

Now that you've registered for school...

What's next?

Thank you for registering your child for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the 2011-2012 school year. Congratulations on completing this important step in the school choice process!

After you have applied, it's important to understand what happens next.

1. **Save your copy of the application you submitted.** You may need to refer to it later to verify the date you registered, the schools you selected, or the name of the person who assisted you.
2. **Take home a copy of "Introducing the Boston Public Schools 2011."** Keep this informative publication handy throughout the school year. It is a useful resource with important phone numbers, detailed explanations about the assignment process, and information about every school.
3. **Watch for your child's school assignment notice.** September 2011 school assignments will be mailed to your home approximately six weeks after the close of each registration period.

If you applied...	Your notice will be sent...
January 4 - February 4, 2011	Mid-March 2011
February 9 - March 25, 2011	Early May 2011
March 28 - May 13, 2011	Mid-June 2011
May 16 - June 10, 2011	Mid-July 2011
After June 10, 2011	When assignment is made (varies)

The assignment notice will include:

- The school to which your child was assigned, including its address and hours for next year.
- Transportation eligibility — whether or not your child can receive transportation to and from the assigned school. (More information about "yellow bus" transportation, including bus routes, is mailed to eligible families in late August. Questions? Call 617-635-9046 or 617-635-9520.)
- If applicable, the school(s) where your child has been placed on a wait list (see reverse side).

If your child is not assigned to a school you selected:

- Students in grades 1-12 and Kindergarten students who will be 6 years or older on December 31, 2011 will be automatically assigned to a school near their home that has an available seat.
- Kindergarten students who will be 5 years old or younger on December 31, 2011 will not be assigned to a school that you did not list as a choice. These students will remain "unassigned" until families make additional choices of schools with available seats. (See "How can I make new school choices?" on the back page.)

Return the "RSVP" form. All students who receive a new school assignment will receive an RSVP form. If you know your child will not attend the Boston Public Schools in September, please sign and return the RSVP form so we can assign another student from the wait list. You can also use the RSVP form to tell us if you want to stay on wait lists for other schools.

4. **Get ready to start school!** The school year begins on Thursday, September 8, 2011 for students in grades 1-12 and on Monday, September 12, 2011, for all kindergarten students. The principal or headmaster of your child's school will contact you with more information about open houses and other opportunities to welcome new families to the school community.

About wait lists...

- If your child is not assigned to one of your school choices, he or she will be placed on up to three wait lists. If you prefer to remove your child from one wait list and place him/her on another wait list, please visit a Family Resource Center and ask to fill out a "Wait List Action Request Form."
- Your child's rank on the wait list is based on his/her priorities for that school, lottery number, and the registration period in which your family applied.
- If seats become available, assignments from the wait list will be made automatically until mid-August. After that time, we will contact you before assigning your child from a wait list and you will have 24-hours to confirm your interest in the seat. If you are satisfied with your child's current assignment and do not want to be assigned automatically from a wait list, please complete the RSVP form or contact a Family Resource Center to have your child's name removed from wait lists.
- Any student who lives in the City of Boston may remain on a BPS wait list even after the school year begins, regardless of whether or not the student is enrolled in BPS.
- Wait lists will expire at the end of January 2012.

Questions...

How can I make new school choices?

After you've received your assignment notice, you may return to a Family Resource Center (FRC) to make new school choices, even if your child has been assigned to one of the schools you selected. Please note, however, that there is no guarantee that space will be available at the new school(s) you request.

What if I move after I've submitted my application?

If you move to a different address, let us know right away so that you will receive important information in the mail. To update your address, visit any Family Resource Center with at least three acceptable proofs of your new address. For details about the Residency Policy, call any Family Resource Center or visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/residency/. If your new Boston address is in a different assignment zone, you may be required to make new school selections, unless you are able to transport your child to and from school on your own. Families who move out of the City of Boston are not eligible to attend the Boston Public Schools.

Need help? Visit or call any Family Resource Center:

East Zone	1216 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester	617-635-8015
North Zone	75 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury	617-635-9010
West Zone	515 Hyde Park Avenue, Roslindale	617-635-8040

On the Web: www.bostonpublicschools.org/register/

