



ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SCHOOL SYSTEMS' PROFILE - 2009-2010

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

Total Student Enrollment (October 1, 2009):
 Acton Public: 2,623 Acton-Boxborough: 2,990
 (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	500	ELL, Nature Program, School Chorus, Connections Program, Community Serv. Learning, Ext. Day Program
Douglas	K-6	Christopher Whitbeck	499	ELL, Nature Program, Community Serv. Learning, Before/After-School Enrich., Japanese & Chinese Language (K-4)
Gates	K-6	Lynne Newman	491	Nature Program, School Chorus, Before- & After-School Enrichment
McCarthy-Towne	K-6	David Krane	497	ELL, Integrated Art Program, SLOYD, CASE classes, Before- & After-School Enrichment Program
Merriam	K-6	Ed Kaufman	564	ELL, Project-based Curriculum, Looping classes, Before- & After-School Enrichment Program, Comm. Serv. Learning

* *Enrollment does not include SPED PreSchool: 49, and SPED Out-of-District Placements: 23*

** *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: 58*

<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	979	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

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School received a Blue Ribbon School award from the U.S. Department of Education in November, 2009

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A-B Reg. High School	9-12	Alexandra Callen	1,953	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: Job Shadowing, Senior Internships, Work Study, Career Speakers</i>

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, 2009), Girls' Tennis (State Champs - Spring 2008)

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

Elementary

Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Science/Health Education
 Social Studies
 Art
 Music
 Physical Education
 Library Skills/Media Center
 Technology

Junior High

Art, Band, Chorus, English
 Health, Drama
 Computer Literacy
 Life Skills, Mathematics
 Minuteman Tech. Lab, Music
 Physical Education, Science
 Social Studies
 Study Skills
 World Languages
 plus other mini-courses

High School

English
 Industrial Technology
 Mathematics
 Performing Arts
 Physical Education/Health
 Science
 Social Studies
 Visual Arts
 World Languages
 Communication

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Elementary

Special Education Services
 Counseling/Psychology/Health Services
 Child Study Team, RLL (Reading/
 Language Art/Literacy Specialist)
 Crisis Team, ELL

Junior High

Special Education Services
 Counseling/Psychology/Health Services
 Academic Support Center: Reading
 ELL, Academic Support
 Child Study Team, Crisis Team

High School

Special Education Services
 Counseling/Psychology/Health Services
 Academic Support Center
 ELL, Student Assistance Team
 Safety Committee

SYSTEM RESOURCES

Approximately 84.2% of instructional staff hold a Master's. or higher degree. Staff represents more than 4,186 years of teaching in Acton/AB.

Classroom teacher-pupil ratio/range:*

<u>Level</u>	<u>Range</u>
Elementary	1:19 - 1:26
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:

2009-10 for A-B: \$70,200 2009-10 for Acton : \$70,796

**ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2009**

Size of Class:	480	SAT Reasoning Test Profile - Average Scores						
			<i>A-B</i>			<i>National</i>		
		Cr*	Math	Wr**	Cr*	Math	Wr**	
Percentage attending:		2009	611	643	611	501	515	493
4-yr. college	92%	2008	603	629	608	502	515	494
2-yr. college/other post-sec. ed.	6%	2007	606	640	609	502	515	494
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 46% nationally & 84% in MA.						

SAT Subject Test Scores, 2009-2010

Subject	Number of Students	Mean Score (Range is 200-800)	Subject	Number of Students	Mean Score (Range is 200-800)
Biology E	117	695	French	15	655
Biology M	29	740	Mathematics Level I	91	665
Chemistry	74	709	Mathematics Level II	130	750
English Literature	32	675	Spanish	25	646
			US History	93	705

Advanced Placement Test Scores - 2009

	Test Scores*	No. of Scores	National Merit Scholarships (Class of 2009)
436 ABRHS juniors & seniors took 871 exams in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, U.S. Gov & Politics, Latin IV, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. History.	5	501	Semi-Finalists - 12 Letters of Commendation - 63
	4	270	
	3	70	
	2	26	
	1	4	

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

MCAS Test Scores, Spring 2009

combined "Proficient" & "Above Proficient" level percentages*

	Eng./L.A./Reading	Math	Science
Grade 3	74%	76%	---
Grade 4	79%	71%	---
Grade 5	87%	83%	79%
Grade 6	91%	87%	---
Grade 7	90%	78%	---
Grade 8	93%	83%	74%
Grade 10	97%	96%	96%

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

Stephen E. Mills, *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
Michael Coppolino
Xuan Kong, *APS Chairperson*
Terry Lindgren
Sharon Smith McManus, *AB Chairperson*
John Petersen

A-B SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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