



VISION

The Foxborough Public Schools will inspire all students to succeed in and contribute to an ever-changing global society by fostering dynamic, equitable, and integrated learning experiences.

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The mission of the Foxborough Public Schools, guided by its core values and in collaboration with the community, is to engage all students in a safe and inclusive learning environment with rich, intellectual, artistic, and character-building educational experiences which empower them to become healthy, productive, and responsible leaders, innovators, and global citizens.



Foxborough School Committee

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VALUES

Challenging and innovative educational experiences promote academic excellence by meeting the diverse needs of all students in ways that engage them in their learning.

A safe, supportive, and collaborative environment fosters positive attitudes among students and school staff.

Relationships built on mutual respect and kindness among parents, teachers, town organizations, residents and the entire school community ensure a quality education and are cultivated by ongoing communication and shared resources.

Embracing the diversity and dignity of individuals and cultures enriches learning and supports the development of responsible citizenship.

Portrait of a FPS Graduate



Original art work by Nick Esposito '18

Four Pillars of Success & Strategic Objectives:

Pillar 1: Facilities & Infrastructure

Objective 1: Provide a safe, secure, supportive, responsive, and innovative learning environment for all students and staff.

Pillar 2: Teaching, Learning, & Pedagogy

Objective 2: Provide opportunities for educators to collaborate and create common, equitable learning experiences.

Pillar 3: Well-being

Objective 3: Provide the necessary supports to ensure healthy minds and healthy bodies for all members of the school community.

Pillar 4: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Objective 4: Foster and strengthen the respect and actions of staff, students, and families to celebrate diversity, ensure equity, and practice universal inclusion.

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Foxborough High School
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Top 50 Schools

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- **FPS owns and operates** its own buses and transportation services.
- **FPS is a 1:1 district**, meaning that all K-12 students & teachers have laptop computers for school use.
- **FPS charges NO FEES** for athletics, transportation, parking, or extracurricular clubs & activities.
- Our schools offer **21st century classroom learning experiences** using tools such as 3D printers, interactive white boards, Beebots, green screens, voice activated technologies and more.
- **FPS's Extended Day Programs** offer childcare both before and after school at all 3 Elementary Schools and after school at the Ahern Middle School for a reasonable rate.

Getting to know FPS

| Enrollment | Fall 2021 |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| District-Wide | 2,459 |
| Foxborough High School | 772 |
| Ahern Middle School | 754 |
| Burrell Elementary School | 340 (includes PreK) |
| Igo Elementary School | 345 |
| Taylor Elementary School | 248 |
| Out-of-District | 28 |

| Who Are FPS Students? | Fall 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| African American | 6.9% |
| Asian | 4.6% |
| Hispanic | 7.4% |
| Native American | 0.4% |
| White | 76.8% |
| Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander | 0.1% |
| Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic | 3.9% |

| Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch | Fall 2021 |
|---|-----------|
| District-Wide | 21.44% |
| Foxborough High School | 19.40% |
| Ahern Middle School | 24.70% |
| Burrell Elementary School (excludes preschool) | 20.20% |
| Igo Elementary School | 24.05% |
| Taylor Elementary School | 18.87% |

| Special Education Population | Fall 2021 |
|---|-----------|
| District-Wide | 20.4% |
| Foxborough High School | 17.2% |
| Ahern Middle School | 23.5% |
| Burrell Elementary School (excludes preschool) | 20.3% |
| Igo Elementary School | 17.7% |
| Taylor Elementary School | 15.7% |

| Selected Populations | % of FPS | % of State |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| First Language not English | 5.2 | 23.9 |
| English Language Learner | 2.3 | 11.0 |
| Low-Income | 23.0 | 43.8 |

| Advanced Placement Testing for 2021 | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number of Students Tested | 206 |
| Total Number of Tests Taken | 426 |

| SAT Testing for 2021 | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Number of Students Tested | 198 |
| Mean Scores for 2021 | |
| Math | Reading/Writing |
| 568 | 554 |

Commitment to Equity and Inclusion

Equity and inclusion have always been important to Foxborough Public Schools, but in recent years, these ideas have become a focus in our Planning for Success. This focus has resulted in committee work, curriculum audits, cultural proficiency trainings, book studies, a revision of our District Curriculum Accommodation Plan (DCAP), co-teaching initiatives, graduate courses, targeted professional development, and ongoing dialogue about what equitable practices look like in our schools. While there is more to be done, we are committed to this impactful and vital work.

