



Boston Charter Public High Schools Have Lower Attrition Rates and More Stable Enrollment Than Comparable Boston District Schools

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) reports two measures of attrition in all public schools in the Commonwealth. The Summer Attrition Rate measures students who finish the year in one school and begin the next year in another. The School-Year Stability Rate measures students who started and finished the academic year in the same school.

Summer Attrition in Boston High Schools (2010-13)

- Over the past three years, the summer attrition rate (i.e. the percent of students who transfer out of a school over the summer) is:
 - 10% in non-selective Boston charter high schools
 - 13% in non-selective Boston district high schools
 - 8% in selective Boston pilot high schools
 - 3% in selective Boston exam high schools.
- Summer attrition rates in charter high schools range from 9% to 12%. In BPS high schools, summer attrition rates range from 2% to 64%.

School Year Enrollment Stability in Boston High Schools (2010-13)

- Over the past three years, school year enrollment stability (i.e. the percent of beginning-year students who finish the academic year in the same school) is:
 - 92% in non-selective Boston charter high schools
 - 74% in non-selective Boston district high schools
 - 80% in selective Boston pilot high schools
 - 97% in selective Boston exam high schools.
- School-year stability rates in charter high schools range from 84% to 95%. In BPS high schools, stability rates range from 36% to 98%.

BOSTON DISTRICT AND CHARTER PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS	Grades Served	Enrollment (2012-13)	School Year Stability (3-Yr Avg.)	Summer Attrition (3-Yr Avg.)
SELECTIVE BPS EXAM HIGH SCHOOLS				
Boston - Boston Latin	7-12	2353	98%	2%
Boston - Boston Latin Academy	7-12	1645	98%	4%
Boston - O'Bryant School Math/Science	7-12	1356	95%	4%
Weighted Average ⁴			97%	3%
SELECTIVE BPS PILOT HIGH SCHOOLS				
Boston - Boston Arts Academy	9-12	420	84%	7%
Boston - Boston Community Leadership Academy	9-12	493	87%	7%
Boston - Fenway High School	9-12	320	94%	5%
Boston - Greater Eggleston Community High School	9-12	192	36%	20%
Boston - New Mission High School	9-12	263	76%	4%
Weighted Average ⁴			80%	8%
NON-SELECTIVE BPS HIGH SCHOOLS				
Boston - Another Course To College (Pilot)	9-12	220	88%	9%
Boston - Boston International High School	9-12	359	69%	29%
Boston - Brighton High	9-12	1108	69%	15%
Boston - Charlestown High	9-12	953	69%	13%
Boston - Community Academy	9-12	37	37%	64%
Boston - Community Academy of Science and Health	9-12	400	64%	21%
Boston - Dorchester Academy	9-12	393	59%	23%
Boston - East Boston High	9-12	1372	70%	11%
Boston - Excel High School	9-12	635	78%	13%
Boston - Jeremiah E Burke High	9-12	603	58%	14%
Boston - Lyon Upper 9-12 (Pilot)	9-12	134	86%	10%
Boston - Madison Park High	9-12	1160	80%	8%
Boston - Quincy Upper School (Pilot)	6-12	513	95%	21%
Boston - Snowden International School at Copley	9-12	406	85%	7%
Boston - TechBoston Academy (Pilot)	6-12	997	87%	8%
Boston - The English High	9-12	610	70%	15%
Boston - Urban Science Academy	9-12	576	74%	16%
Boston - West Roxbury Academy	9-12	651	74%	10%
Boston - William McKinley	K-12	382	67%	12%
Weighted Average ⁴			74%	13%
COMMONWEALTH CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS				
Academy Of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School	5-12	503	95%	10%
Boston Collegiate Charter School	5-12	609	94%	9%
Boston Preparatory Charter Public School	6-12	365	92%	12%
City On A Hill Charter Public School	9-12	292	84%	10%
Codman Academy Charter Public School	9-12	147	91%	10%
MATCH Charter Public School	6-12	477	92%	9%
Weighted Average ⁴			92%	10%

Notes

- 1) All data is from the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) website.
- 2) DESE defines "school year stability" as the percent of beginning-year students who stay the full academic year.
- 3) DESE defines "summer attrition" as the percent of students who transfer over summer months.
- 4) Weighted averages for a school category use 2012-13 enrollment.