knowledge, skills, and strength of character necessary to succeed on the path to college and to achieve their full potential
- Rigorous, standards-based curriculum and instruction emphasizing math and reading
- Relentlessly high, consistent academic and behavioral expectations for all stakeholders, including students, families, and staff
- Open lines of communication between school and family: reports on student progress and performance are sent home each week
- Enrichment program on Fridays for all students and Saturday Math Academy option for some

students

- ISEE and SSAT prep for 8th grade students
- Full-time high school placement manager

#### Special academic programs:

- Network of academic and other supports in place for all students, including English language learners and students with disabilities

#### Our partners:

- Achievement Network, Boston Cares, Coaching for Change/Community Rowing, Eliot School, Improv Asylum, Metro Lacrosse, South Boston Boys and Girls Club, South Boston Yoga, Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center

#### After school programs in our building:

- Extended school day Monday-Thursday; after school programming Mon.-Thurs. to 4:20 and Friday to 2:20; Saturday Math Club 9:30-12:00

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

### UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester

**K1-Grade 5**  
35 Westville St., Dorchester 02124  
Lana Ewing, Principal  
617-752-2788

#### Special Features:

- A tuition-free, college preparatory public school (grades K1-8) run by the non-profit UP Education Network, modeled on the highest-performing urban public schools in the U.S.
- Aims to ensure all students acquire the knowledge, skills, and strength of character necessary to succeed on the path to college and to achieve their full potential
- Rigorous, standards-based curriculum and instruction emphasizing literacy and math
- Relentlessly high, consistent academic and behavioral expectations for all stakeholders, including students, families, and staff
- Network of academic and other supports in place for all students, including English language learners and students with disabilities
- Open lines of communication between school and family: reports on student progress and performance each week

#### Special academic programs:

- Comprehensive supports for all students, including special education students and English language learners

#### Our partners:

- 3 Point Foundation, Boston Cares, Imagine That, Strong Women, Strong Girls, Family Resource Center, Playworks

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Breakfast served from 7:15-7:45 am daily.
- After school: Programming for K1-grade 4 (Imagine That) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 3:30-6:00 pm and Wednesday 12:30-6:00 pm.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): No rank**

### UP Academy Holland Charter School

**K1-Grade 5**  
85 Olney St., Dorchester 02121  
Jabarie Peddie, Principal  
617-635-8832

#### Special Features:

- Daily character education program: Working Hard to Get Smarter
- Teacher specialization in math and reading in grade 5, and math specialists on staff
- Two computer labs that support our math and reading programs
- Family engagement events: Family Unity Dinner, Game Night, Family Heritage Night, and Math & Literacy Instructional Night
- Real Men Read Program: Men from the community come in to read to classrooms to help promote literacy

- Extra help after school, including tutoring, City Year, YMCA and College Bound
- School-based therapy programs with a full-time social worker
- Olympic-size swimming pool with full swimming program
- Fine arts program, offering art, music, and Boston Ballet
- Open Circle program that builds community and reinforces positive behavior in the classroom
- Bright, beautiful, newly renovated building

#### Special academic programs:

- Full range of special education classes and programs for English language learners, including Spanish and Vietnamese SEI

#### Our partners:

- ABCD Foster Grandparents, Achievement Network, City Connects, City Year, Connecting with Care counseling, Diamond Educators mentoring, 10 Boys Initiative, Smart Smiles Dental Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program, Teach Plus

#### After school programs in our building:

- City Year, Monday-Thursday; Holland Community Center, Monday-Friday; and 5 STAR Leadership Initiative.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

### Warren/Prescott K-8 School

**K2-Grade 8**  
50 School St., Charlestown 02129  
Michele Davis, Principal  
617-635-8346

#### Special Features:

- A small school with a family atmosphere
- Experienced teaching staff: 90% have or are working toward an advanced degree
- Tutoring provided by local community agencies
- Big Brother and Big Sister programs
- Expanded learning time for all grades
- Specialist teachers for art, music, physical education, science, and Spanish
- A recess program that promotes safe, positive, and fun activity for all students
- Power Lunch
- Chorus, musicals, and theater productions
- Another Mathematics Path program and Math Rules program
- Emergency preparedness training
- Fitness programs including BOKS, cycling, yoga, and soccer

