

**ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACTON, MA 01720
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SCHOOL SYSTEMS' PROFILE - 2008-2009

Kind of Communities: residential suburbs near Routes 2 and 495
Population: Acton - approx. 20,049 Boxborough - approx. 5,195

Total Student Enrollment (October 1, 2008):
Acton Public: 2,559 Acton-Boxborough: 3,022
(includes APS School Choice: 0 and A-B School Choice: 66)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>	<u>Specialty Programs**</u>
Conant	K-6	Christine Price	494	ELL, Nature Program, School Chorus, Connections Program, Community Serv. Learning, Ext. Day Program
Douglas	K-6	Christopher Whitbeck	489	ELL, Nature Program, Community Serv. Learning, Before- & After-School Enrich., Japanese & Chinese Language (K-4)
Gates	K-6	Lynne Newman	481	Nature Program, School Chorus, Before- & After-School Enrichment
McCarthy-Towne	K-6	Nancy Kolb	480	ELL, Integrated Art Program, SLOYD, CASE classes, Before- & After-School Enrichment Program
Merriam	K-6	Ed Kaufman	552	ELL, Project-based Curriculum, Looping classes, Before- & After-School Enrichment Program, Comm. Serv. Learning

* *Enrollment does not include SPED PreSchool: 38, and SPED Out-of-District Placements: 25*

** *In all schools:* All-Day Kindergarten, Computer Lab & Classroom Assistants, DARE, BABES, Quit It, Fee-based Instrumental Music (gr. 5-6), School-Business Partnership

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

* *Enrollment does not include SPED Out-of-District Placements, gr. 7-12: 60*

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>	<u>Extracurricular Programs</u>
R.J. Grey Junior High	7-8	Craig Hardimon	1,003	Adopt-a-Grandparent Club, AB Blue Print, Art Club, Chess/Board Games, Interscholastic and Intramural Sports, Jazz Band, Library Support, Math Counts, Peer Tutoring, School Store, Science Olympiad, Speech & Debate, Student Council, String Ensemble, Theater Production, Yearbook

*7th grade teams of 112-117 students with five teachers
8th grade teams of 115-129 students with five teachers*

Integrated Curriculum

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>	<u>Extracurricular Programs</u>
A-B Reg. High School	9-12	Alexandra Callen	1,959	Academic Teams, (including Decathlon, Math, Science, Speech & Debate), Proscenium Circus (drama), Honor Societies, Publications, Student Government, Interscholastic Athletics, Community Service, Amnesty International, Peer Leadership Group, SADD, Common Ground, WHAB radio station, Recycling Team, Outdoor Club <i>Career Exploration Programs:</i> Job Shadowing, Senior Internships, Work Study, Career Speakers

Awards received by students
Scholastic Art Awards (state & national), Band, Academic Decathlon (State Champs - 16 yrs.), Science Olympiad (State Champs - 2005, 2006), Girls' Swim/Diving (State Champs - 13 yrs.), Boys' Swim/Diving (State Champs - 9 yrs.), Football - State Record of 52 consec. Wins - 5 Superbowl titles, Girls' Soccer (State Champs - Fall 2007), Field Hockey (State Champs - Fall 2007), Girls' Tennis (State Champs - Spring 2008)

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Junior High</u>	<u>High School</u>
Language Arts	Art, Band, Chorus, English	English
Mathematics	Health, Drama	Industrial Technology
Science/Health Education	Computer Literacy	Mathematics
Social Studies	Life Skills, Mathematics	Performing Arts
Art	Minuteman Tech. Lab, Music	Physical Education/Health
Music	Physical Education, Science	Science
Physical Education	Social Studies	Social Studies
Library Skills/Media Center	Study Skills	Visual Arts
Technology	World Languages	World Languages
	plus other mini-courses	Communication

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Junior High</u>	<u>High School</u>
Special Education Services	Special Education Services	Special Education Services
Counseling/Psychology/Health Services	Counseling/Psychology/Health Services	Counseling/Psychology/Health Services
Child Study Team, RLL (Reading/Language Art/Literacy Specialist)	Academic Support Center: Reading	Academic Support Center
Crisis Team, ELL	ELL, Academic Support	ELL, Student Assistance Team
	Child Study Team, Crisis Team	Safety Committee

SYSTEM RESOURCES

Approximately 80.8% of instructional staff hold a Master's. or higher degree. Staff represents more than 3,704 years of teaching in Acton/AB.

Classroom teacher-pupil ratio/range:*

<u>Level</u>	<u>Range</u>
Elementary	1:19 - 1:27
Junior High	1:14 - 1:28
High School	1:7 - 1:62

*Does not include special subject teachers

Per Pupil Expenditure:***

2006-07	\$10,086 (Acton)
2006-07	\$11,582 (Acton-Boxborough)
*** Per Pupil, All Funds/Total Expend. Per Pupil (from the Dept. of Ed.)	

