

# Application Guide 2023-2024

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 family with support and guidance. Feel free to reach out to us for assistance.

Important Dates & Deadlines	

	All Applicants - Grades <b>7 - 11</b> (Arrupe, High School & Transfer Students)
Application Due	January 16, 2024
Financial Aid Application Due	January 16, 2024
Decision Notification	March 8, 2024
Enrollment Deposit Deadline	April 12, 2024

# **Enrollment Application Requirements**

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 <u>www.ravenna-hub.com</u>. You will be able to submit materials through your Ravenna account. The following items should be submitted by the appropriate deadline date.

### All Applicants Must Submit:

- Student Application
- Parent/Guardian Questionnaire
- School Report Form
- Official School Transcript
- English or History Teacher Recommendation
- Math, Science, or Language Teacher Recommendation
- Grade 7 & 8: Standardized test scores (ISEE)
- <u>Grade 9</u>: Standardized test scores (HSPT or SSAT)
- Grade 10 & 11: 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 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 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.

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 two years from one of the following: HSPT, SSAT, MCAS, PARCC, PSAT, SAT, or ACT.

#### Tests Offered at BC High High School Placement Test (HSPT)

#### Test Dates: November 18, December 2, December 16

This test will be administered at BC High. Online 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. 18 date. Students can only take the HSPT once.

#### Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) Test Date: December 2

The SSAT will be administered at BC High. To register for the SSAT, <u>visit https://ssat.org/</u>. Please ensure that test scores are sent to BC High by January 16, 2024. Our school code is 1756. Students can take the SSAT more than once.

#### Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)

Test Dates: November 18, December 16, January 6

The ISEE will be administered at BC High. To register for the ISEE, please visit <u>www.erblearn.org.</u> Our school code is 220180. For those who require extended time, please register for the Nov. 18 date. 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 <u>www.bchigh.edu/enrollment/investing-in-your-child</u> and clicking on "Apply for Financial Aid." 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 Donna Simonelli, Assistant Enrollment Director and Financial Aid Manager, at <u>dsimonelli@bchigh.edu.</u>