

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE BOSTON AREA

After you have found housing in the Boston area, you may wish to have your children attend a nearby public school. Each community has several elementary schools and one or more high schools; you should call the general information number listed here for your town and ask for information. Generally, to register your children go directly to the individual school, unless you live in Cambridge (go to the Parent Information Center, 459 Broadway), or Boston, in which case you should go to the Parent Information Center in your district.

Registration procedures differ slightly from community to community, but in general you should bring the following items with you to registration (for more information, call your individual school):

- Identification, such as a birth certificate or passport.
- Health records. These should include a record of all immunizations. Massachusetts law requires that children provide a record their immunizations. Requirements may vary; please check with the individual school system.
- Address verification. This may come in the form of a bill or bank statement envelope addressed to you at your current address.
- Previous school records. Whatever records you have from your child's previous school will help in placing your child correctly. If your child will be in kindergarten, he or she will be placed by age. See the age requirements noted by community.
- Please note that some schools have privately-run daycare programs before and after school. All school systems also have English as a Second Language (ESL) programs which may help your child overcome any language difficulties. Ask if ESL is available in the specific school where your child is assigned.

TOWN	INITIAL CONTACT	AGE REQUIREMENT
Arlington	Superintendent's Office 869 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington (781) 316-3501 www.arlington.k12.ma.us	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 8/31/08 First grade: 6 years old by 8/31/08
Belmont	Public Schools Main Office 644 Pleasant Street, Belmont (617) 993-5401 www.belmont.k12.ma.us	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 9/1/08 First grade: 6 years old by 9/1/08
Boston	North Zone Family Resource Center 55 Malcolm X. Boulevard, Roxbury (617) 635-9010	Kindergarten-0: 3 years old by 9/1/08 Kindergarten-1: 4 years old by 9/1/08 Kindergarten-2: 5 years old by 9/1/08 Grade 1: 6 years old by 9/1/08
Boston	West Zone Family Resource Center 515 Hyde Park Avenue, Roslindale (617) 635-8040	See North Zone
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Boston	1216 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester (617) 635-8015 Multilingual Family Resource Center 55 Malcolm X Blvd, Roxbury (617) 635-6547	See North Zone
Brookline	Superintendent's Office Old Lincoln School 194 Boylston Street (Route 9), Brookline (617) 730-2403 www.brookline.k12.ma.us	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 8/31/08 First grade: 6 years old by 8/31/08
Cambridge	see HIO flyer <i>Cambridge Public Schools</i>	
Lexington	Superintendent's Office 146 Maple Street, Lexington (781) 861-2550 lps.lexingtonma.org	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 8/31/08 First grade: 6 years old by 8/31/08
Medford	Superintendent's Office 489 Winthrop Street, Medford (781) 393-2387 www.medford.k12.ma.us	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 12/31/08 First grade: 6 years old by 12/31/08
Newton	Pupil Services/ Attendance Office 100 Walnut Street, Newton (617) 559-6100 www.newton.k12.ma.us	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 8/31/08 First grade: 6 years old by 8/31/08
Somerville	Parent Information Center 42 Prescott Street, Somerville (617) 625-6600 extension 6962 www.somerville.k12.ma.us	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 8/31/08 First grade: 6 years old by 8/31/08
Waltham	Superintendent's Office 617 Lexington Street, Waltham (781) 314-5440 www.city.waltham.ma.us/school	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 9/1/08 First grade: 6 years old by 9/1/08
Watertown	Superintendent's Office 30 Common Street, Watertown (617) 926-7700 www.watertown.k12.ma.us	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 9/7/08 First grade: 6 years old by 9/7/08
Winchester	Superintendent's Office 154 Horn Pond Brook Road, Winchester (781) 721-7004 www.winchester.k12.ma.us	Kindergarten: 5 years old by 9/1/08 First grade: 6 years old by 9/1/08



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