#### Special academic programs:

- Special education classrooms

#### Our partners:

- Berklee College of Music, Bunker Hill Community College, Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, Charlestown Lacrosse, Science From Scientists, Courageous Sailing, IBM, Massachusetts General Hospital, MIT, New England Center for Children

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school program: BOKS Fitness focusing on healthy habits, nutrition, and exercise
- After school programs:
  - Free: Math Path, soccer (upper school), visual art (upper school), theater (upper school), chorus, theater productions, America SCORES soccer, Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, 10 Boys, 10 Girls, sailing, and more
  - Fee-based: Kindergarten, first grade and second grade extended day; third grade homework help; instrumental music, visual art (grades 3-5), and more. Scholarships available for fee-based programs.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 1**

### West Zone Early Learning Center

at the Hennigan School  
**K0-Grade 1**  
200 Heath St., Jamaica Plain 02130  
Jean Larrabee, Principal  
617-635-8275

#### Special Features:

- A small-school atmosphere that provides a developmentally appropriate individualized instruction for each child in an inclusive setting
- Reading Recovery, a research-based program that helps struggling grade 1 readers succeed
- Environmental Science teacher and curriculum aligned with STEM with programs for families to engage in learning with their child
- New technology upgrades: Apple computers, iPads, Chrome Books, Apple TV, whole school WiFi enabled
- Highly qualified paraprofessionals, many with colleges degrees
- Frequent visits to community resources and museums provide opportunities to learn and make connections to curriculum outside of the classroom
- Community field coordinator
- Surround care with swimming, chorus, tennis, percussion, Family Science days
- Teachers trained in Reading Recovery, Leveled Literacy Intervention, and Open Circle social emotional learning program
- Teachers have certifications in Early Childhood, ESL, Special Education, Reading, and Science

#### Special academic programs:

- Special Education: integrated Early Childhood classrooms
- Inclusion school: students in general education and special education learn together

#### Our partners:

- Boston Institute of Psychotherapy, Boston Partners in Education, Community Music Center of Boston, Connolly Branch Library [temporarily closed for renovations], City Year, Sportmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Boston Public Schools Healthy Start

#### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school: Children begin the day at 7:30 with breakfast followed by center activities and small group time until the start of the formal school day, which is 8:30-2:30.
- After school: Free surround care until 4:35 pm with enrichment activities, which may include swimming, yoga, tennis, science, and trips to the local library and community resources.

### Winship Elementary School

**K0-Grade 5**  
54 Dighton St., Brighton 02135  
Monakatellia Ford, Principal  
617-635-8399

#### Special Features:

- Accredited by the National Association of Educators of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM)-focused school with an outdoor classroom
- A small, caring, elementary school with highly-qualified staff
- Strong reading and math intervention program to meet individual students' needs
- On-site counseling services provided by staff from Franciscan Hospital for Children
- City Connects partnership, linking school and families to community resources
- Big Brother and Big Sister program that pairs our students with college students for recreational and weekend activities
- Strong support for second language learners and their families (Project Alerta, ESL classes for parents)
- Student teachers from Boston College, Boston University, and Northeastern University

## Winship (continued)

- Tutors who help teachers and students individually and in small groups
- Fully renovated, Victorian-era building, within walking distance from the MBTA in Brighton Center

**K-8 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to the Edison K-8 School

### Special academic programs:

- Special Education: K0/K1 Early Childhood classroom; K2 and grade 1 Primary Transition program
- English language learners: Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) K1 classroom

