

Community Report

Winter 2019

VISION

The Foxborough Public Schools will inspire our students to succeed in and contribute to an everchanging global society by fostering dynamic and integrated learning experiences.

MISSION

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



Foxborough School Committee

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VALUES

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

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

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

Ensuring a quality education, cultivated by ongoing communication and shared resources among parents, teachers, town organizations, and residents, is the responsibility of the entire community.

School Administration

60 South Street (508) 543-1660

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Amy A. Berdos, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent Alison J. Mello, Ed. D.

Director of Special Education Sandra C. Einsel, Ph.D.

Director of Technology

Aaron F. Hyre

School Business Administrator

William F. Yukna

Schools

Foxborough High School

Diana M. Myers-Pachla, Principal David D. Pierce, Assistant Principal Beth A. Sylvia, Assistant Principal 120 South Street (508) 543-1616

John J. Ahern Middle School

Susan E. Abrams, Principal Kerryn Frazier, Assistant Principal Jon DeMarco, Ed.D. Assistant Principal 111 Mechanic Street (508) 543-1610

Burrell Elementary School

Michele L. McCarthy, Principal 16 Morse Street (508) 543-1605

Igo Elementary School

Michael J. Stanton, Principal 70 Carpenter Street (508) 543-1680

Taylor Elementary School

Moira Rodgers, Ed.D. Principal 196 South Street (508) 543-1607

Strategic Plan Objectives:

Objective 1: To develop responsible global citizens by providing dynamic learning experiences within a rigorous curriculum that fosters high levels of achievement for all students.

Objective 2: To continue to strengthen school culture, ensuring that students, staff, parents and all stakeholders feel valued, safe, and have a voice.

Objective 3: To enhance district infrastructure and technological capabilities to provide an increasingly safe and supportive physical and innovative academic school environment.

Objective 4: To maintain strong support for public education within the town of Foxborough.

District Data



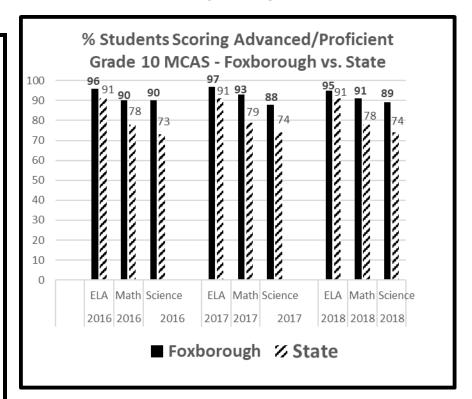
DISTRICT OVERVIEW

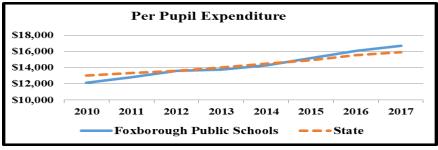
Enrollment	Fall 2018
District-Wide	2,585
Foxborough High School	813
Ahern Middle School	842
Burrell Elementary School	311 (includes PreK)
Igo Elementary School	366
Taylor Elementary School	224
Out-of-District	31

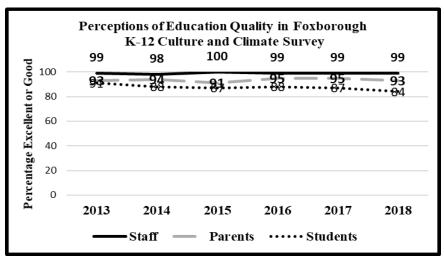
Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	Fall 2018
District-Wide	18.29%
Foxborough High School	19.31%
Ahern Middle School	16.63%
Burrell Elementary School (excludes preschool)	19.20%
Igo Elementary School	24.04%
Taylor Elementary School	12.95%

Special Education Population	Fall 2018
District-Wide	18.98%
Foxborough High School	15.62%
Ahern Middle School	21.14%
Burrell Elementary School (excludes preschool)	14.73%
Igo Elementary School	19.13%
Taylor Elementary School	16.52%

Foxborough High School







Foxborough Public Schools



Foxborough High School

CLASS OF 2018

From the class of 2018, 90% of Foxborough High School students pursued continuing education, 2% specialized programs, 4% enlisted in the military and 4% entered the workforce.

