

B.M.C. DURFEE HIGH **SCHOOL**

School Profile 2024-2025

**460 Elsbree Street
Fall River, MA 02720
Tel: 508-675-8100**

SAT/ACT School Code: 220785



Core Values and Beliefs Statement

The B.M.C. Durfee High School community is dedicated to providing a safe, rigorous learning environment that is equitable, inclusive, and collaborative, empowering students to explore diverse paths and contribute to the global community.

All Hilltoppers have Durfee PRIDE!

PURPOSE: Students will demonstrate academic achievement through the core academic pillars of higher order questioning, evidence based writing, academic conversation and close observation and analysis.

RESPONSIBILITY: Students will demonstrate their ability to make caring and constructive choices through ownership of personal behavior, social interactions and dependability across diverse situations.

INNOVATION: Students will demonstrate their ability to generate new ideas and demonstrate creative problem-solving.

DILIGENCE: Students will demonstrate their ability to generate new ideas and demonstrate creative problem-solving.

EMPOWERMENT: Students will demonstrate their ability to set goals for themselves and take realistic steps to achieve them using the Durfee Way.

Community

Fall River is an urban city with a population of approximately 93,000 residents. It is centrally located 15 miles from Providence and Newport, Rhode Island, 60 miles south of Boston and 35 miles from Cape Cod. The Fall River school district is economically, racially and culturally diverse. The school district includes ten elementary schools, three middle schools, two K-8 schools, one alternative high school, and one traditional comprehensive high school.

Administrators

Dr. Tracey Curley—Superintendent

Dr. Jessica Stephens – Principal

Ms. Jessica Vinacco – Associate Principal

Mr. Kyle Grandfield - Director of SEL & Support Services

Mr. Christopher Cicchinelli – Vice Principal

Mr. Jason Gray – Vice Principal

Mr. Taylor Brown – Vice Principal

Mr. Gerald Lima – Vice Principal

B.M.C. Durfee High School is a large comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of approximately 2,600 students in grades nine through twelve. The student population is ethnically, socio-economically, culturally and linguistically diverse. The staff consists of 200 teachers, a principal, a Dept Head of School Counseling, one Associate Principal four Vice Principals, twelve counselors, and ten adjustment counselors. The school is fully accredited by the New England Assoc. of Schools and Colleges

School Counselors

MS. ASHLEY ALGARIN, School Counselor

MS. SANDY DASILVA, School Counselor

MS. RACHEL FELLOWS, School Counselor

MS. BETHANY GUIMOND, School Counselor

MS. JENNA LAGASSE, School Counselor

MS. TARA MANCINI, School Counselor

MS. MARIA MATOS, School Counselor

MS. DENISE MIGA, School Counselor

MS. JANET PACHECO, School Counselor

MS. JESSICA POWERS, School Counselor

MS. SILVANA RESENDES, School Counselor

MS. EMMA JACINTHO, School Counselor

MS. BARBARA MEYER, Dept Head of Schl. Counseling

MR. ANDREW WOODWARD, Director of School Counseling & Pathway Development

Curriculum

Our multi-level curriculum utilizes High Quality Instructional Materials and is designed to meet the educational needs of all student ability levels, from college preparatory to advanced placement. In addition to passing the state required MCAS exam in ELA, Math and Science, students must earn 100 credits and pass core course requirements in order receive a high school diploma.

Core Graduation Requirements

English / ESL	4 courses
Mathematics	4 courses
Science	3 courses
Social Science	4 courses
Fine and Performing Arts	1 course
Physical Education / Health	5 courses
World Language	2 courses

Total Credits Needed: 100 Credits

Credits
Full Year classes are worth 5 credits,
semester classes are worth 2.5 credits and
Quarter-based classes are worth 1.25 credits

Educational Opportunities

B.M.C. Durfee offers various AP, Early College, Dual Enrollment and Career/Vocational options for students. In addition, Durfee is an AP Capstone participant.

Advanced Placement courses options

- AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Language, and AP Literature
- AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I, AP Physics II, and AP Environmental Earth Science
- AP US History, AP European History, AP Human Geography, AP Government, AP African American Studies, AP Psychology
- AP Spanish
- AP Studio Art 2D

Project Lead the Way

- Engineering
- Biomedical Sciences
- Computer Science

Career & Technical Educational Programs

- Construction, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Early Education and Childcare, Engineering, Environmental Science and Technology, Health Assisting, Marketing, Visual Design, FRED TV Production, NJROTC Leadership

Dual Enrollment/Early College

- Bristol Community College Early College
- Bridgewater State Early College
- UMASS Dartmouth Early College
- CTE Pathway Articulation Agreements
- CDEP Dual Enrollment opportunities

Fine and Performing Arts

- Theatre, Dance, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Art, Fashion Design, Music Production, Guitar, Piano, Drumming

GPA and Class Rank

B.M.C. Durfee High School uses a weighted grade point average (GPA) and class rank system shown below. GPA and class rank is calculated from students' final grade(s) in his/her courses. Each course is assigned quality points based on the instructional level (College Preparation, Honors/Pre-AP, or AP/Dual Enrollment)

Weighted GPA

Grade	College Prep	Honor/Pre AP	AP/Dual Enrollment
A+	4.3	4.8	5.3
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
D	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0	0	0

Grading System

A+	100-97	A	96-93	A-	92-90
B+	89-87	B	86-83	B-	82-80
C+	79-77	C	76-73	C-	72-70
D	66-65	F	64 and below		

Post-Secondary Plans of Class of 2024 Graduates

Percent furthering Education

67%

Percent in four-year Colleges

31%

Percent in two-year Colleges

36%

Percent in Military **3%**

Percent in Work **29%**