### Our partners:

- Boston University, Boston College, Northeastern University, BUILD tutoring (Boston University), City Connects, Franciscan Hospital for Children, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Temple Beth Zion tutoring, Oak Square YMCA, Playworks, Building Our Kids' Success (BOKS)

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, from 7:30 am: Run by YMCA for ages 4 and older; some scholarships available. BOKS fitness, free
- After school:
  - YMCA-run program to 6:00 pm for ages 4 and older; Access grants, vouchers and scholarships available
  - Playworks after school active play for grades 4 and 5
  - Project ALERTA after school program for English language learners in grades 3-5.
  - BU Making Music
  - Girl Scouts

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

## Winthrop Elementary School

**K1-Grade 5**  
35 Brookford St., Dorchester 02125  
Leah Blake McKetty, Principal  
617-635-8379

### Special Features:

- "College-bound" culture
- Outstanding faculty dedicated to student achievement
- After school tutoring
- Open Circle social competency curriculum
- Strong partnership with Boston College and membership in 5-college STEP UP program
- Incredible partnerships
- Many activities to engage parents, including Curriculum Nights, weekend family field trips, classroom and school-wide newsletters, take-home math games, and take-home videos of lessons
- A part-time counselor who works with individuals and small groups of students

**K-12 Pathway:** Guaranteed assignment to grade 6 at the Dearborn STEM Academy (science/technology/engineering/math) school for grades 6-12.

### Special academic programs:

- Advanced Work Class (AWC) for eligible students in grades 4 and 5

### Our partners:

- Campus Kitchens, Dimock Health Center, Girl Scouts, Natixis Global Asset Management, Reebok BOKS Kids, Harvard Stage, Strong Women Strong Girls, The Food Project, YMCA

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:15-8:10 am daily: programming through our partnership with the YMCA for a small fee
- After school, to 6:00 pm daily: programming run by YMCA offering homework help and enrichment activities; sliding fee scale; vouchers accepted
- Additional after school enrichment courses are also offered which provide direct tutoring support from teachers

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 4**

## Young Achievers Science & Mathematics K-8 School

**K1-Grade 8**  
20 Outlook Rd., Mattapan 02126  
Virginia Chalmers, Principal  
617-635-6804

### Special Features:

- A math and science pilot school
- All students are enrolled for a 7-hour day
- Small classes of 18-20 students, with 1-2 adults
- Inclusive special education program
- Family outreach coordinator who facilitates family involvement in governance and the school community
- Full service community school: we have active partnerships with community agencies
- Active wellness initiative
- Home visits to each new kindergarten and first grade student's family
- Before school, after school and summer programs.
- Homework help and tutoring support

- Acceleration Academy during February and April vacations.
- Music, art, physical education, chess, martial arts, dance

### Special academic programs:

- Special Education: K0/K1 Early Childhood inclusion program Learning Adaptive Behavior (LAB) program, grades 6-8
- English Language learners: Sheltered English Instruction (SEI), K1-grade 4

### Our partners:

- Children's Services of Roxbury, Boston Teacher Residency, The City School, Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound, Full Service Community School Round Table, Mattapan Community Health Center, Berklee College of Music, Playworks, Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Club, Friends of the Children

### Before and after school programs in our building:

- Before school, 7:00-9:15 am: enrichment program run by our Extended Learning and Enrichment Program staff.
- After school: 4:30-6:00PM with enrichment, tutoring and homework help. The after school program has three specialized components:
  - English Language Learners
  - HASP, Monday-Thursday, 4:15-6:30 pm: an intensive tutoring and homework help program for students in grades 6-8.
  - Monday-Friday, 4:30-6:00 for K-grade 5.
- Sliding fee scale and child care vouchers accepted for all before and after school programs.

