



METCO REPORT

2023-2024



November 2, 2023



Tribal Land Acknowledgement



*I respectfully acknowledge that we are on
unceded traditional territories of the
Pawtucket and Massa-adchu-es-et nations*

What to Expect



- Admissions Process
 - Update on 2021 Changes
- Enrollment
- Program Updates
 - Glows
 - Grows
 - Action Steps

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

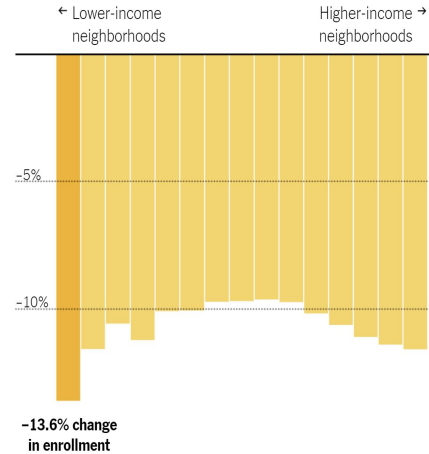
Civil rights groups urge state to change 'discriminatory' vocational school admissions policies to lottery

The New York Times

The Kindergarten Exodus

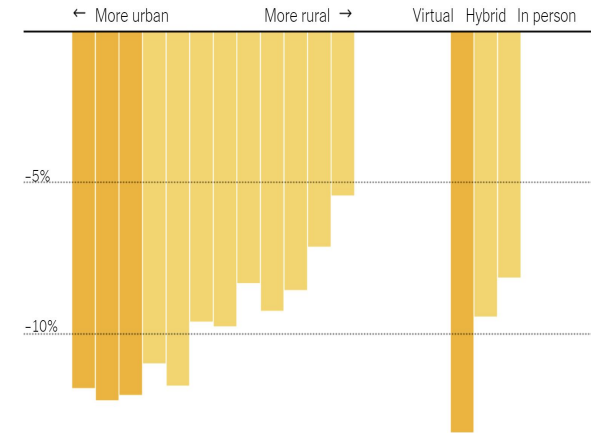
As the pandemic took hold, more than 1 million children did not enroll in local schools. Many of them were the most vulnerable: 5-year-olds in low-income neighborhoods.

Kindergarten losses were steepest in schools in the poorest neighborhoods



There were larger kindergarten enrollment declines in cities ...

... and in schools that operated virtually last fall.



CommonWealth
NONPROFIT JOURNAL OF POLITICS, IDEAS & CIVIC LIFE

As students leave district schools, charters and vocational schools see growth

Boston Herald

Boston Public Schools sees enrollment drop heavily, mostly among younger, minority students

BOSTON INDICATORS
MEASURING WHAT WE VALUE

Public school enrollment down statewide and in Boston during pandemic.

Current Landscape

Why Are Cohorts Declining in Size?

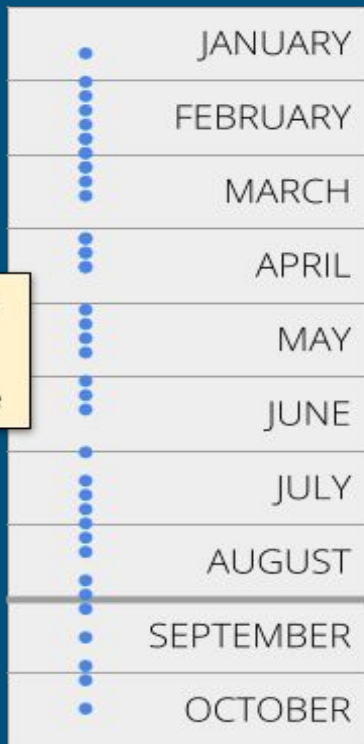
Boston families have more options:

- Parochial schools
- Private schools
- Pilot schools
- Exam schools
- More charters schools have built new buildings in the last 5 years



