Boston Public Schools, founded in 1647, is the oldest public school system in USA. The nation’s first public school, Boston Latin School, was established in 1635, followed by the Mather School, which opened in 1639 as the nation’s first public elementary school. In 1821 English High School, the second public high school in the country, opened.

Alphabetic list of the schools in the system is as follows:
(Source: BostonPublicSchools.org)

Adams Elementary School
Agassiz Elementary School
Alighieri Elementary School
Another Course to College
Baldwin Early Learning Center
Bates Elementary School
Beethoven Elementary School
Blackstone Elementary School
Boston Adult Technical Academy
Boston Arts Academy
Boston Community Leadership Academy
Boston Day & Evening Academy
Boston International High School
Boston Latin Academy
Boston Latin School
Boston Teachers Union School
Bradley Elementary School
Brighton High School
Brook Farm Business & Service Career Academy
Burke High School
Carter Development Center
Channing Elementary School
Charlestown High School
Clapp Elementary School
Community Academy
Community Academy of Science and Health
Community Transition School
Condon Elementary School
Conley Elementary School
Counseling and Intervention Center
Curley K-8 School
Dearborn Middle School
Dever Elementary School
Dorchester Academy
East Boston Early Education Center
East Boston High School
East Zone Early Learning Center
Edison K-8 School
Edwards Middle School
Eliot K-8 School
Ellis Elementary School
Ellison/Parks Early Education School
Emerson Elementary School
Engineering School
English High School
Everett Elementary School
Excel High School
Farragut Elementary School
Fenway High School
Fifield Elementary School
Frederick Pilot Middle School
Gardner Pilot Academy
Gavin Middle School
Greater Egleston Community High School
Greenwood (Elihu) Elementary School
Greenwood (Sarah) K-8 School
Grew Elementary School
Guild Elementary School
Hale Elementary School
Haley Elementary School
Harbor School
Harvard/Kent Elementary School
Hayes School of Music
Haynes Early Education Center
Henderson Elementary School
Hennigan Elementary School
Hernández K-8 School
Higginson/Lewis K-8 School
Holland Elementary School
Holmes Elementary School
Horace Mann School for the Deaf
Hurley K-8 School
Irving Middle School
Jackson/Mann K-8 School
Kennedy, Edward M., Academy for Health Careers
Kennedy, J.F. Elementary School
Kennedy, P.J. Elementary School
Kenny Elementary School
Kilmer K-8 School
King K-8 School
Lee Academy Pilot School
Lee Elementary School
Lyndon K-8 School
Lyons School
Madison Park Technical/Vocational High School
Manning Elementary School
Marshall Elementary School
Mason Elementary School
Mather Elementary School
Mattahunt Elementary School
McCormack Middle School
McKaye K-8 School
McKinley Elementary School
McKinley Middle School
McKinley Preparatory High School
McKinley Schools
McKinley South End Academy
Media Communications Technology High School
Mendell Elementary School
Middle School Academy
Mildred Avenue K-8 School
Mission Hill K-8 School
Monument Hill High School
Mozart Elementary School
Murphy K-8 School
New Mission High School
Newcomers Academy
O'Bryant School of Math & Science
O'Donnell Elementary School
Odyssey High School
Owenberger School
Orchard Gardens K-8 School
Otis Elementary School
Parkway Academy of Technology and Health
Perkins Elementary School
Perry K-8 School
Phillbrick Elementary School
Quincy Elementary School
Quincy Upper School
Re-Engagement Center
Rogers Middle School
Roosevelt K-8 School
Russell Elementary School
Snowden International School at Copley
Social Justice Academy
Sumner Elementary School
Taylor Elementary School
TechBoston Academy
Tettleberry Middle School
Tobin K-8 School
Trotter Elementary School
Tynan Elementary School
Umana Middle School Academy
Urban Science Academy
Warren/Prescott K-8 School
West Zone Early Learning Center
Winthrop Elementary School
Winthrop Elementary School
Young Achievers Science and Math Pilot K-8
The quality of education and the success rate of students remain one of the most controversial policy issues in Boston’s Public Schools. As one of the oldest public school networks in the country there has been considerable discussion on the accomplishments, or lack thereof, among educationists, parents and politicians. It is common knowledge that the quality of public schools is a major factor for many families in their residential choices. It is ironic, however, that a city known for institutions of higher education is unable to strategically revitalize the school system in preparation for the academic and professional needs of the 21st Century.

Since 2005, drop-out rates have shown improvement. However, the rate for Hispanic students the improvement is not as significant. There is substantial sense of accomplishment and that the high rates of 1999 and 1995 are history.

There has been a dramatic decline in the enrollment of white students while the number of Hispanic students have significantly risen.

Comparative College Educational Attainment

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US | 10.7 | 16.2 | 20.3 | 24.4 | 27.5
Boston | 10.3 | 19.2 | 22.0 | 25.9 | 28.4
Massachusetts | 12.6 | 20.0 | 27.2 | 33.3 | 37.9

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