Average Teacher salary:

2008-09 for A-B: \$66,445 2008-09 for Acton: \$67,695

**ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2008**

Size of Class: 464	SAT Reasoning Test Profile - Average Scores						
	<i>A-B</i>			<i>National</i>			
	<u>Cr*</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Wr**</u>	<u>Cr*</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Wr**</u>	
Percentage attending:	2008	603	629	608	502	515	494
4-yr. college 95%	2007	606	640	609	502	515	494
2-yr. college/other post-sec. ed. 3%	2006	602	634	599	503	518	497
Total continuing education 98%	* Cr = Critical Reading ** Wr = Writing						
Employment/Other 2%							
TOTAL CLASS 100%							

Over the last three years, an average of 99% of the seniors at A-B took SATs as compared to 48% nationally & 85% in MA.

SAT Subject Test Scores, 2007-2008

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Mean Score</u> (Range is 200-800)	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Mean Score</u> (Range is 200-800)
Biology E	117	684	French	22	681
Biology M	33	729	Mathematics Level I	112	679
Chemistry	84	704	Mathematics Level II	108	751
English Literature	63	655	Spanish	35	653
			US History	114	687

Advanced Placement Test Scores - 2008

	<u>Test Scores*</u>	<u>No. of Scores</u>	<u>National Merit Scholarships</u> (Class of 2008)
435 ABRHS juniors & seniors took 886 exams in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, German Language, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. History, World History	5	487	Semi-Finalists - 13
	4	265	Letters of Commendation - 58
	3	100	
	2	24	
	1	10	

* Scores of 3-4 qualify students for advanced placement in some colleges

MCAS Test Scores, Spring 2008

combined "Proficient" & "Advanced" level percentages*

	<u>Eng./L.A./Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>
Grade 3	82%	78%	----
Grade 4	80%	76%	----
Grade 5	86%	79%	73%
Grade 6	91%	86%	----
Grade 7	92%	83%	----
Grade 8	93%	80%	69%
Grade 10	95%	93%	92%

*This measure is used because "Proficient" & "Advanced" levels are the goals for performance.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF SCHOOL SYSTEMS

- Administrators and School Committees set and regularly review mission, vision, short and long-range goals. Administrators attend Leadership Conference annually.
- Staff continuously pursue professional development.
- Open enrollment at elementary level (choice of school)
- Teaming at R.J. Grey Junior High School
- All seven schools are networked to each other and to the Internet; staff use current technology in management and instruction.
- Staff evaluate programs regularly; the districts support curriculum renewal through a research and development program.
- Community members actively participate in and support school programs, serve on advisory committees and task forces.
- Staff supervise a full range of extracurricular activities for students (*see listings on reverse side*).
- School-Business Community Partnerships include working relationships with area businesses, institutions of higher education and the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce.
- Local foundation for athletics/extracurricular activities: ABSAF (Acton-Boxborough Student Activities Fund)
- Last year, the schools received approximately \$1.3 million in grants and other resources.
- Schools work with town(s) in Acton Leadership Group, Boxborough Leadership Forum and Acton 2020 (planning process).
- Acton-Boxborough Community Education is an asset to the school districts, offering a wide variety of programs for children and adults.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE AND HOURS

180 school days scheduled

Elementary Schools

Douglas & Gates	8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
<i>Thursdays</i>	12:15 p.m. dismissal
Conant, McCarthy-Towne	9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Merriam	
<i>Thursdays</i>	1:00 p.m. dismissal

Secondary Schools

A-B Regional High School	7:23 a.m. - 2:18 p.m.
R.J. Grey Junior High School	7:30 a.m. - 2:06 p.m.

BUSING DISTANCE

(Busing provided by the school system)

Level

grades K-3	No minimum (all transported)
grades 4-6	Over 1 mile
grades 7-12	Over 2 miles

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

William L. Ryan, *Superintendent*
Susan Horn, *Assistant Superintendent*
 for Curriculum & Instruction/Community Ed.
Marie Altieri, *Director of Personnel/Admin. Svcs.*
Elizabeth Huber, *Director of Pupil Services*
Sharon Summers, *Director of Finance*

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jonathan Chinitz, *AB Chairperson*
Michael Coppolino
Heather Harer, *APS Chairperson*
Xuan Kong
Sharon Smith McManus
John Petersen

A-B SCHOOL COMMITTEE

*All Acton members plus the following
Boxborough members:*
Brigid Bieber
Maria Neyland
Bruce Sabot