Admissions Process Changes (2021) for 2022-2023

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF OFFERS

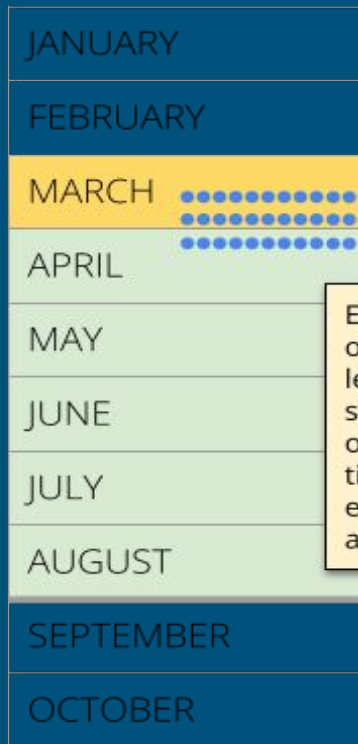


At least 33 separate offer dates, each with its own acceptance timeline

◀ Charter and exam school offers ▶

• = offer from a METCO district

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF OFFERS



Earlier and aligned offer schedule leaves more time for second round offers, and more time for orientation, engagement, and academic support

METCO Showcase



METCO
SHOWCASE!

DIVERSE BOSTON FAMILIES:
**Your child can get a
free public education
in the suburbs!**

- Rigorous classes
- Many sports and extracurriculars
- Great facilities
- High graduation rates and college attendance

- Meet the METCO school districts to ask questions and apply
- Learn about Boston community agencies
- Take pictures with special guests
- PLUS: food, performances, raffles, live DJ

Saturday, Nov. 18
12 pm. to 2:30 p.m.

**Reggie Lewis Track and
Athletic Center**
1350 Tremont St. Boston, MA 02120
[Free parking, click here for information](#)



LINCOLN

Founding METCO Partner, 1966

Considers grades K through 8

17.7 miles from HQ

Accessible by commuter rail

Late bus available on Tuesdays and Thursdays (departs @ 4:30pm)

73% proficient or higher on MCAS ELA

75% proficient or higher on MCAS Math

SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULARS

Baseball	Soccer
Basketball	Softball
Cross Country	Step
Affinity Groups	Volleyball

METCO SUPPORT

Supported by:

- METCO staff of 3 (Director & AIDE Coordinator, Academic & Enrichment Specialist, and Bus Monitor)
- All Faculty, Staff, and Administration
- Lincoln METCO Coordinating Committee
- Lincoln METCO Parent Board
- Ann's Christian Learning Center (tutoring)
- DX4 (affinity groups)