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.


Benjamin Franklin

WHAT'S NEW?

Mabelle M. Burrell Elementary bid farewell to **Mrs. Michele McCarthy** after 17 years as principal. We wish her the best in **retirement** and welcome Dr. Ed Quigley as interim principal. **Vincent M. Igo Elementary** introduced **grade 4 Student Council Committees** including: Technology, Igo Way and Newspaper, Senior Center Community Building, and Book Club. **Charles G. Taylor Elementary** launched a **Leadership Academy** for grade 4 students. Participants learn about the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and *7 Habits of Happy Children* (S. Covey) and volunteer in K-2 classrooms during select recess blocks.

John J. Ahern Middle School has launched a staff **Core Values and Innovation Team** as well as the **Ahern Student Voices Club**. These groups are working together to revise the Student Handbook and work together to build a strong school community where all voices are heard.

Foxborough High School has introduced a **Freshman Academy** to assist in the transition to high school. The goal of the Academy is to introduce incoming students to the values, culture, and opportunities that FHS offers, and to help them build critical skills necessary for success in high school.

Our schools regularly use Twitter  to showcase what's happening in our classrooms, theaters, labs, studios and fields. **Search #theboro02035 to quickly access our Tweets** and get an inside peek at what's happening!

IN THE HEADLINES!

Foxborough's **award winning music program** consistently ranks among the country's top high school music programs. In 2021, Foxborough High School's Jazz Ensemble was selected once again as a finalist at the prestigious Lincoln Center's 26th Annual **Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival**. While virtual due to COVID-19, FHS musicians received honors in multiple areas and were one of only 15 finalists in the country invited to compete.

FPS is proud to recognize 30 students since 2019 who have earned the **Seal of Bilingualism**. Awarded from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, these students have achieved **fluency in at least two languages**. An additional 16 students from the classes of 2022 and 2023 have also qualified for this honor.

The FHS **DECA Club** continues to grow with 49 students competing at 'Districts', 21 qualifying for 'States' and 1 moving on to the 'International' level.

6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at **John J. Ahern Middle School** are participating in **Project Lead the Way** offerings such as Medical Detectives, Computer Science for Innovators & Makers, Green Architecture, App Creators, and Design and Modeling. These **project-based, STEM** units are sponsored in part by our generous community partnerships.



Burrell Elementary School Project Update:

On December 21st, 2021, the Burrell School community, School Building Committee, public officials, and School Committee members, celebrated the ribbon cutting to mark the official reopening following the nearly 2-year renovation. The state-of-the-art facility was open for tours on the same day, and many community members enjoyed seeing the reimagined spaces, new gymnasium, and modern upgrades that will support student learning for decades to come.

Foxborough High School

From the class of 2021, 88% of Foxborough High School students pursued continuing education, 1% enlisted in the military, 8% entered the workforce, and 2% moved into an apprenticeship.

Foxborough High School is proud to offer a wide variety of Advanced Placement Course options for students. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP exams can elect to receive the AP Capstone Diploma.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSE OFFERINGS

| | |
|--|---------------|
| English Language | Biology |
| Literature | Chemistry |
| Statistics | Physics C |
| Calculus (AB/BC) | Spanish |
| European History | French |
| U.S. History | Psychology |
| Government & Politics | Studio Art 2D |
| Studio Art Drawing | Studio Art 3D |
| AP Seminar & Research | |
| *Additional AP Courses may be taken online through Virtual High School | |

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Anna Maria College
Bentley University
Boston College
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Bryant University
Clark University
Colby-Sawyer College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Cornell University
Curry College
East Carolina University
Eastern Michigan University
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fisher College
Fitchburg State University
Franklin Pierce University
Framingham State University
George Washington University

Grove City College
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Johnson & Wales University
Massachusetts Bay Community College
Massasoit Community College
Merrimack College
Northeastern University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Plymouth State University
Purdue University
Quincy College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Springfield College
St. Lawrence University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Temple University

Tufts University
University of California-LA
University of Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Illinois
University of Maine
University of Mass @ Amherst
University of Mass @ Boston
University of Mass @ Dartmouth
University of Mass @ Lowell
University of Michigan
University of New Hampshire
University of Rhode Island
University of Vermont
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Western New England University
Westfield State University
Wheaton College
Worcester Polytechnic University

