



## Boston Charters Outperform Comparable Boston District High Schools on Advanced Placement Exams

Data from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (2012-13) shows that students in Boston charter public high schools took and passed Advanced Placement (AP) exams at far higher rates than students in open-admission Boston district high schools.

Participation in AP courses and success on AP exams have been shown to predict college success.

### Pass Rates

- In Boston's charter high schools, 25% of AP tests resulted in a passing grade (3 or higher).
- In Boston's non-exam district high schools, 14% of AP tests resulted in a passing grade.
- In Boston's three exam district high schools (i.e. district high schools that admit students based on an entrance exam), 72% of AP tests resulted in a passing grade.

### Participation Rates

- In Boston's charter high schools, 51% of upperclassmen (i.e. junior and seniors) took one or more AP exams. In some Boston charters that have "AP for all" policies, the participation rate was 75%.
- In Boston's non-exam district high schools, only 18% of upperclassmen took one or more AP exams.
- In Boston's three district exam high schools, 91% of upperclassmen took one or more AP exams.
- Across all Boston district high schools, 90% of AP tests that resulted in a passing score were taken by students enrolled in one of Boston's three exam schools.
- In Boston charter high schools, 48% of the African American upperclassmen and 42% of Latino upperclassmen took one or more AP exams. By contrast, in Boston's non-exam district high schools, 16% of African-American upperclassmen and 22% of Latino upperclassmen took one or more AP exams.

# 2012-13 AP Tests Participation and Pass Rates

**% 11-12th Graders  
Taking an AP  
Exam**

**% of Tests with  
Passing Grade  
(score of 3+)**

## Boston Commonwealth Charter Schools

MATCH	<b>76</b>	<b>21</b>
Boston Collegiate	<b>75</b>	<b>42</b>
Boston Preparatory	<b>64</b>	<b>15</b>
Academy Of the Pacific Rim	<b>53</b>	<b>22</b>
City On A Hill	<b>35</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Codman Academy*	<b>0</b>	
<b>All Boston Commonwealth Charter Schools</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25</b>

## Boston Non-Exam Schools

Boston - New Mission High School	<b>59</b>	<b>11</b>
Boston - Boston Community Leadership Academy	<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>
Boston - Urban Science Academy	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>
Boston - Boston International High School	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>
Boston - East Boston High	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>
Boston - Community Academy of Science and Health	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>
Boston - TechBoston Academy	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>
Boston - Another Course To College	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>
Boston - Excel High School	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>
Boston - The English High	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>
Boston - Jeremiah E Burke High	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>
Boston - Brighton High	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>
Boston - Lyon Upper 9-12	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>
Boston - West Roxbury Academy	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>
Boston - Charlestown High	<b>15</b>	<b>35</b>
Boston - Madison Park High	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
Boston - Dorchester Academy	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>
Boston - Boston Adult Academy	<b>0</b>	
Boston - Boston Arts Academy	<b>0</b>	
Boston - Snowden International School at Copley	<b>0</b>	
Boston - Fenway High School	<b>0</b>	
Boston - Egleston Community High School	<b>0</b>	
Boston - William McKinley	<b>0</b>	
Boston - Quincy Upper School	<b>0</b>	
Boston - Horace Mann School for the Deaf	<b>0</b>	
Boston - Community Academy	<b>0</b>	
Boston - Carter Developmental Center	<b>0</b>	
<b>All Boston Non-Exam Schools</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>

## Boston Exam Schools

Boston - Boston Latin**	<b>123</b>	<b>81</b>
Boston - O'Bryant School Math/Science	<b>68</b>	<b>50</b>
Boston - Boston Latin Academy	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>All Boston Exam Schools</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>72</b>

\* Codman Academy Charter has not historically offered AP exams to its students.

\*\* Boston Latin's participation rate exceeds 100% due to the inclusion of sophomore participants.