**MCAS Tier (2013 and 2014): 3**

# Special Education Schools

**These schools cannot be chosen through the regular assignment process. Students must be referred through a Special Education Evaluation Team meeting.**

## Carter Development Center

396 Northampton St., Boston 02118  
Mark O'Connor, Principal  
617-635-9832 Hours: 9:30-3:30

### Special Features:

- A small school providing individualized, intensive programs for students with severe/profound disabilities
- 5:3 student-to-staff ratio
- Family support and involvement, including support for bilingual parents
- Two full-time nurses and medical equipment
- Transdisciplinary team approach
- Available therapies: physical therapy, occupational therapy, communication, behavior, vision, and adaptive physical education
- Creative arts therapy
- Outdoor learning and recreation in our beautiful Sensory Garden, with wheelchair-accessible pathways and water features
- Community experiences: Symphony, bowling, prom at Northeastern University, disco event, and harbor cruise
- School-year aquatic therapy at Mass. Hospital School in Canton and July summer program option
- Centrally located behind Northeastern University at the Mass. Ave. Orange Line station

### School partners:

- Boston Architectural College, Boston College, BU School of Engineering, Cannon Architectural Design, David Berarducci Landscape Architect, Friends of the William E. Carter School, Gilbane Construction, Maya Granek, Brien Baker Architects, Northeastern University, Structure Tone Construction, Whittier Street Health Center Arts Therapies

## Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

40 Armington St., Allston 02134  
Jeremiah Ford, Principal  
617-635-8534 (V/TTY) Hours: 7:20-1:40

### Special Features:

- Premier school for the deaf with historical distinction
- Individualized, personalized clinical and academic services for deaf and hard of hearing students in pre-school through high school
- Services for children with cochlear implants technology: Mass. General Hospital Pediatrician Residency site
- Audiological and speech/language therapy
- American Sign Language (ASL) instruction: Voice with sign support and oral instruction only
- Connection Team psychological, social, clinical, and diagnostic services
- Parent/infant outreach program for deaf and hard of hearing
- Award winning staff, including Principal of the Year, Ambassador in Education award from Met Life/ National Civic League, 2006, and a Shattuck Award honoring outstanding service by a city employee

- Wide screen internet and digital video Emergency Communication System in eight central locations throughout the school
- Doctor and nurse practitioner from Joseph M. Smith Health Center on campus
- Internship and clinical site for 25 graduate students from Boston University, Boston College, Lesley University, Emerson College, Harvard University, McDaniel College (Maryland), and San Diego State University (California)
- School partners: AllIM-International, Fidelity, ImageMax, DataMax, Mass. Housing, Mellon Bank CORE, and IKON.

## McKinley Schools

Velevia Saunders, Headmaster  
617-635-9976

### McKinley Elementary

90 Warren Ave., Boston 02116  
Christine Stella, Program Director  
617-635-99978

### McKinley Middle

50 St. Mary St., Boston 02215  
Joseph Brown, Program Director  
617-635-9853

### McKinley Preparatory High

97 Peterborough St., Boston 02215  
Joseph Brown, Program Director  
617-635-9907

### McKinley South End Academy

90 Warren Ave., Boston 02116  
Christine Stella, Program Director  
617-635-9976

### Special Features:

- Four schools in one, providing special education for students in kindergarten through grade 12
- Focus on emotional, behavioral, and learning needs
- Highly structured behavior management system
- Intensive clinical supports
- Full range of academic programs
- All students assigned via Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team Meeting
- Four Boston Educators of the Year on staff: David Russell, Meredith Berke, Cara Bufalino, and James Scaringe
- Named an Overperforming Elementary School by Boston magazine, 2005

### School partners:

- South End Technology Center, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Haley House, and Wediko Children's Services

# Register & Apply for School

## How

Students who are currently enrolled in the Boston Public Schools will get their applications from their school. They do not need to apply in person at a BPS Welcome Center.

Students who are registering for the Boston Public Schools for the first time must go to a BPS Welcome Center. ★ Please bring:

- At least two pre-printed proofs of your current address. See page 3 for details.
- Up-to-date immunization records. See page 3 for details.
- Your child's birth certificate (with raised seal), passport, or Form I-94
- Parent/guardian photo identification
- A transcript from the child's last school (grade 1-12).

