



BC HIGH

Application Guide 2020-2021

We understand that considering private schools is a complex process and appreciate that you are taking the time to explore Boston College High School. As we review each enrollment application, we take a comprehensive and holistic approach. In addition to assessing each individual's academic record, standardized test scores, and recommendations, we look for the less tangible strengths as well — commitment to personal interests and activities, a positive outlook to life, and an eagerness to embrace a rigorous education. While the application process may seem daunting, we are committed to providing you and your families with support and guidance. Feel free to reach out to us for assistance.

Important Dates & Deadlines

	Arrupe Division Grade 7 Applicants	High School Grade 9 Applicants	Transfer Grades 8,10 & 11 Applicants
Application Due	January 31, 2021	January 3, 2021	January 31, 2021
Financial Aid Application Due	January 31, 2021	January 3, 2021	January 31, 2021
Decision Notification	March 10, 2021	January 29, 2021	March 10, 2021
Enrollment Deposit Deadline	April 10, 2021	March 13, 2021	April 10, 2021

Enrollment Application Requirement

Along with many private schools, BC High utilizes Ravenna as the system that provides a common approach to the application process. In order to begin your enrollment application, please create a Ravenna account by visiting www.ravenna-hub.com. You will be able to submit materials through your Ravenna account. The following items should be submitted by the appropriate deadline date.

Grades 7 & 8 Applicants

- Student Application
- Parent/Guardian Questionnaire
- School Report Form
- Official School Transcript
- English or History Teacher Recommendation
- Math, Science, or Language Teacher Recommendation
- Standardized test scores (ISEE)

Grade 9 Applicants

- Student Application
- Parent/Guardian Questionnaire
- School Report Form
- Official School Transcript
- English or History Teacher Recommendation
- Math, Science, or Language Teacher Recommendation
- Standardized test scores (HSPT or SSAT)

Grades 10 & 11 Applicants

- Student Application
- Parent/Guardian Questionnaire
- School Report Form
- Official School Transcript
- English or History Teacher Recommendation
- Math, Science, or Language Teacher Recommendation
- Standardized test scores taken within the past 2 years from one of the following: HSPT, SSAT, MCAS, PARCC, PSAT, SAT, or ACT

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Understanding Each Enrollment Requirement

Student Application

This should be completed by the student applicant. This form allows the Enrollment Committee to learn more about your background, interests, and desire to attend BC High.

Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

This should be completed by the parent or guardian of the applicant. The questionnaire provides the Enrollment Committee with an important viewpoint from someone who knows you best.

School Report

This form should be submitted to the school official who is responsible for preparing and releasing student records — most often the school principal or guidance counselor. This report will provide the Enrollment Committee with a summary of your school history and academic performance.

Official School Transcript

Your school should submit an official transcript that includes courses and grades from the previous two years including any available grades from the current school year. A parent or guardian must complete the Transcript Release Form in Ravenna in order for the school to submit the paperwork.

English or History Recommendation

Your current or previous year's English or history teacher should complete this recommendation. This will help the Enrollment Committee garner a strong understanding of your strength in critical thinking, reading, oral comprehension, vocabulary, writing, and grammar

Math, Science, or Language Recommendation

Your current or previous year's math, science, or language teacher should complete this recommendation. This will help the Enrollment Committee to further understand your work ethic, motivation, classroom presence, and character traits.

Standardized Tests

You will need to submit official results from standardized exams. Applicants to Grades 7 and 8 must submit results from the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). Please note that the exam does not need to be taken at BC High, but results must be received by the appropriate application deadline date. *Boston Public School students must take the ISEE to be considered for merit scholarships. Non-merit aid is available to those who qualify through our financial aid application.*

All Grade 9 applicants must submit results from the High School Placement Test (HSPT) or the Secondary School Enrollment Test (SSAT). Students may take both the HSPT and SSAT should they choose. Only one entrance exam is required. Please note that the exam does not need to be taken at BC High, but results must be received by the appropriate application deadline date.

Transfer applicants for Grades 10 and 11 must submit test results taken within the past 2 years from one of the following: HSPT, SSAT, MCAS, PARCC, PSAT, SAT, or ACT.

Tests Offered at BC High

Please note that in-person testing is subject to COVID-19 Restrictions. Dates below may change.

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

Test Dates: October 31, November 21, December 5

This test will be administered at BC High. On-line registration is available on the [Scholastic Testing Service website](#). Our school code is 506. For those who require extended time, please register for the Nov. 21 date. Students can only take the HSPT once.

Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)

Test Date: January 9

The SSAT will be administered at BC High. To register for the SSAT, visit <https://ssat.org/> Please ensure that test scores are sent to BC High by January 3, 2021. Our school code is 1756. Students can take the SSAT more than once.

Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)

Test Dates: November 21, December 5, January 9

The ISEE will be administered at BC High. To register for the ISEE, please visit www.erblearn.org. Our school code is 220180. Students can take the ISEE more than once

Applying for Financial Assistance

Each year, eligible applicants may qualify to receive financial assistance. To apply, a parent/guardian must complete a financial aid application by visiting www.bchigh.edu/admission/affording-bc-high and clicking on "Financial Aid Application." Applications are due with the application and awards will accompany decision letters. Financial aid applications submitted *after* the application deadlines will not be considered until late spring. Families must use the most recent tax forms and W2s in order to complete the financial aid application accurately. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Charlie Drane Ed.D., Vice President for Enrollment Management, at drane@bchigh.edu.