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The Boston Public Schools' **pilot schools** are the result of a unique partnership launched in 1994 among Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the Boston School Committee, Superintendent, and the Boston Teachers Union (BTU). The pilot schools were explicitly created to be models of educational innovation and to serve as research and development sites for effective urban public schools.

Pilot schools are part of the school district but have autonomy over budget, staffing, governance, curriculum/assessment, and the school calendar to provide increased flexibility to organize schools and staffing to meet the needs of students and families.

The [Center for Collaborative Education](#), a non-profit education organization, provides the pilot schools with coordination support and assistance, including coaching services, professional development, advocacy, and research and evaluation.

Boston is now home to 18 pilot schools, two [Horace Mann Charter Schools](#), and one [Commonwealth pilot school](#). Together, these schools serve more than 7,000 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The current collective bargaining agreement with the BTU allows for the creation of up to seven additional pilot schools.

For more information, contact the [Pilot Schools office](#).

The pilot schools

[Another Course to College](#)

[Baldwin Early Learning Center](#)

[Boston Arts Academy](#)

[Boston Community Leadership Academy](#)

[Boston Day and Evening Academy](#)

[English High School](#)

[Fenway High School](#)

[Frederick Pilot Middle School](#)

[Gardner Pilot Academy](#)

[Greater Egleston Community High School](#)

[Health Careers Academy](#)

[Harbor School](#)

[Lee Academy Pilot School](#)

[Lyndon K-8 School](#)

[Mason Elementary School](#)

[Mission Hill K-8 School](#)

[New Mission High School](#)

[Orchard Gardens K-8 School](#)

[Quincy Upper School](#)

[TechBoston Academy](#)

[Young Achievers Science and Mathematics K-8 Pilot School](#)



New Pilot Schools

In November 2008, the Boston School Committee approved the following new pilot schools ([press release](#)) to open in September 2009: