

The purpose of this booklet is to provide an overview of the rights of and services for undocumented students within the Boston Public schools.

Parents: As a parent or guardian, know that your child has a right to a public education and that you should not feel intimidated from registering your child for any educational service offered in BPS.

Students: Education is a doorway to opportunities. In BPS, we are committed to respecting your rights to an equitable educational experience and to ensure that you have access to resources to support you in your academic journey.

Teachers: To provide you an insight to resources and opportunities that can be used to support students you encounter who self-identify as undocumented. Encourage these students to stay in school and to access additional resources are to support them.

All BPS Staff: To remind all staff of the legal rights that undocumented students have within Massachusetts and the City of Boston. The expectation is that BPS is an environment that respects a student's right to access equitable education.

HOW TO USE THIS BROCHURE



BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL



There is no federal law that prohibits the admission of undocumented immigrants to U.S. colleges, public or private. Upon graduation, Massachusetts provides opportunities for undocumented students.

Boston Public Schools: Guidance Counselors are a great resource to research scholarships, career pathways and other opportunities available. We also have an annual college/career expo.

Abigail Adams Scholarship: Undergraduate in-state scholarship awarded to graduating Massachusetts high school students who scored in the top 25% of their school district on MCAS, now open to undocumented students.

In-State Tuition: Massachusetts allows DACA recipients to be considered Massachusetts residents for purpose of tuition and fees for state institutions of higher education, as long as they meet all other criteria.

Golden Door Scholars: Provides scholarships for DACA students and undocumented students. Students may be high school seniors or recent graduates. Learn more at goldendoorscholars.org.

TheDream.US Scholarship: National Scholarship Fund for DREAMers enrolled in partner colleges, for DACA recipients. Learn more: thedream.us.

College Greenlight: Connects first generation and underrepresented students to caring colleges, generous scholarships, and life-changing counselors and mentors. Learn more at collegegreenlight.com.

Created by the Office of English Language Learners.

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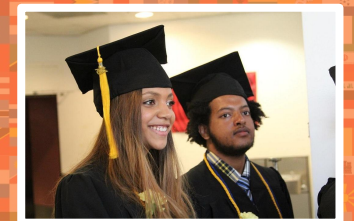


BPS.OELL



WE DREAM TOGETHER: OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Our vision is to provide a culturally and linguistically responsive education with the supports needed to ensure equitable access to opportunities that promote language acquisition, bilingualism, biliteracy, and lifelong learning.



Office of English Learners & Newcomers Assessment and Counseling Center

Dr. Esparza,
Assistant Superintendent

YOUR RIGHT TO SCHOOL

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bostonpublicschools.org, 617-635-9000

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER HELP

DiscoverBPS.org and Welcome Centers in Dorchester (617-635-8015), East Boston (617-635-9597), Mattapan (617-635-9596), Roslindale (617-635-8040), Roxbury (617-635-9010).

TRANSLATION & INTERPRETATION HELP

translations@bostonpublicschools.org
617-635-9435

□ English, Español, 官话, Kaboverdianu, Kreyòl, Português, Afsoomaali, Tiếng Việt

NEWCOMERS ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING CENTER (NACC)

617-635-1565 bostonpublicschools.org/NACC

ENGLISH LEARNERS AND FORMER ELS

617-635-9435 bostonpublicschools.org/ELL

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORTS

617-635-8599 and 617-297-7335

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING & WELLNESS

617-635-8599

BOSTON STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (BSAC) & EL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

617-635-8079

DISTRICT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELLAC)

ellparentteam@bostonpublicschools.org
617-635-9435

In the Boston Public Schools, undocumented students have access to all educational programs, advanced-work classes, and Exam Schools. Students also have access to all enrichment programs, after school, summer school, sports activities and clubs. To request your academic records, please contact your school principal.

YOUR IMMIGRATION RIGHTS

Know Your Rights in Massachusetts:

Undocumented students and parents in Massachusetts have the opportunity to access many resources for support. Being informed of your immigration status is the first step to being able to know how to move forward.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a two-year, renewable program that grants eligible undocumented youth a temporary work permit, social security number, and protection from deportation. In Massachusetts, those who have completed the process, can also apply for a driver's license.

