



Boston Public Schools

Urban Achievers Private School Application

By BPS Review Team



Boston School Committee Private School Policy

- In order to educate students of compulsory school age (6-16) in Massachusetts, a private school, including a school with a religious affiliation, must obtain the approval of the School Committee of the city or town in which the school is located. The Massachusetts compulsory school attendance law, General Law c.76, § 1, sets the standard by which School Committees must evaluate private schools. The pertinent section provides as follows:

School committees shall approve a private school when satisfied that the instruction in all the studies required by law equals in thoroughness and efficiency, and in the progress made therein, that in the public schools in the same town; but shall not withhold such approval on account of religious teaching.

- Therefore, the Boston School Committee is responsible for approval of any private school wishing to operate within the Boston city limits.



Role of the BPS Review Team

- Ensure all private schools seeking approval meet [Massachusetts General Law c. 76, § 1](#)
- Evaluate applications from prospective private schools
- Make recommendations to the Superintendent and Boston School Committee



The Review Process

1. **Application Review** – Assessed completeness and compliance with regulations
2. **Site Visits** – Observed learning environment and facility
3. **Interviews** – Engaged with school leadership for further insights
4. **Evaluation** – Used established criteria to assess school quality
5. **Recommendations** – Presented findings to the Superintendent and school leadership



Key Steps in Approval Process

Step	Timeline	Status
Application Received	March 2025	Complete
Create BPS Review Team	March 2025	Complete
Application Review	March 2025	Complete
Site Visit	March 2025	Complete
Interview with School Leadership	March 2025	Complete
Evaluation of Application	March-April 2025	Complete
Feedback for School Leadership	March-April 2025	Complete
Recommendation to Superintendent	May 2025	Complete



INNOVATIVE

URBAN ACHIEVERS

PLAY HARD | STUDY HARD | SERVE HARDER

MAY 14, 2025

A PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSAL





01 | What We Do

We educate, guide, and empower young aspiring athletes to thrive in school, their communities, and in life.

02 | Where We Do It

Inside the Dewitt Center, in the same neighborhood where my story could've ended, a new generation's story will begin.

03 | How We Do It

By combining rigorous academics, athletics, sport careers, and community impact.

04 | Why We Do It

Because too many of our young men are underestimated, underserved, and unseen.

01

What We Do:

We educate, guide, and empower young aspiring athletes to thrive in school, their communities, and in life.

Mission

Our mission is rooted in a dual purpose: to channel the passion for sports into meaningful career pathways within the industry, while simultaneously harnessing the intrinsic values of sport to empower our scholars. We strive to equip them with the tools to use their platforms as a force for promoting a more compassionate and inclusive humanity.

Vision

We envision a future where educational excellence and athletic achievement are seamlessly intertwined, producing graduates who not only excel in sport-related careers but also embody the intellectual depth, ethical integrity, and leadership needed to drive transformative change in their communities and the world through sport.

Values

Our Moral Compass is paramount to our institution's ethos, providing an unwavering guide for our scholar-athletes and aspiring sport professionals. Rooted in the principles of integrity, respect, perseverance, teamwork, discipline, courage, and humility, this moral framework shapes every aspect of our school.



02 | Where We Do It:

Inside the Dewitt Center, in the same neighborhood where my story could've ended, a new generation's story will begin.

The Dewitt Center



Compliance & Capacity

- Meets all legal and safety requirements (CO, fire, elevator, and sprinkler inspections)
- Ample space for the first three years of operation
- Certified for occupancy and compliant with all state/federal standards

*** Urban Achievers plans to acquire a permanent facility within its first three years and retains the flexibility to relocate from the Dewitt Center at any time.



03 | How We Do It:

By combining rigorous academics, athletics, sport careers, and community impact, into a tuition-free scholar-athlete focused educational model rooted in purpose.



- RIGOROUS ACADEMICS

1

At Urban Achievers, we challenge our young men with a rigorous academic curriculum that equips them with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed in college, career, and life.....
- ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

2

We cultivate athletic excellence by pushing our scholar-athletes to grow through discipline, teamwork, and perseverance, using sport as a tool to build leadership, character, and self-worth.....
- SPORT-RELATED CAREER EXPOSURE

3

Beyond the game, we expose our students to the full ecosystem of sports-related careers; from management and media to sports medicine and technology, so they can imagine futures rooted in their passion and purpose.....
- COMMUNITY SERVICE & IMPACT

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Urban Achievers students are taught to lead with purpose by giving back, making service to their community a core part of their identity, their education, and their growth as young men of impact.



04 | Why We Do It:

Because too many of our young men are underestimated, underserved, and unseen. When we lift our boys, we lift our neighborhoods, our city, and our future.



Urban Achievers is about access, healing, opportunity, and legacy.

Because every young man deserves a relevant education that sees, challenges, and celebrates him.

Because sport is a gateway to various career opportunities.

Because the pipeline to prison must be replaced by a pipeline to purpose.





"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair."

— Nelson Mandela, Laureus World Sports Awards, 2000