### Pre-register on-line!

On-line pre-registration is a great way to save time during the registration process.

- Log on from any computer with an Internet connection.
- Complete your application form on-line in advance.
- Go to any Welcome Center with the required documents (see above) to complete the process.

[www.bostonpublicschools.org/register](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/register)

★ This does not apply to the exam schools admission process. See page 9 for details.

## When

### First Registration Period

#### ► January 4–29, 2016

Applicants for Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 9 **ONLY**, new-to-BPS and transfers★

To avoid long lines, we recommend that you register at a Welcome Center on the following schedule, according to the first initial of the parent/guardian's last name:

**A-I** January 4-8      **R-Z** January 19-22  
**J-Q** January 11-15    **All** January 25-29

Assignments mailed mid-March 2016

### Second Registration Period

#### ► February 3–April 15, 2016

**All grades**, new-to-BPS and transfers  
 Assignments mailed **late** May 2016

### Third Registration Period

#### ► April 19–May 6, 2016

**All grades**, new-to-BPS and transfers  
 Assignments mailed mid-July 2016

### Fourth Registration Period

#### ► May 9–June 10, 2016

**All grades**, new-to-BPS and transfers  
 Assignments mailed mid-July 2016

## Where

### Go to any Boston Public Schools Welcome Center:

#### Dorchester ☎ 617-635-8015

Campbell Resource Center  
 1216 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester 02125  
 (next to Burger King)

► Help in Cape Verdean creole, English, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese

#### Roxbury ☎ 617-635-9010

Bolling Municipal Building  
 2300 Washington St., Roxbury 02119 (Dudley Square)

► Help in Cantonese, English, Haitian creole, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese

#### Roslindale ☎ 617-635-8040

Jennie Barron Building  
 515 Hyde Park Avenue, Roslindale 02131  
 (near Cummins Highway)

► Help in Cape Verdean creole, English, French, Haitian creole, Portuguese and Spanish

#### East Boston ☎ 617-635-9597

Mario Umana Academy  
 312 Border Street, East Boston 02128

► Open Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:30 am–5:00 pm  
 ► January and late August, 2016: Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:30 am–5:00 pm and Wednesdays, 12:00–7:00 pm  
 ► Help in English and Spanish

#### Mattapan ☎ 617-635-9596

Mildred Avenue School  
 5 Mildred Avenue, Mattapan 02126

► Open Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30 am–5:00 pm  
 ► Help in English, Haitian creole and Spanish

### Hours of Service — School Year:

**Dorchester, Roslindale and Roxbury Centers:**  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 am–5:00 pm; Wednesday 12:00–7:00 pm.

*East Boston and Mattapan Centers: see above.*

**Saturdays:** The Dorchester Center will be open on January 9 and 23, 2016, 9:00 am–1:00 pm.

### School Vacations:

**February Vacation:** Only the Roxbury Center is open (normal hours)

**April Vacation:** Only the Roxbury Center is open (normal hours)

**July 4–22, 2016:** All Centers are closed

**July 25–29, 2016:** Only the Roxbury Center is open (normal hours)

**Closed: Federal, state, and city holidays.**

## Age Requirements to Register for School

Kindergarten 0 (K0)	3 years old on or before September 1, 2016 (very limited enrollment)
Kindergarten 1 (K1)	4 years old on or before September 1, 2016 (limited enrollment)
Kindergarten 2 (K2)	5 years old on or before September 1, 2016
Grade 1	6 years old on or before September 1, 2016

We are sorry, but there are no exceptions to these requirements, including the child's previous school experience.

## Discover My Customized List of School Choices

School Name:

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| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 14. _____ |

**School Hotline**  
**617-635-9046**  
**January 4-29, 2016**  
**Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–5:00 pm**  
 Call with questions about school registration, residency requirement, transfers, transportation, wait lists, school programs, and more.