SAT TESTING FOR 2018

84% of the class of 2018 took the SAT exam. Foxborough's mean SAT scores for 2018 were Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 560; and Math: 574.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

Foxborough High School offers the following Advanced Placement Courses:

- English Language
- Literature
- Statistics
- Calculus (AB/BC)
- European History
- U.S. History
- Government & Politics
- Spanish
- French
- AP Seminar & Research

- Psychology
- Studio Art 2D
- Studio Art 3D
- Studio Art Drawing
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics C
- Additional AP Courses may be taken through Virtual High School

204 Foxborough High School students took AP courses last year; 432 exams were administered. In 2018, 80% of tests scored 3 or better.

In 2018, for the second consecutive year, Foxborough High School voluntarily participated in the *OECD Test for Schools (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, FR)* an international benchmarking tool allowing schools to compare their performance in science, math and reading to other schools around the nation and the world. Foxborough scores were comparable to the top nations in the world including Singapore, Hong Kong-China, and Japan.

Cognitive Test	Mean Performance Score: U.S.A.	Mean Performance Score: Foxborough	Countries that performed better than Foxborough
Reading	497	526	Singapore (535) Hong-Kong China (527) Canada (527)
Math	470	547	Singapore (564) Hong-Kong China (548)
Science	496	531	Singapore (556) Hong-Kong Japan (538)

WHAT'S NEW?

Foxborough High School is close to realizing the vision of a full outdoor athletic complex. Bleachers and a press box are now fully installed to complement our turf field. The 8-lane track is set to be completed by late Spring and the anticipated completion date of the concession stand is September, 2019.

7th grade students at **John J. Ahern Middle School** are participating in a new community project called the Grade 7 Experience. This program partners students with community entities and engages students in real-world experiences that support learning and citizenship through local involvement.

Mabelle M. Burrell Elementary School is in the final planning stages of a major renovation that will better equip students and teachers for the rapidly changing educational landscape. Groundbreaking is set for October-November 2019 and the entire project is scheduled to be completed for the opening of school in 2021.

The **Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program** is offered at Foxborough High School. **AP Seminar** and **AP Research** provide unique research opportunities for current AP students with eligible students receiving an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board.

DID YOU KNOW?

Average class sizes range from 18-20 students at the elementary level and 22-24 at the secondary level.

Foxborough charges no fees for athletics, transportation, parking or extracurricular clubs and activities. A **wide range of extracurricular** clubs and activities is offered at all levels.

Foxborough **owns and operates** its own buses and transportation service.

Foxborough offers Universal Free Full Day Kindergarten.

Foxborough'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.

Foxborough's **award winning music program** consistently ranks among the country's top high school music programs.

Foxborough students were awarded **25 Scholastic Art and 2 Writing Awards** at the prestigious *Boston Globe* sponsored competition in 2018.

FHS students in the **DECA** program, a student organization that **prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management** continues to be competitive at the district, state, national and international levels.

The FHS girls' basketball team captured the title of **Division 2 State Champions** in 2018 for the first time since 1995.

Foxborough enjoys **strong and vibrant partnerships** with several local businesses and community agencies. These include generous parent groups (PTOs/PACs/Athletic and Music Boosters), Meditech, Schneider Electric, the Kraft Organization, the Hockomock Area YMCA, Foxboro Cable Access, and Stop & Shop, along with many others.





RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Amherst College Assumption College Bentley University Berklee College of Music

Boston College Boston University Brandeis University

Bridgewater State University

Brown University
Bryant University

College of the Holy Cross

Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Duke University
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fordham University

George Washington University

Georgetown University
Harvard University
Hofstra University
Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales University
Massachusetts College of Art
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Merrimack College New York University Northeastern University Pennsylvania State University

Providence College Quinnipiac University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roger Williams University
Saint Anselm College
Simmons College
Stanford University
Stonehill College

Suffolk University Tulane University Tufts University

University of Connecticut University of Mass @ Amherst University of Mass @ Dartmouth University of Mass @ Lowell University of New Hampshire

University of Rhode Island
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
US Naval Academy
Vassar College
Villanova University
Wellesley College
Wheaton College
West Point Academy

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Yale University