



BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY

School Profile 2021-2022

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SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Boston Latin Academy is a coeducational public exam school founded in 1878 as Girls' Latin School. We are the most diverse school in the city drawing from all of the neighborhoods in Boston. Boston Latin Academy prepares students for higher academic study by challenging them with a rigorous curriculum for students in grades 7-12. Our Classical and Liberal Arts education allows students to become successful participants in a diverse and challenging society. Our goal is to foster a setting where students learn to listen, to question, to read, to empathize, and to make choices based on sound, ethical principles. We believe that this can be best accomplished within a disciplined, caring, and supportive school environment.

- Faculty to student ratio: 1:17
- High School Counselor to student ratio: 1:310
- School year is composed of four marking terms
- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools

ENROLLMENT

2020 Senior Class: 264

Total enrollment (grades 7-12): 1732

Ethnic Distribution: Black 24.7%, White 28.1%, Asian 16.3%, Hispanic 26.8%, Native American 0.1%, Other 4%

Percent enrolled in the Federal school lunch program: 60%

College Acceptances: 98% to four-year colleges

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For students entering in Grade 7:

6 years of English
6 years of Mathematics, through Pre-Calculus
(Algebra 1 completed in the 8th grade)
5 years of Science
4 years of Latin
4 years of Modern Foreign Language
5 years of History

For students entering in Grade 9:

4 years of English
4 years of Mathematics, through Pre-Calculus

3 years of Science
3 years of Latin
3 years of Modern Foreign Language
3 years of History

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Grade point averages are computed using final marks from academic courses that meet five times per week and for which students have earned credit. Marks in grades 9, 10, and 11 are used to compute the Senior Year Fall GPA. Marks in grades 9, 10, 11, and the first two terms of grade 12 are used to compute the Senior Midyear GPA. The school year is composed of four marking terms. **All courses are college preparatory.** BLA does not use a credit system. Students must take and pass 6 classes freshman through junior years and 5 classes senior year. As a result of the number of required classes students must take, any student who fails two classes for the year is retained in the grade in which he or she fails the second class. Students are not allowed to retake classes that were passed.

BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY GPA SCALE:

	<u>A+</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A-</u>	<u>B+</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B-</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C-</u>	<u>D+</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>D-</u>	<u>F</u>
Regular	4.33	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	0.67	0
Honors	4.83	4.5	4.17	3.83	3.5	3.17	2.83	2.5	2.17	1.83	1.5	1.17	0
A.P.	5.33	5.0	4.67	4.33	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	0

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND RANK

(Based on Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior year grades)

CLASS OF 2022

<u>Decile</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>% of Class</u>
1 st	4.68-4.15	4.50—4.00	45	17.18%
2 nd	4.14-3.90	3.99—3.50	63	24.05%
3 rd	3.89-3.74	3.49—3.00	60	22.90%
4 th	3.73-3.57	2.99—2.50	35	13.36%
5 th	3.56-3.36	2.49—2.00	29	11.07%
6 th	3.35-3.12	1.99—1.50	19	7.25%
7 th	3.11-2.86	1.49—1.00	11	4.20%
8 th	2.84-2.46			
9 th	2.45-1.96			
10 th	1.95-.76			

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM:

For the 2020-2021 School Year, A.P. courses are offered in:

English Lit. & Comp.	United States History	Calculus AB	Biology	Spanish Language
English Lang. & Comp.	Comp. Gov. & Pol.	Calculus BC	Chemistry	Spanish Literature
	World History	Statistics	Physics 1	Japanese
	Human Geography	Comp. Sci Princ.	Physics 2	Latin
	Macroeconomics	Computer Science A	Environmental Sci.	

STANDARDIZED TESTING:

<u>SAT Summary for Class of 2021 (293 scores reported)</u>		
<u>Range</u>	<u>EBRW</u>	<u>Math</u>
700-800	10	11
600-699	62	89
500-599	158	160
400-499	62	28
300-399	1	1
Middle 50% Range	500-590	530-620
Mean Score	554	578

JUNIOR GRADE DISTRIBUTION BY COURSE 2020-21 *Revised September 2021*

Course Title	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F+	F	Total
African American Studies		2	5	4	1		1	1		1					15
Algebra 2	4	8	7	3	7	2	3	2	2			4			42
Anatomy & Physiology		1	2								1				4
AP US History		2	2					1							5
AP Comparative Government		3	1	2	2	1	1	1			1			1	13
AP Computer Science A		2	3	1										1	7
AP Computer Science Principles		5	2				1		1					1	10
AP Economics	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	2			2				16
AP Environmental Science		5	1		2				1						9
AP Human Geography	4	30	14	6	7	1	1	3	1		2				69
AP Japanese	1	1			1										3
AP Language and Composition	1	9	17	20	20	10	2	4	2	2	2	5			95
AP Latin	8	8	2	1											19
AP Physics	1	3	1	1	1										13
AP Spanish Language		3	2	3	5	3	2	1			1			1	21
AP Spanish Literature			1		1	1									3
AP World History	10	19	7	6	4	3		2	3	2					56
Arabic 4	3	5	4		1	1			1						15
Biomedical Science	4	9	14	1	3	3	3	1	2		1	1			42
Chemistry 1	12	32	21	23	12	15	10	13	6	16	9	22	2	14	211
Chemistry 1 Honors		2	10	6	9	8	2	3		1	3			1	46
Chinese 3	2	2	3	1											8
Chinese 4	2	5	4	3	3	2	1			1		1			24
College English Lang. Arts 11 A/B	49	25	19	5	11	1	5	5	5	8	7	6		8	166
Environmental Science		1			1	2			1					2	8
Facing History & Ourselves	1	6	11	5	7	6		2		2	4	3		2	49
French 3	3	6	4	2	1	1									17
French 4	14	15	3	1	2			1	1		1				38
HS Introduction To Theater A/B	5	1	1		1			1							9
Interactive Media-Design & Dev.	2			2					1						5
International Relations	7	5	3		6	1		2		1				3	28
Japanese 3				1	3	1		1		1		2			9
Japanese 4		4		3	4		4	1	1	3	1	7			29
Latin 3	2	7	6	4	7	4	1	3	2	3	3	3		8	54
Latin 3 Honors	4	6	2		1		1								14
Precalculus		11	13	16	30	14	11	14	6	4	8	13		15	155
Precalculus Honors	9	12	10	6	12		1	2	4	1	2	4		2	65
Research & Activism For Change	2	2		2											6
Sociology	4	7	8	7	5	1	4	3		2	1	1		1	50
Spanish 3	1	6	4					1		1				5	18
Spanish 4	15	22	10	5	4	2	1	4		1	2				66
Studio Art 1	6		4		2	3									15
The Myth Tradition					1	1		1	1						4
World History 2	1		1		1		1				1	1			7