



Boston Green Academy

Application for Charter Renewal (2026-2031)



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BGA: Who We Are



- A Horace Mann “in-district” Charter School located in Brighton; serving ~450 students in grades 7-12 from every neighborhood
- Boston’s only school focused on sustainability and preparing the next generation of leaders for success in college and green careers
 - Ch. 74 CTE program in Environmental Science
 - 2019 U.S. & Mass. Green Ribbon Schools Award
 - 2023 Finalist for EdVestors School on the Move Prize for most improved Boston Public School
- Founded in 2011 as a ‘re-start’ of a struggling BPS high school in South Boston; moved to Brighton and expanded to include middle grades in 2014
- Successful turnaround enrolling diverse and high needs population; strong student supports; graduation requirements exceed BPS; 8 AP and dual enrollment courses; Green Exhibitions; 50+ partnerships



BGA: Who We Serve



	BGA	BPS	Mass.
Students of Color	93.4%	85.8%	48.5%
Students with Disabilities	31.7%	23.1%	20.6%
English Language Learners	14.3%	34.7%	13.9%
High Needs Students	89.4%	81.6%	55.8%
Low-Income	80.5%	70.1%	42.1%



BGA: Our Progress



Enrollment

- 650+ lottery and choice form applications for 120 seats (80 7th grade, 40 9th grade) in 2025
- Inclusion school for a decade with full spectrum of special education services, including severe autism
- Growing multilingual learner population (not language-specific)
- 80% of BGA 8th graders continue at BGA in 9th grade
- Non-selective, state-mandated lottery for admission

Performance

- Dropout rate (3.7%) below the BPS average (4.5%) (2023)
- Four-year graduation rate (88.9%) above BPS average (80.5%) (2023)
- DESE Accountability: Moved from 5th to 20th percentile (2021-2025); Not requiring assistance or intervention
- Post-COVID: Attendance improved, suspensions down
- Graduation requirements above BPS; MassCore incorporated; includes internship requirement

BGA: Our Progress



Since our founding in 2011, BGA has:

- Raised the graduation rate by 30% points
- Cut the drop-out rate by 75%
- Doubled the college acceptance rate and increased scholarships and competitiveness
- Drastically improved MCAS scores compared to the school we 're-started'

In 2021, DESE removed BGA from probation status due to strong improvements. In 2025, DESE removed the final condition on BGA's charter due to significant and sustained academic progress.

