



# \*THE RANKINGS

How the area's best private and public schools measure up.

Rank	School	Private school (\$)	Enrollment	Students per teacher	Electives	Varsity sports	Extracurriculars	SAT verbal/math/writing	Percentage to 4-year colleges	AP courses	Percentage of classrooms with Internet access	Students per computer
1	PHILLIPS ACADEMY, ANDOVER	\$ 1,102	6	273	33	87	675/695/673	99	29	n/a	6	
2	MIDDLESEX SCHOOL	\$ 355	5	92	27	60	670/680/670	100	25	100	1	
3	NOBLE AND GREENOUGH SCHOOL	\$ 441	7	106	27	38	663/675/682	100	26	100	1	
4	THE ROXBURY LATIN SCHOOL	\$ 280	8	n/a	10	14	n/a	100	6	n/a	3	
5	BUCKINGHAM BROWNE & NICHOLS	\$ 473	6	87	30	31	674/689/682	100	21	100	2	
6	THE WINSOR SCHOOL	\$ 428	7	78	14	50	713/694*	100	n/a	100	4	
7	COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL	\$ 153	5	44	8	20	710/700/710	100	22	100	6.2	
8	GROTON SCHOOL	\$ 358	6	n/a	21	30	670/650*	100	24	n/a	1	
9	BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL	2,421	22.4	47	25	63	620/644*	90	25	100	9.3	
10	WESTON HIGH SCHOOL	688	11	41	23	53	622/630*	93	14	100	4.1	
11	NEWTON SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL	1,701	12.4	233	31	49	607/630*	90	16	100	4.8	
12	NEWTON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL	\$ 370	7	28	12	40	670/650*	100	20	100	1	
13	BROOKS SCHOOL	\$ 354	5	100	19	121	n/a	100	17	n/a	1	
14	MILTON ACADEMY	\$ 680	5	n/a	30	47	n/a	100	n/a	n/a	2.8	
15	BOSTON UNIVERSITY ACADEMY	\$ 156	9	200	4	20	700/712/691	100	n/a	100	5	
16	CONCORD ACADEMY	\$ 365	6	n/a	18	48	678/664/681	95	n/a	n/a	3	
17	WELLESLEY HIGH SCHOOL	1,203	13.4	108	28	35	603/617*	87	12	100	2.9	
18	NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL	2,019	11.2	206	31	69	595/614*	80	21	91.6	4.6	
19	BELMONT HILL SCHOOL	\$ 417	7	75	16	42	660/680/680	100	16	100	2	
20	BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL	1,891	12.8	145	40	34	598/620*	81	15	100	3	
21	DOVER-SHERBORN HIGH SCHOOL	565	11.4	74	32	21	620/630*	96	14	100	19	
22	BRIMMER AND MAY SCHOOL	\$ 125	7	32	14	25	n/a	100	9	100	2	
23	WORCESTER ACADEMY	\$ 490	8	105	26	31	600/629/611	100	15	100	3	
24	THAYER ACADEMY	\$ 451	7	79	26	31	620/630*	100	14	100	3	
25	ST. MARK'S SCHOOL	\$ 341	5	89	23	35	649/656*	100	24	100	1	

**A FEW NOTES ABOUT OUR NUMBERS:** For this year's rankings, our goal was to identify what might be thought of as the area's most well-rounded schools. If the main article in this package celebrates excelling in a particular area, the list above awards credit for offering something for every type of student—and providing them all a top-notch education.

To gather our data, we interviewed school officials and consulted school websites, the state Department of Education, and other published resources; where current numbers were unavailable, we used figures collected for previous school rankings. (\*For SAT scores, an asterisk denotes 2005 figures, which don't include the new writing segment.) That information was then given to Babson College statistics and entrepreneurship professor I. Elaine Allen. Working with Christopher Seaman, a Ph.D. candidate in mathematics at City University of New York, she employed factor analysis to group the variables into three subsets: academic achievement,

which was largely composed of SAT scores, percentage of students attending four-year colleges, and number of AP courses offered; learning environment, which was largely composed of student/faculty ratio and the number of electives, varsity sports, and extracurricular activities offered; and technology, which included percentage of classrooms with Internet access and number of computers per student. To calculate the final rankings, academic achievement was weighted 50 percent, and learning environment and technology were both weighted 25 percent. If we couldn't obtain a given piece of data, the mean for that category was plugged in so as to not bias the analyses. Variables that would be expected to increase when enrollment rises were standardized in accordance with the size of the school's student body.

boys in the Jesuit tradition of public-spiritedness, which many alumni have channeled into successful electoral strategies. Grads occupy posts up and down the political ladder, from Boston City Council president (Michael Flaherty) to state rep (Garrett J. Bradley) to state senator (Jack Hart) to U.S. attorney (Michael Sullivan). *Fiscal conservatives:* Even if your son doesn't dream of one day taking over the Big Dig and/or being roasted in

a *Herald* editorial, BC High is a good choice for a top-notch education at a relatively affordable rate: just over 11 grand for the 2006–2007 school year. Next fall the school is adding seventh and eighth grades, making it possible for the new generation of aspiring officeholders to surpass those predecessors who went to BC High, BC, and BC Law, and become the first-ever Quadruple Eagles. *School stats:* Boys only; grades 7–12; day tuition: \$11,400; 150

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## Milton Academy (FEDERAL GOVERNMENT)

If it was good enough for the Kennedys... While Choate was the choice for JFK, Bobby and

Teddy attended Milton Academy. Gubernatorial hopeful and former Justice Department official Deval Patrick also went to the school, which offers a unique two-year course, "The United States in the Modern World," that serves as an intense primer in domestic and international current affairs—something a certain commander in chief could well have benefited from. *School stats:* Coed; grades K–12; day / boarding