Enrolling Your Student in the Boston-Area School Systems

Enrollment in Boston Public Schools
The Boston Public Schools system – frequently referred to as “BPS” - is a large public school system serving the City of Boston. You must live within the limits of the City of Boston to send your child to a BPS school. The City of Boston includes all of the following neighborhoods:

- Allston
- Back Bay
- Bay Village
- Beacon Hill
- Brighton
- Charlestown
- Chinatown
- Dorchester
- Downtown
- East Boston
- Fenway/Kenmore
- Hyde Park
- Jamaica Plain
- Mattapan
- Mission Hill
- North End
- Roslindale
- Roxbury
- South Boston
- South End
- West End
- West Roxbury

The BPS website offers a wealth of information about enrolling your child in their school system. Below are some helpful links.

- Why choose BPS?
- When to Make Choices and Register
  - This page includes a helpful timeline to guide you through the decision making process.
- Register for BPS/What You Will Need to Register
  - The Registration Document Checklist helps to ensure that you are fully prepared with all of the documentation you need for the registration process.
- How BPS Assigns Students
- Frequently Asked Questions About School Registration

English Language Learners
The BPS system offers classrooms that support students who are not yet fluent in English. Students who are not yet fluent in English are called “English language learners” in the BPS system, and the students and programs that serve them are...
often referred to as “ELL”. Below are some helpful links from the BPS website that provide information about BPS ELL offerings.

- Our English Language Learners
- State bilingual education laws and fact sheets for parents.

Other Local School Systems
Many UMass Boston students live in areas outside of Boston. For your convenience, we have provided valuable links about enrollment in the school systems in the cities and towns with high concentrations of UMass Boston students.

Brockton
School Registration and Parent Information Center
Bilingual/ESL (“English-as-a-second-language) Services

Cambridge
Family Resource Center
Bilingual & Language Acquisition K-12

Malden
Parent Information Center
English Learner Education

Medford
Parent Information Center
English Language Learners

Quincy
Registration Forms and Information
English Language Learners

Somerville
School Registration Overview
English Language Learners