



BDEA Student Application 2009-2010 School Year

Welcome! You hold an opportunity in your hands: an application to become a member of the Boston Day and Evening Academy Community. Congratulations for taking this first step towards a new educational experience, earning a high school diploma and ultimately achieving personal and financial success! We are looking for students who are motivated to make a change and committed to working hard, so you are already showing that you are motivated by reading this application.

Boston Day and Evening Academy (BDEA) is a Boston public school, but we are also different from a “regular” public school. As a Horace Mann Charter School, BDEA has one foot in the regular BPS system, and one foot outside of it. This unique position means we can offer you a truly alternative educational experience. Our mission is to provide students who are overage for grade with an education experience that supports and encourages their uniqueness while also fostering a solid sense of community. We believe we must know our students well to do this, so BDEA is a small school of only 350 students with small classes of only 15-17 students each. We also offer three different programs within our building to serve students with different needs. Our day program serves 16-18 year old students who are overage for middle school and who have experienced inconsistent success in school. Our evening program serves 16-23 year old students who have attended high school before. Our distance learning program serves students who are unable to attend school on a regular basis because of health issues or complicated life circumstances.

As a member of our community, you will participate in academic classes, electives and an advisory class where you will learn the skills to become a creative and critical thinker, and independent learner, and an active citizen. To graduate from BDEA you must pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) Exam. You must also prove that you are competent in math, humanities, science, and technology. At BDEA, we encourage students to show what they know in multiple ways so you will do a lot of projects, exhibitions, and community service work to show what you know and what you can do.

These are just some of the ways we inspire our students to accomplish their academic and personal goals. To learn more about our school, please complete this application and come in for an informational interview. We can tell you so much more in person. Good Luck!

BDEA APPLICATION PROCESS

Boston Day and Evening Academy engages students and their families in all aspects of the application, admission, and educational process. In order to apply to BDEA, students and their parents and/or guardians must complete the following steps:

- STEP 1: BPS REGISTRATION: Check with Boston Public Schools to re-register if you have been out of school for more than two months. You must re-register at the parent center in your zone. To find out which zone you live in, please call 617-635-9000.
- STEP 2: APPLICATION: Fill out the BDEA Application completely, and return it with a copy of your **immunization record**, and **transcripts from the last high school attended**. (Attention: Student Recruitment). If you deliver it by hand, please give it to one of the secretaries in the main office.
- STEP 3: SCREENING COMMITTEE: Your application will be reviewed by a screening committee when we receive it. If you meet the BDEA admissions criteria, you will be contacted for an interview by a member of the committee.
- STEP 4: INTERVIEW #1 – This meeting is a chance for you and your guardian(s) to learn more about the school and for us to learn more about you. If BDEA seems like a good fit for you and we have space available, you will be contacted by the Student Support Coordinator to schedule a second interview.
- STEP 5: INTERVIEW #2 – You will meet with the Student Support Coordinator and we will discuss which BDEA program best suits your needs. If you are under eighteen and your guardian(s) did not come with you to the first interview, we require that they come to this interview with you.
- STEP 6: Final letters of acceptance will be sent out within one week of the second interview.
- STEP 7: Once you are accepted to BDEA, you must come attend a BDEA SEMINAR where you will learn more about our school culture and complete placement tests in Math, English, and the GRADE exam. This testing is un-timed and for program placement purposes only.
- STEP 8: Meet with the BDEA Nurse to review your medical forms, and then meet with the Co-Heads of School.
- STEP 9: Meet with the BDEA registrar to check that all forms are in and have your ID picture taken.
- STEP 10: Yahoo! You are now an official Boston Day and Evening Academy student!!

All Application materials must be mailed or delivered to the following address:

Boston Day and Evening Academy
20 Kearsarge Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119
Attention: Student Recruitment
Phone: (617) 635-6789 Fax: (617) 635-6380

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through April 15th. We will continue to accept applications until all openings are filled. After all vacancies are filled, we place students on an active waiting list.

Please note the enrollment process may take up to 30 days. Please refer to the website for the complete enrollment process.

BDEA APPLICATION for ADMISSION 2008-2009

Required Field where did you receive information about BDEA: _____

Today's Date: _____

Name: (First) _____ (Middle) _____
(Last) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Sex: M ___ F ___ Date of Birth ___/___/___ City, State & Country of Birth: _____

I identify myself as: Asian ___ Black ___ Hispanic ___ Native American ___ White ___
Other _____

What languages do you speak or understand?

Will you or your guardians need translation at meetings? Yes ___ No ___ Language: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Boston Public School Student ID Number: _____ Current Grade: _____

Current School: _____ Dates of Attendance: _____

Why do you want to leave?

Previous School: _____ Dates of Attendance: _____

Why did you leave?

Do you presently have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan? Yes ___ No ___

FAMILY INFORMATION

Applicant lives with: Both Parents___ Mother___ Father___
Other_____

Do you have sibling(s) at BDEA? Yes___ No___ Names:

Full name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) that the student lives with:

Name:_____ Relationship:_____

Phone:_____

Name:_____ Relationship:_____

Phone:_____

Address (If Different):_____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip;

Additional Emergency Contact Person:

Name:_____ Relationship:_____

Phone:_____

REFERENCES

Please supply the screening committee with TWO references we may contact for information about you.

ACADEMIC REFERENCE (TEACHER or SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ONLY PLEASE)

Name _____ Position _____ Phone

PERSONAL OR WORK REFERENCE

Name _____ Relation _____ Phone

DISCLAIMER: Submission of a BDEA application and/or participation in the interview process does not guarantee acceptance to the program.

I confirm that I have read and understand the above statement.

Signature:_____ Date: _____

BDEA PROGRAM OPTIONS

BDEA operates three separate programs in a single building: a day program, an evening program, and a distance-learning program. All of these programs have the same graduation requirements, but each one serves a particular type of student and has a unique schedule. Our goal in the interview process is to determine which BDEA program will best meet your particular needs. To help us in this process, please read through the three program profiles and then **answer the following question:**

DAY PROGRAM

This program serves students aged 16-18 who have not attended high school before. Day students generally enter BDEA straight from middle school. Day school classes are held from 9am-2pm Monday through Friday.

EVENING PROGRAM

This program serves students aged 16-23 who have been in high school before, but have had an unsuccessful or interrupted experience. Evening classes are held from 1:30pm-7pm Monday-Thursday.

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

This program serves students who are particularly motivated, self-directed, and independent learners. Distance Learning students also have significant commitments or health restrictions that make coming to school regularly impossible. Distance Learning courses are conducted largely through weekly advisory and check-in meetings at the school.

Based on this information, which program do you think is the best fit for you? Please explain your reason in as much detail as possible.

WRITING SAMPLE

Think about your previous educational experiences and, in **2-3 paragraphs**, explain **WHY** you want to come to the Boston Day and Evening Academy, **HOW** this experience will be different, and **WHAT** you have learned about yourself that will help you become more successful at BDEA. *(Please use the following page for your essay)*

Essay Response:

Application Checklist:

Did you include...

- Your immunization records
- Your Transcripts
- Your Essay response
- Are all questions answered completely?

Please be aware that without the attachments, or if your application is incomplete in any way, it will not be reviewed.