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METCO Showcase 2022



**COMPLETE
APPLICATION**

**REFERRAL
TO DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT
SELECTION**

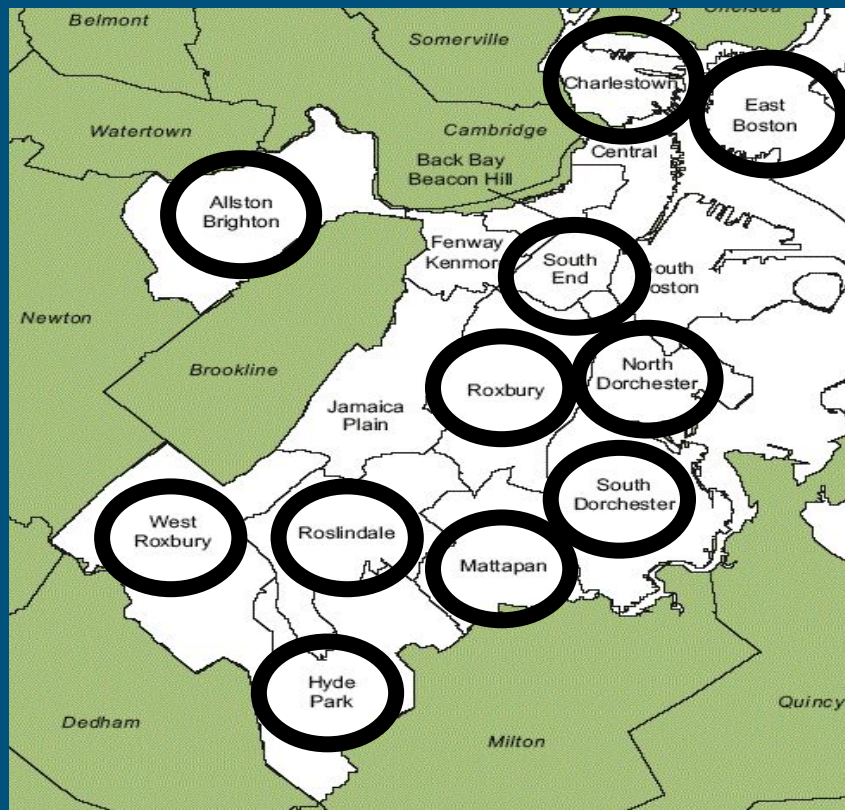
**ENROLL IN
DISTRICT**

- ✓ School Committee Approval of seats
- ✓ Request files from METCO HQ/Screen files for completion (February)
- ✓ Virtual Mandatory Prospective Family Information Session (early March)
- ✓ Hold New Student Connection Meetings w/ Admissions Team
- ✓ Admissions Team make final decisions to submit to Superintendent
- ✓ Superintendent Approval
- ✓ Extend offer to families
- ✓ Final decisions updated in SchoolMint (METCO HQ Database)
- ✓ Invite families to register for school and LPR Summer Camp

Application & Enrollment Process

ENROLLMENT

Boston Resident Students

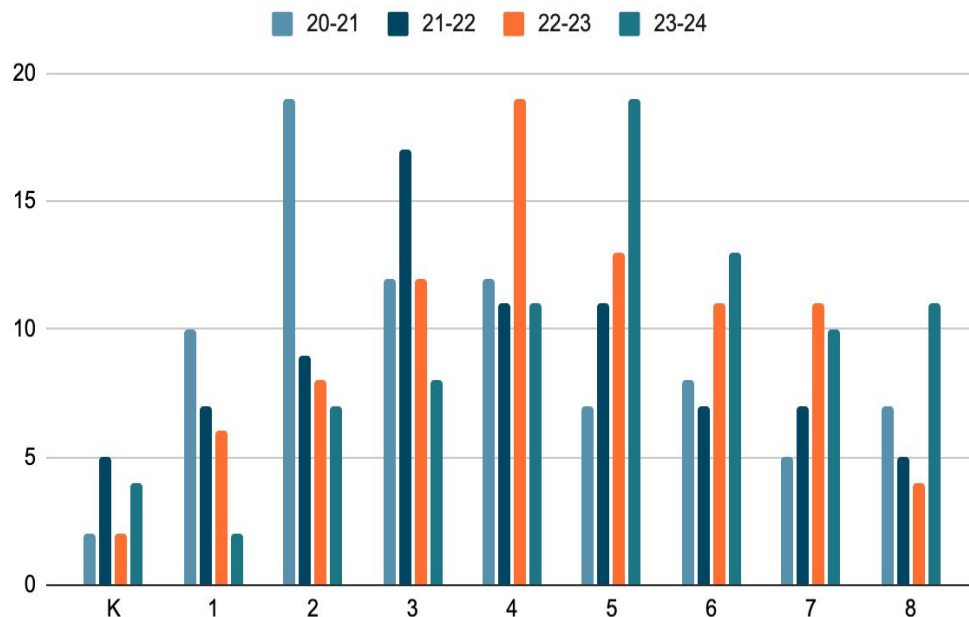


Home Neighborhoods of
Boston Resident Students

Enrollment

- Current Enrollment = 84* students
 - *Enrollment as of 10/1/23 = 85
 - K-4 = 32 students
 - 5-8 = 52 students
- Noticings
 - Slight bell shaped curve
 - Smaller incoming classes
 - Attrition in higher grades
- Enrollment Goal for 2024-2025
 - 18 students:
 - K=6
 - 1st=4
 - 2nd=6
 - 3rd=2

