



## Performance Analysis: Boston Public Schools Scores on Advanced Placement Exams 2012-2013

In the Boston Teachers Union e-bulletin, a short description of the recently released AP scores touts BPS outperforming charter high schools. The report lumped all BPS schools together, recording 51% of students achieved a passing score with a 3 or higher on the advanced placement exams, surpassing all Boston-based charter schools.

However, once Boston's three exam schools are removed from the BPS pool, it becomes a different story. The exam schools recorded a 72% passing rate. The remaining BPS high schools record a 14% passing rate. Boston-based charter schools report 22%, and the Boston-based Commonwealth Charter schools recorded a 25% passing rate.

The impact of the exam schools skewing the BPS results is even more apparent when the individual schools are compared. Not only do the charts below illustrate the significantly larger number of students both taking and passing the tests in exam schools, but that charter schools are clearly not left behind by public schools.

Group of Schools	Participation	Passing Rate
Boston Exam Schools	2992	72%
Non-exam BPS	1682	14%
Boston-Based Charter Schools	539	22%
Boston Commonwealth Charter Schools	419	25%

### Ranked by Number of Tests Taken

School	Tests Taken	% Score 3-5
Boston Latin	1,962	80.5
O'Bryant School Math/Science	559	49.9
Boston Latin Academy	471	62.2
East Boston High	360	12.8
Boston Community Leadership Academy	179	15.1
New Mission High School	149	11.4
Brighton High	135	13.3
Boston Collegiate Charter	130	42.3
MATCH Charter	126	21.4
Urban Science Academy	120	17.5
Excel High School	93	17.2
Charlestown High	92	34.8
Community Academy of Science and Health	85	7.1
Madison Park High	82	0
Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers (Horace Mann)	81	21
Boston Preparatory Charter Public	74	14.9
TechBoston Academy	72	13.9
Jeremiah E Burke High	71	2.8
The English High	66	13.6
West Roxbury Academy	64	0
Boston International High School	53	37.7
City On A Hill Charter Public	48	4.2
Academy Of the Pacific Rim Charter Public	41	22
Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School	39	0
Dorchester Academy	27	0
Another Course To College	20	30
Lyon Upper 9-12	14	28.6

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BPS Exam Schools in green. BPS Non-Exam Schools in white. Charter Schools in purple.

