# Bureau Update



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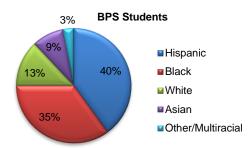
# **Boston Public Schools Snapshot 2013-2014**

A quick overview of the BPS staff, students and per pupil costs

### Staff Breakdown

Staff	FY2012	FY2013
Teachers	4,401	4,415
Aides	1,119	1,203
Administrators	490	500
Support	468	480
Custodians, Secretaries, Part time	1,443	1,533
Total	7,921	8,131

#### **SY2014 Enrollment**



Approximately 77,200 students live in Boston of which 57,000 students or 74% are enrolled in the Boston public schools.

- 75% qualify for free and reduced-price meals in schools.
- 53% are eligible to receive food stamps.

Students who don't attend the BPS (20,100) go to parochial (5,550), private (4,200), suburban through METCO (3,070) and charter (6,680) schools, some are special needs students placed in non-BPS schools (450) and the remaining are home schooled (150).

### **Special Education**

About 20% or 11,160 of all BPS students receive assistance through special education programs;

 56% of special education students with mild to moderate special needs spend at

- least 60% of the school day in inclusive classrooms.
- 44% with more severe special needs spend at least 60% of the school day in substantially separate classrooms or special BPS schools.

## **English Language Learners (ELL)**

47% or 27,000 BPS students speak English as their second language, and 30% or 17,300 students are English Language Learners.

### **BPS Graduation Rates**

Outcome	2011*	2012**	Change
Graduated in 4 years	64.4%	65.9%	1.5%
Still in school	17.0%	15.2%	-1.8%
Non-grad completers	1.2%	0.8%	-0.4%
GED	2.1%	2.1%	0.0%
Dropped out	15.1%	15.9%	0.8%
Expelled	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  4,632 students who entered 9th grade in 2007 + transfers in transfers out and deaths

#### Per Pupil Expenditure

Education Type	\$ Spent
Regular Education	\$11,855
ELL Education	\$15,653
Moderate Special Ed	\$20,705
Sub Separate Special Ed	\$32,955
Private Placements	\$71,048
Average (all students)	\$15,227

Source: Boston Public Schools at a Glance 2013-14

<sup>\*\* 4,368</sup> students who entered 9th grade in 2008 + transfers in - transfers out and deaths