



**ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ACTON, MA 01720**  
**978-264-4700**  
**Website address: <http://ab.mec.edu>**

**SCHOOL SYSTEMS' PROFILE - 2011-2012**

**Kind of Communities:** residential suburbs near Routes 2 and 495  
**Population:** Acton - approx. 21,234    Boxborough - approx. 5,174

**Total Student Enrollment** (October 1, 2011):  
 Acton Public: 2,501    Acton-Boxborough: 2,968  
 (includes APS School Choice: 0 and A-B School Choice: 34)

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>	<u>Specialty Programs**</u>
Conant	K-6	Damian Sugrue	481	Nature Program, Student Council, Connections Program, Before/ After School Program
Douglas	K-6	Christopher Whitbeck	483	Nature Program, Before/ After-School Enrichment Program, Japanese & Chinese Language (K-4)
Gates	K-6	Lynne Newman	484	Nature Program, School Chorus, Student Council, Before/ After-School Program
McCarthy-Towne	K-6	David Krane	476	Integrated Curriculum Program, SLOYD, CASE classes, Before/ After School Enrichment Program
Merriam	K-6	Ed Kaufman	524	Project-based Curriculum, Looping classes, Before/ After School Enrichment Program

\* **Enrollment** does not include SPED PreSchool: 41, and SPED Out-of-District Placements: 18

\*\* **In all schools:** All-Day Kindergarten, Computer Lab, Classroom Assistants, ELL, Fee-based Instrumental Music (gr. 5-6), School-Business Partnership, Community Service Learning

**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 <sup>th</sup> grade teams of 105-110 students with five teachers 8 <sup>th</sup> grade teams of 120-125 students with five teachers Integrated Curriculum	7-8	Craig Hardimon	957	Ambassadors, Anime Club, Art, Climate, Creative Writing, Drama, French, Interscholastic and Intramural Sports, Jazz Band, Library Support, Math Counts, School Store, Select Choir, Ski Club, Speech & Debate, Student Council, Technology & Engineering, Theater Production, Yearbook, Yoga Club

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>	<u>Extracurricular Programs</u>
A-B Reg. High School  <i>Awards received by students</i> Scholastic Art Awards (state & national), Band, Academic Decathlon 2010 (State Champs - 19 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), Boys' Track (NE4x800 & State Champs 2010)	9-12	Alexandra Callen	1,955	Academic Teams, (including Decathlon, Math, Science, Speech & Debate), Proscenium Circus (drama), Honor Societies, Publications, Student Government, Interscholastic Athletics, Community Service, AB Human Rights, 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

**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 plus other mini-courses	World Languages 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 ELL, Academic Support	Academic Support Center ELL, Student Assistance Team
Crisis Team, ELL	Child Study Team, Crisis Team	Safety Committee

**SYSTEM RESOURCES**

Approximately 88.2% of instructional staff holds a Master's. or higher degree. Staff represents more than 3,853 years of teaching in Acton/AB.

**Classroom teacher-pupil ratio/range:\***

<u>Level</u>	<u>Range</u>
Elementary	1:18 - 1:26
Junior High	1:14 - 1:28
High School	1:5 - 1:56

\*Does not include special subject teachers

**Per Pupil Expenditure:\*\***

2009-10	\$11,246 (Acton)
2009-10	\$13,110 (Acton-Boxborough)
*** Per Pupil, All Funds/Total Expend. Per Pupil (from the Dept. of Ed.)	

**Average Teacher salary:**

2011-12 for A-B:	\$72,989	2011-12 for Acton :	\$73,996
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**ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2011**

<b>Size of Class:</b>	<b>504</b>		<b>SAT Reasoning Test Profile - Average Scores</b>						
			<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:			2011	610	645	622	497	514	489
4-yr. college		93%	2010	615	648	625	501	516	492
2-yr. college/other post-sec. ed.		<u>5%</u>	2009	611	643	611	501	515	493
Total continuing education		98%							
Employment/Other		<u>2%</u>							
TOTAL CLASS		100%							

\* Cr = Critical Reading      \*\* Wr = Writing

Last year, 93% of the seniors at A-B took SATs as compared to 47% nationally and 89% in MA.

**SAT Subject Test Scores, 2011**

<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	132	709	Mathematics Level I	82	674
Biology M	23	728	Mathematics Level II	108	749
Chemistry	86	690	Spanish	29	696
English Literature	55	630	US History	103	698
French	15	661	World History	4	750

**Advanced Placement Test Scores - 2010**

	<u>Test Scores*</u>	<u>No. of Scores</u>	<u>National Merit Scholarships</u> (Class of 2011)
451 ABRHS juniors & seniors took 928 exams in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science, Economics, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, German Language, Japanese Language, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. Government & Politics, and U.S. History.	5	516	Semi-Finalists - 12
	4	295	Letters of Commendation - 54
	3	86	
	2	25	
	1	6	

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

**MCAS Test Scores, Spring 2011**

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

	<u>Eng./L.A/Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>
Grade 3	83%	84%	----
Grade 4	72%	71%	----
Grade 5	87%	83%	73%
Grade 6	90%	87%	----
Grade 7	94%	90%	----
Grade 8	96%	81%	71%
Grade 10	96%	95%	95%

\*This measure is used because "Proficient" & "Above Proficient" 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

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	
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
<b>Secondary Schools</b>	
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)

<u>Level</u>	
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*  
Deborah Bookis, *Director of Curriculum & Assessment*  
Marie Altieri, *Director of Personnel/Admin. Svcs.*  
Elizabeth Huber, *Director of Pupil Services*  
Donald Aicardi, *Director of Finance*

**ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Dennis Bruce  
Michael Coppolino, *APS Chairperson*  
Xuan Kong  
Kim McOsker  
Paul Murphy  
John Petersen, *AB Chairperson*

**A-B SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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