DACA Eligibility Requirements:

- + you entered the United States before their 16th birthday;
- had continually resided in the United States since June 15, 2007;
- + you are currently in school, have graduated from high school, has obtained a GED, or has been honorably discharged from the US Armed Forces;
- + you have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor offense, multiple misdemeanor offenses, or otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety; and
- + you were under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012; and
- + you were out of status on June 15, 2012.

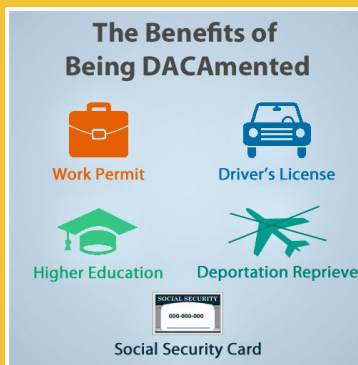
Next Steps if You Might Qualify

- Step 1: Know your status.
- Step 2: Know your rights.
- Step 3: Reach out to legal aid.



Download the "Pocket DACA" app for more info.

There are also other forms of relief. Contact one of the legal aid CBOs to ask about a consultation.



LEGAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL AID

Action for Boston Community Development

(ABCD): 178 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111, P: (617) 348-6000

Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigrant

Services: Central American Minors (El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras) Program at 51 Sleeper St., Boston, MA 02210. Call in hours: Wed, Thurs 10am-12pm (617) 482-5440. Haitian TPS Assistance: 617-464-8004, Website: www.ccab.org/refugee

Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy

(MIRA) Coalition: Address: 105 Chauncy Street, Suite 901, Boston, MA 02111, Phone: 617.350.5480. MIRA works to ensure immigrant access to healthcare and other human services

Irish International Immigrant Center:

100 Franklin Street, LL-1, Boston, MA 02110. P: (617) 542-7654 / Fax: (617) 542-7655. Email: questions@iicenter.org, Website: www.iicenter.org

Health Insurance: MassHealth has implemented a process to provide Limited coverage to individuals who are ineligible for Temporary Coverage (AA) because they have indicated on their ACA applications they do not have a legal immigration status. For more information contact MassHealth Customer Service Center at 1-800-841-2900.

Casa Myrna:

At Casa Myrna, counseling services are provided to individuals and support groups for victims of domestic violence as well as referrals to specialized counseling services in the community. Hotline: 1-877-785-2020

Department of Children and Families

Undocumented children who are placed in foster care by the DCF are eligible for permanent residence (green card) status if they apply before they turn 21. To report abuse or neglect, call the Child-at-Risk Hotline anytime of the day or night at 1.800.792.5200.

Massachusetts Adult Literacy HOTLINE

P: (800) 447-8844. Adult and Community Learning Services (ACLS), a unit at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, oversees and improves no-cost basic educational services (ABE) for adults in Massachusetts.

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Student Immigrant Movement

Website: simforum.com
Phone: (857) 919-8468

Agencia ALPHA

Address: 62 Northampton St, Boston, MA 02301
Phone: (617) 541-4455 ext 16
Email: info@agenciaalpha.org

African Community Economic Development of New England (ACEDONE)

Address: 42 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
Phone: 617-606-3530

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Inc. (BCNC)

Website: bcnc.net
Address: 38 Ash Street, Boston, MA 02111
Phone: 617-635-5129

Cape Verdean Community UNIDO

Website: cvcunido.org
Address: 268 Bowdoin St, Dorchester, MA 02122
Phone: 617-506-8150

East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC)

Website: ebecc.org
Address: 50 Meridian Street, East Boston, MA 02128
Phone: 617-567-2750

The Mayor's Office of New Bostonians

Website: cityofboston.gov/newbostonians
Address: 1 City Hall Square, Rm 803, Boston, MA 02201
Phone: 617-635-2980

Sociedad Latina

Website: sociedadlatina.org
Address: 1530 Tremont St, Roxbury, MA 02120
Phone: 617-442-4299

Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (Viet-AID)

Website: vietaid.org
Address: 42 Charles Street, Dorchester, MA 02122
Phone: 617-822-3717

Youth and Family Enrichment Services, Inc. (YoFES)

Website: yofes.org
Address: 1234 Hyde Park Ave. Ste. 104, Hyde Park, MA
Phone: 617-364-0370