Lincoln METCO Enrollment 2020-2023

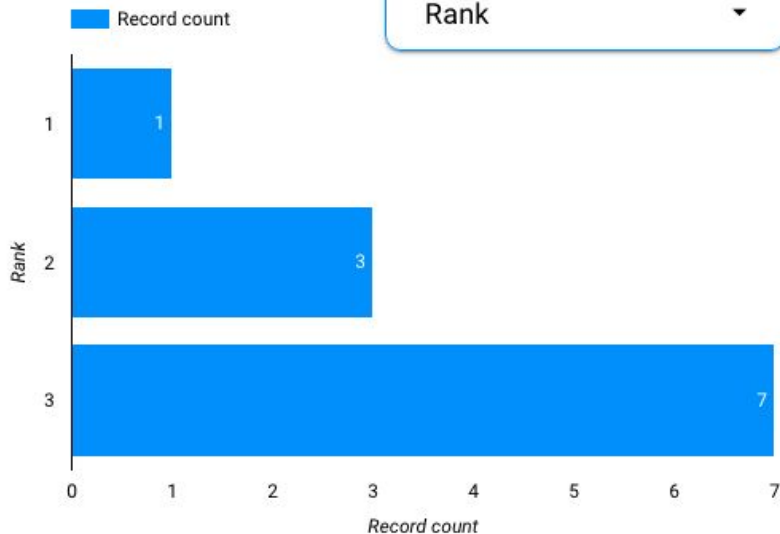


Applications for 2024-2025 (as of 10/20/23)

Rank by district/grade

District: Lincoln (1) ▼

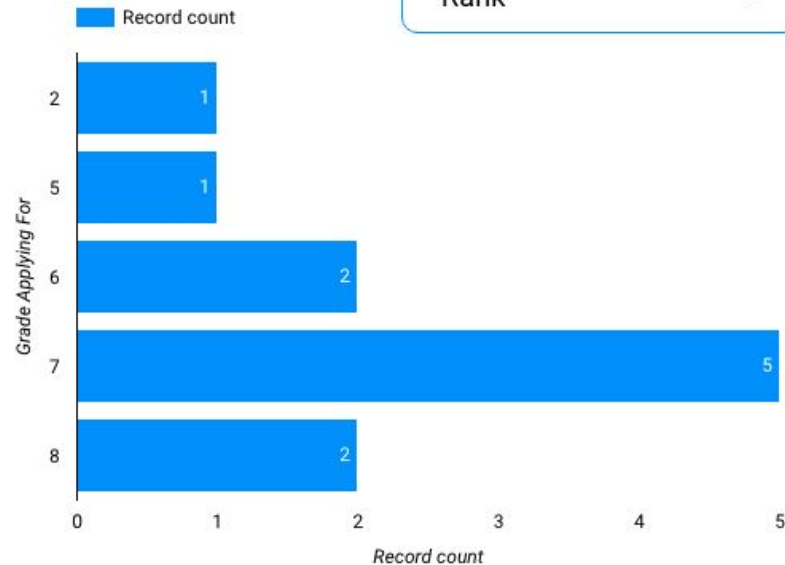
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Grade by rank/district

District: Lincoln (1) ▼

Rank ▼



PROGRAM UPDATES

GLOWS

- Enrichment
 - Lincoln Parks & Rec
 - LEAP
 - STEAM Pilot Program
 - Codman Farm
- Intervention/Academic Support
 - Tutoring Support: ACLC (all subjects)
 - Diagnostic testing for new students
 - Literacy Support: BU Reading Institute
 - After School Support: Academic & Enrichment Specialist



GLOWS

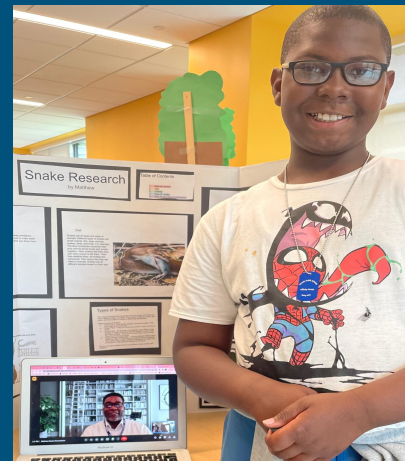
- Partnerships
 - LMPB
 - PTO
 - LEAP
 - MCC
 - Metafold
 - DX4
- SEL
 - Lunch Bunches
 - Open Office Hours
 - Integrated Affinity Groups
 - Guest Speakers
 - STEP



Purpose

BRIDGING COMMUNITIES

The focus of this event is building relationships, fostering communication, and promoting unity, among the Boston and participating Metro school districts. On August 19th communities can come together to create positive change and build stronger, more vibrant communities.



GROWS

- Awareness/Cultural Competence
- Sense of belonging for students and families
- Onboarding/transition process
- Parent engagement
- Transportation (tracking, bus routes, monitors)

