

**ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACTON, MA 01720
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SCHOOL SYSTEMS' PROFILE - 2007-2008

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

Total Student Enrollment (October 1, 2007):
Acton Public: 2,598 Acton-Boxborough: 2,996
(includes APS School Choice: 0 and A-B School Choice: 71)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>	<u>Specialty Programs**</u>
Conant	K-6	Christine Price	498	ELL, Nature Program, School Chorus, ABA classes, Community Service Learning
Douglas	K-6	Christopher Whitbeck	492	ELL, Nature Program, Community Serv. Learning, Before/ After-School Enrich., Japanese & Chinese Language (K-4)
Gates	K-6	Walter McGrail	499	Nature Program, School Chorus, Before- & After-School Enrichment
McCarthy-Towne	K-6	Marcia FitzGerald	495	ELL, Integrated Art Program, SLOYD, CASE classes, Before- & After-School Enrichment Program
Merriam	K-6	Sandra Wilensky	543	ELL, Project-based Curriculum, Looping classes, Before- & After-School Enrichment Program, After-School Drama

* Does not include SPED PreSchool: 44, and SPED Out-of-District Placements: 27

** *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 numbers do not include SPED Out-of-District Placements, gr. 7-12: 71

<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	963	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, Service Learning Projects, Speech & Debate, Spelling Bee, Student Council, String Ensemble, Theater Production, Yearbook

Teams of approx. 112-125 students with five teachers

Integrated curriculum

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>	<u>Extracurricular Programs</u>
A-B Reg. High School	9-12	Stephen Donovan	1,962	Academic Teams, (including Decathlon, Math, Science, Speech & Debate), Proscenium Circus (drama), Honor Societies, Publications, Student Government, Interscholastic Athletics, other organizations, e.g., ABCO (community service), Amnesty International, 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

Awards received by students
Scholastic Art Awards (state & national); Band, Academic Decathlon (State Champs-15 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' Ice hockey (State Champs-6 yrs); Field Hockey (State Champs-Fall 2000)

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	World Languages
	plus other mini-courses	Communications

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	Academic Support Center
Crisis Team, ELL	ELL, Academic Support	ELL, Student Assistance Team
	Child Study Team, Crisis Team	Safety Committee

SYSTEM RESOURCES

Approximately 82.9% of instructional staff hold an M.A. or higher degree. Staff represents more than 3,482 years of teaching in Acton/AB.

Classroom teacher-pupil ratio/range:*

<u>Level</u>	<u>Range</u>
Elementary	1:18 - 1:28
Junior High	1:14 - 1:28
High School	1:7 - 1:62

Per Pupil Expenditure:***

2005-06	\$8,156 (Acton)
2005-06	\$9,171 (Acton-Boxborough)
*** 'Day Programs' cost	

*Does not include special subject teachers

Average Teacher salary:

2007-08 for A-B - \$64,278 2007-08 for Acton - \$64,495

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2007

SAT Reasoning Test Profile - Average Scores

Size of Class 435

Percentage attending:

4-yr. college	91%
2-yr. college/other post-sec. ed.	7%
Total continuing education	98%
Employment/Other	2%
Total class	100%

	A-B			National		
	Cr*	Math	Wr**	Cr*	Math	Wr**
2007	606	640	609	502	515	494
2006	602	634	599	503	518	497
	* Cr = Critical Reading			** Wr = Writing		
	Verbal		Math	Verbal		Math
2005	613		634	508		520

Over the last three years, an average of 99% of the seniors at A-B took SATs as compared to 48% nationally & 85% in MA

SAT Subject Test Scores, 2006-2007

Subject	Number of Students	Mean Score	Subject	Number of Students	Mean Score
		(Range is 200-800)			(Range is 200-800)
Biology E	113	691	French	9	702
Biology M	25	728	Mathematics Level I	89	666
Chemistry	66	712	Mathematics Level II	113	766
Chinese Listening	8	779	Spanish	23	669
English Literature	53	659	US History	116	679
			World History	1	680

Advanced Placement Test Scores - 2007

	Test Scores*	No. of Scores
418 ABRHS juniors & seniors took 849 exams in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Chinese Language, Economics, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language, U.S. History, World History	5	502
	4	245
	3	89
	2	27
	1	2

National Merit Scholarships

(Class of 2007)
Semi-Finalists - 21
Letters of Commendation - 69

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

MCAS Test Scores, Spring 2007

combined "Proficient" & "Advanced" level percentages*

	Eng./L.A./Reading	Math	Science
Grade 3	80%	79%	----
Grade 4	85%	72%	----
Grade 5	88%	77%	80%
Grade 6	93%	89%	----
Grade 7	89%	78%	----
Grade 8	93%	80%	67%
Grade 10	94%	93%	Biology - 80%; Chemistry - 97%

*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 & Merriam	8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>12:15 p.m. dismissal</i>
Douglas & Gates	9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>1:00 p.m. dismissal</i>

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

William L. Ryan, *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, *APS Chairperson*
Michael Coppolino
Heather Harer
Xuan Kong
Sharon Smith McManus
John Ryder

A-B SCHOOL COMMITTEE

All Acton members plus the following
Boxborough members:
Bruce Sabot, *AB Chairperson*
Brigid Bieber
Rebecca Neville