

# Ready... Set... Go!

## It's time to discover Boston Public Schools

### Ready...

#### Check out the website to find schools

Learn which ones will be on your customized list, read School Profiles and learn about the registration process.

- ✓ **Attend the High School Showcase in our Schools** on **December 1** for grades 9-12, **or the Showcase in our Schools**, on **December 3**, for grades K-8. Speak with principals and staff, see student work and get answers to your questions.
- ✓ **Visit Schools during School Preview Days**  
All schools, K-12, open their doors for tours, and more. Download schedules online or visit a Welcome Center for a print copy.
- ✓ **Read School Profiles**  
These are available online or in hard copy form at any Welcome Center.

### Set...

#### Make your list

Use [www.discoverbps.org](http://www.discoverbps.org) to sort and rank your school choices. Or make your own list, but be sure to include at least five schools – more is better!

- ✓ **Pre-register online** starting mid-December. Note, you will still need to visit a Welcome Center to complete the process, but you will save time!
- ✓ **Gather your documents**  
You will need to bring:
  - Two pre-printed proofs of address from our approved list (see reverse)
  - Parent/guardian photo ID
  - Your child's original birth certificate, passport, or I-94 form
  - Up-to-date immunizations records (see reverse)

[www.bostonpublicschools.org/register](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/register)

### Go!

#### Register for School

- ✓ **Kindergarten, Grades 6 and 9:**  
**January 3-February 3**
- ✓ **All other grades:**  
**February 8 – March 31**

#### New to BPS students

Register at a Welcome Center. Registration is **NOT** first-come, first-served, but you need to register in the first round for your grade for the best chance of assignment to a school of your choice. Use this schedule, based on the parent/guardian last name:

- **A-I:** January 3-6
- **J-Q:** January 9-13
- **R-Z:** January 17-20
- **All:** January 23-February 3

#### Current BPS Students

If your child is in the highest grade at a school that has a guaranteed assignment to a pathway school, such as to a middle school, no action is necessary. If you want to transfer from your guaranteed school, visit a Welcome Center using the schedule above.

All others will receive a pre-printed application through your child's school. Return the completed form to the school by the deadline.

#### Questions?

Call any Welcome Center (see reverse), or call the BPS Hotline: 617-635-9046, from January 3 – February 3, 2017



# Proof of Residency

Before any student is assigned or invited to attend a Boston Public School, his/her parent or legal guardian must provide the following required proofs of primary residency to a BPS Welcome Center as part of their registration.

**TWO of the following documents (items cannot be from the same bullet):**

- ❑ A utility bill (not water or cell phone) dated within the past 60 days
- ❑ A deed, mortgage statement dated within the past 60 days, or a property tax bill dated within the last year
- ❑ A current lease, section 8 agreement, or BPS landlord affidavit
- ❑ A W2 form dated with 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 with 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 communication on Commonwealth of Massachusetts letterhead.

## More about residency...

- Legal guardianship requires additional documentation from a court or agency.
- All names on required documents must be the same. If different, provide legal documentation showing name change (i.e.: name change document, marriage certificate, divorce decree, custodial documents).
- This residency policy does not apply to homeless students.
- For more information about the Boston School Committee’s residency policy: [www.bostonpublicschools.org/residency](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/residency) or call 617-635-9014

**Report residency fraud!**  
 Call the anonymous tip line  
 617-635-6775

# Required Immunizations

The Boston Public Schools requires students to have immunizations that are up-to-date for school entry at the time they register for school.

	K0 (age 3)	K1/K2 (ages 4-5)	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12
Hepatitis B	3	3	3	3
DtaP/DTP/ DT/Td: Td booster:	≥4	5 DtaP/ DTP	≥4 DtaP/ DTP or ≥3 Td	4 DtaP/DTP or ≥3 Td; plus 1 Tdap for grades 7-11
Polio	≥3	4	≥3	≥3
Hib	1-4	0	0	0
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1	2	Gr. 1-4: 2 MMR Gr. 5-6: 2 measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella	Gr. 7-11: 2 MMR Gr. 12: 2 measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella
Varicella (chickenpox)	1*	2*	Gr. 1-4: 2* Gr. 5-6: 1*	Gr. 7-11: 2* Gr. 12: 1*

(\*or reliable history of chickenpox)

### BPS WELCOME CENTERS

**Dorchester** ☎ 617-635-8015  
 1216 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester  
 (next to Burger King)

**Roxbury** ☎ 617-635-9010  
 Madison Park Complex  
 75 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury  
 (near Roxbury Crossing T station)

**Roslindale** ☎ 617-635-8040  
 515 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale  
 (near Cummins Highway)

**East Boston** ☎ 617-635-9597  
 Mario Umana Academy  
 312 Border St., East Boston  
*Mondays and Tuesdays only.*

### HOURS OF SERVICE

Monday, Tuesday,  
 Thursday and Friday,  
 8:30 am–5:00 pm.

Wednesday, 12 noon–7 pm.  
 (Dorchester, Roslindale, Roxbury)

**Summer Hours**  
 July 3-28, 2017  
 Roxbury Welcome Center will  
 open Monday, Tuesday, and  
 Thursday.  
 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Wednesday  
 12 noon–7 pm

**All other locations closed.**

Closed:  
 Federal, state, and city holidays.

**Dorchester will host two  
 Saturday registrations:  
 9:00AM – 1:00PM  
 January 14 and 28.**