

**Report on Teaching and Learning
"Introducing the Boston Public Schools"
2008-2009 School Year
Snowden International**

**SCHOOL INFORMATION
DATA ENTRY PROCESS**

Report on Teaching & Learning

What are our school's characteristics?

- International Studies & World Languages Focus
- AVID-Advancement Via Individual Determination
- Require 4 years of a World Language
- Require 4 years of History
- Require 4 years of Science
- College Preparatory
- Minimal Passing Grade C-
- Advanced Placement Program
- Classes conducted in 4 separate buildings
- Travel/Study Program

Who are our school partners?

- Boston Office of the Internal Revenue Service
- Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy
- Freedom House

What awards, honors, and distinctions has our school won?

- Special Recognition, Boston/Sekondi-Takoradi Sister City Assc, 2003
- Effective Practice School, Boston Plan For Excellence, 2004
- I.S.E. Award, Mass. Foreign Language Association, 2004
- Bronze Medal, America's Best High Schools, U.S. News and World Report, 2007
- Continued Accreditation (10 Years), New England Assoc. of Schools & Colleges, 2007
- High Performing Mass. Urban High School, Study Comissioned by MA Office of EQA, 2007
- School Year Abroad in China, Phillips Academy in Andover, 2008

What makes our school special?

Snowden is a college preparatory school with a focus on international studies and world languages. It is housed in four separate buildings in the Copley Square area. The rigorous college preparatory program includes Advanced Placement courses in history, English, and calculus. All students study Chinese, French, Japanese, or Spanish for four years. Students can access additional academic support through: Princeton Mentoring Program and After School Assistance Program. Approximately 70% of the students enter college within a year after graduation.

How do we engage families in our school community?

There are two open houses held every year to give parents an opportunity to meet with the teachers and discuss their student's progress. In addition, there are weekly meetings scheduled for parents to confer with all of their student's core subject teachers at one time. There are support staff to assist parents with helping their student with school related problems. The School Parent Council holds monthly meetings. High school success, student graduation readiness and college information workshops are offered to parents.

How are we preparing our students for educational success?

To support academic achievement there are volunteer tutors who work with students in the classroom and after school. There is a writing center staffed by college interns to assist student with their writing assignments, college essays, etc. The professional development program for faculty is focused on improving instruction.

What is our school's Uniform Policy?

Policy: No Uniform

Details: No provocative dress will be allowed. NO clothing or jewelry may be worn that contain references to profanity, drugs, sexually explicit material, or gang and/or violence related material.

Directions: How do I get to our school?

From Park Street Station take any Green Line car to Copley Station. From Forest Hills Station take Copley Square bus (Rte. 39). Get off at Copley Station. Also, take the Orange Line train. Get off at Back Bay Station.

Introducing the Boston Public Schools 2009

Special Features

- Schoolwide focus on world languages and international studies: All students must complete four years of the same language (French, Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin), and assignment to the school will be made based on the basis of the language selected
- Rigorous college preparatory curriculum
- Housed in four separate buildings in the Copley Square area
- Advanced Placement courses in history, English, and calculus
- Academic support through Princeton Mentoring Program, After School Assistance Program
- After School Academic Tutoring
- Weekly meetings for parents to confer with all of their student's core subject teachers at one time
- Support staff to help parents with school-related problems
- School partners: Fletcher School, Freedom House, and Internal Revenue Service.

'At a Glance' Chart: Number of Classes Per Grade (Elementary and K-8 only)

'At a Glance' Chart: Capsule Description (High Schools Only)

International studies and world languages; college preparatory

'At a Glance' Chart: School-day highlights (High Schools Only)

Must take and pass four years of world language, history, and science to complete graduation requirements; college prep curriculum; Mandarin, Japanese, French and Spanish; theater, art, film, internships, college courses, travel/study program

'At a Glance' Chart: Before-School Programs

'At a Glance' Chart: After-School Programs

Tutoring in all subjects, SAT prep, Model United Nations, athletics, student government, travel/study program, dance team, anime gamers, chess, philosophy and theater clubs.

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