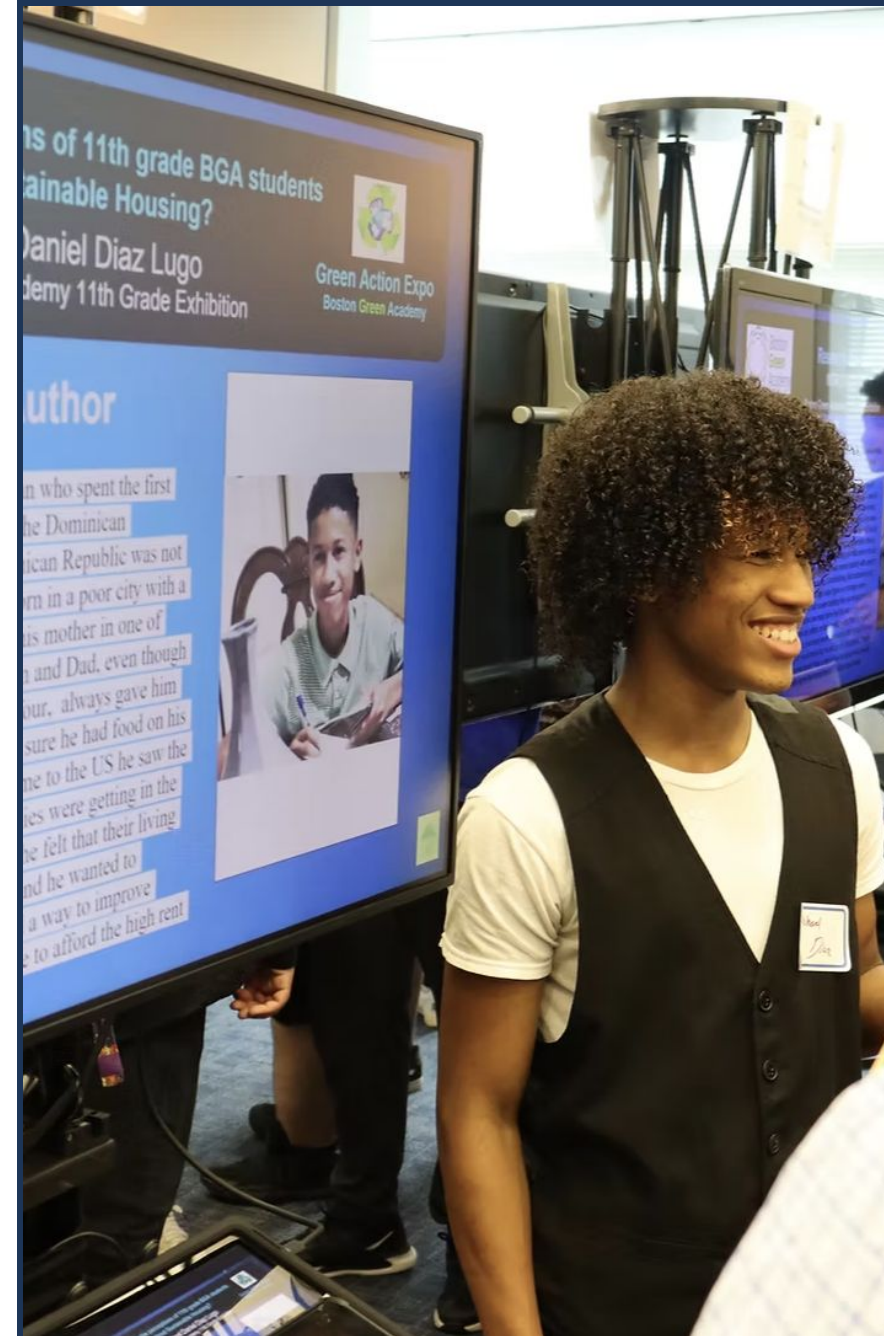
In 2025, BGA has:

- Increased MCAS growth and performance and ACCESS progress
- Reduced incidents and suspensions, increased student supports, added arts and electives, athletic teams, AP courses, and strong partnerships
- Continued to focus on supports for struggling students (middle grades, SWD, MLs)

BGA: Our Work Ahead



- Continue to support students and families post-COVID
- Increase MCAS and ACCESS proficiency- especially SWDs and MLs
- Move from 6 to 7 block schedule 25-26
 - Enrichment, Acceleration, Support
- Strengthen project-based learning, green mission and inclusion work
- Expand CTE pathways and dual enrollment opportunities
- Identify a long-term facility upgrade



Request of School Committee



We request School Committee approval of BGA's Application for Charter Renewal

- Our fourth five-year charter (2026-2031)
- 60+ page application aligned to DESE standards
- Approved by the BGA Board of Trustees
- Currently being reviewed for approval by Boston Teachers Union
- Application due August 1, 2025
- Decision by DESE in January, 2026



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Equity Impact Statement



- BGA was designed, created and operates with an equity lens. BGA's enrollment, program and outcomes all reflect a commitment to equitable education and advance equity within the district. An Equity Impact Statement has been provided to the School Committee. BGA is aligned with the BPS Strategic Plan.
- BGA's charter renewal application is required to be approved by the Boston School Committee prior to submission to the DESE Commissioner for approval.
- Expenses and funding for BGA are contained within the BPS annual budget and operate within the established budget allocation. There are no additional costs associated with the approval of this charter renewal application.

