

Now that you've registered for school...

What's next?

Thank you for registering your child for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the 2009-2010 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 2009."** 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 2009 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 5 - February 6, 2009	Mid-March 2009
February 11 - March 20, 2009	Early May 2009
March 23 - May 1, 2009	Mid-June 2009
May 4 - June 5, 2009	Mid-July 2009
After June 5, 2009	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, 2009 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, 2009 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.)

4. **Watch for and return the "RSVP" form.** We ask every family to tell us whether they accept or decline their school assignment or wait list placement. Complete and return the RSVP form indicating your plans for September. This information helps us offer available seats to other families as soon as possible.
5. **Get ready to start school!** 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 your first choice school, he or she may be placed on up to three wait lists.
- Your child's rank on a wait list is based on his/her priorities for that school, random number and the registration period in which your family applied.
- There is no "cap" on the length of any wait list.
- 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. If you are satisfied with your child's 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 2010.
- See "Introducing the Boston Public Schools" for details about the wait list policy.

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. 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 Ave., Dorchester • 617-635-8015

North Zone • 55 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury • 617-635-9010

West Zone • 515 Hyde Park Avenue, Roslindale • 617-635-8040

On the web: www.bostonpublicschools.org/register

