

# Time to Choose Schools!

Get ready... get set... and go to register for the 2010–2011 school year

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

## Ready...

- ☑ Visit our Web site ★ and click “What Are My Schools?” to find out which schools are available to you, read School Profiles, and learn about the registration process.
- ☑ Attend the **Showcase of Schools** on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center, Roxbury. See displays of student work, meet school staff, and pick up information on school registration.
- ☑ Visit schools during **School Preview Time**, November 2, 2009 through January 22, 2010. Meet the principal, teachers, and other parents, tour the building, and visit classrooms. Check our Web site ★ for the schedule.
- ☑ Pick up a copy of **Introducing the Boston Public Schools 2010**, available in December at our Family Resource Centers, Boston Public Library branches, community centers, and on our Web site ★. In it you will find information about test scores, programs, and special features for every Boston public school, plus tips on how and when to register.

## Set...

- ☑ Gather all the documents you will need for registration if the student doesn't attend the Boston Public Schools now:
  - At least three pre-printed proofs of your current address (see the other side for a list of accepted documents)
  - Up-to-date immunization records (see the other side)
  - Your child's original birth certificate, passport, or I-94 form if you are registering for kindergarten or grade 1
- ☑ Make your school choices. Be sure to choose at least FIVE schools.
- ☑ Pre-register at **BPSEXPRESS!** Visit our Web site ★ and click “On-Line Pre-Registration” – available December 15. (You will still have to go to a Family Resource Center, but pre-registering will save time once you are there.)

## GO!

- ☑ **ALL STUDENTS:** For the most choices, be sure to apply by these deadlines!
  - Apply for kindergarten, grade 6, and grade 9 from January 4 through February 5, 2010 – new applications and transfer requests. Siblings also may apply for other grades at this time. Their applications will be processed after March 26.
  - Apply for all other grades from February 10 through March 26, 2010 – new applications and transfer requests.
- ☑ **NEW-TO-BPS STUDENTS:** Register at one of the BPS Family Resource Centers (FRC). Check *Introducing the BPS* or our Web site ★ for the location and hours of the FRCs. For best service, we advise applicants for kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 to visit the FRC on this schedule, based on the first initial of the parent/guardian's last name:
  - **A-I:** Register January 4–8
  - **R-Z:** Register January 19–22
  - **J-Q:** Register January 11–15
  - **All last names:** January 25–February 5
- ☑ **CURRENT BPS STUDENTS:** You will receive a pre-printed application with your school choices. Return it to your child's school by the deadline. You don't need to go to a Family Resource Center.

## Questions?

Call ☎ **617-635-9455** or any **Family Resource Center** (see other side). From January 4 through February 5, 2010, call the **BPS Hotline** ☎ **617-635-9046** to ask about school registration, residency requirements, transfers, transportation, wait lists, school programs, and more!



# Boston Public Schools

## What You Need to Know About **PROOF OF RESIDENCY**



**Before any student is assigned or invited to attend a Boston Public School, the student's parent or legal guardian must prove legal residence in the City of Boston.** Families whose primary residence is outside of Boston are not eligible to attend Boston Public Schools.

All applicants must submit at least three proofs of residency. Documents must be pre-printed with the name and address of the student's parent or guardian and must be presented at the Family Resource Center at the time of registration.

These documents also will be required for any change of address.

**All applicants must submit at least one document from each of the following THREE columns:**

### Column A

- Copy of Deed AND record of most recent mortgage payment \*
- Copy of Lease (including BHA and HUD leases) AND record of most recent rent payment \*
- Legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy AND record of most recent rent payment \*
- Section 8 agreement

\* You must submit BOTH of these documents.

### Column B

A utility bill or work order dated within the past 60 days:

- Gas bill
- Oil bill
- Electric bill
- Home telephone bill
- Cable TV bill

We do not accept cell phone bills or water and sewer bills.

If a family is sharing housing with an individual or family and does not pay rent, the family may submit a utility bill in the name of the person who owns or leases the property.

### Column C

- Valid Mass. driver's license
- Current vehicle registration
- Valid Massachusetts photo identification card
- Valid passport

Dated within the past year:

- W-2 form
- Excise (vehicle) tax bill
- Property tax bill

Dated within the past 60 days:

- Letter from approved government agency
- Payroll stub
- Bank or credit card statement

### More About Residency

Legal guardianship requires additional documentation from a court or agency.

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)

☎ 617-635-9014

Report residency fraud!

Call the anonymous Residency Tip Line

☎ 617-635-6775

### BPS Family Resource Centers

**East Zone FRC** ☎ 617-635-8015

1216 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester  
(next to Burger King)

**North Zone FRC** ☎ 617-635-9010

Madison Park Complex  
75 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury  
(near Roxbury Crossing MBTA station)

**West Zone FRC** ☎ 617-635-8040

515 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale  
(near Cummins Highway)

**East Boston Satellite Center** ☎ 617-635-9597

Umana Middle School Academy, 312 Border St.  
*Limited hours; see Web site or call for details.*

#### HOURS OF SERVICE

**School Year:** Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–5 pm.

**East Zone FRC ONLY:** Saturdays, January 23 and 30, 9 am–1 pm. *All centers close at 1:30 pm on Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Apr. 7, May 5, and June 2.*

**Summer 2010:** North Zone FRC open Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–5 pm. Other centers closed June 28–July 30, 2010.

**Closed:** Federal, state, and city holidays.

### Required 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:

| Grade:                    | K0<br>(age 3)   | K1/K2<br>(ages 4-5) | Grades<br>1-6               | Grades<br>7-12                           |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Hepatitis B:              | 3               | 3                   | 3                           | 3  |
| DtaP/DTP/<br>DT/Td:       | ≥4 DtaP/<br>DTP | 5 DtaP/DTP          | ≥4 DtaP/<br>DTP or<br>≥3 Td | 4 DtaP/DTP<br>or ≥3 Td +<br>1 Td booster |
| Polio:                    | ≥3              | 4                   | ≥3                          | ≥3                                       |
| Hib:                      | 1-4             | 0                   | 0                           | 0  |
| MMR:                      | 1               | 2                   | 2                           | 2  |
| Varicella<br>(chickenpox) | 1*              | 1*                  | 1*                          | <13 yrs: 1*<br>≥13 yrs: 2*               |

\*or documentation of disease

To learn more, go to: [www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/epii/imm/school\\_req/schoolentry.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/epii/imm/school_req/schoolentry.pdf)  
OR contact BPS Health Services ☎ 617-635-6788.