

BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To the Bedford Community:

I am pleased to present you with the annual Report Card for the Bedford Public Schools for 2015. All states, school districts, and schools are required to report student assessment results, drop-out rates, and teacher qualifications to the community on an annual basis. Bedford's results are available to you on the district webpage: www.bedford.k12.ma.us/about-our-district/nclb/district. Of note, relative to these reporting requirements, Bedford has achieved the following:

- Under the state's classification system, Bedford High School continues to be classified Level 1, which is the highest classification.
- 99% of our tenth grade English students and 90% of our tenth grade math students earn Proficient or Advanced scores in MCAS.
- 87% of our ninth grade students scored Advanced or Proficient in the Science MCAS

2015 was the first year the PARCC test was offered in grades 3-8, and Bedford Public Schools chose to administer that assessment rather than the MCAS test. There were numerous challenges with the on-line version of the test administered at the John Glenn Middle School, rendering the results less valuable in assessing our program, alignment, and student progress. JGMS was in the 74th percentile overall compared to other middle schools. Unfortunately, there was no attempt by DESE to distinguish between on-line and pencil-paper results despite widespread problems with the on-line version of the test.

Students at the Lane School took the paper-and-pencil version of the PARCC test. Lane was in the 89th percentile in overall performance compared to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. In English Language Arts, 81% of students scored Met Expectations or above; in mathematics, 74% scored Met Expectations or above. Again, because this was the first year administering the PARCC test, it is difficult to draw extensive conclusions, but our student growth percentiles in ELA and mathematics were in the "higher growth" category.

We will be using the paper and pencil version of PARCC in 2016 grades 3 through 8 so as to get a more accurate reading of how our students are faring. In the meantime, teacher teams continue to develop and refine Bedford's own common assessments aligned to the Common Core

Frameworks that serve to measure the progress of every student in developing these mathematical and literacy skills.

The Bedford Public Schools is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. Under current regulations, teachers must hold a Massachusetts teaching license at the Preliminary, Initial or Professional level and demonstrate subject matter competency in the areas they teach. 99.2% of our teachers are designated as "highly qualified." The district report card contains general information about the teachers in our schools as a whole. In addition, you may request individual information about the qualifications of your child's teacher(s) as well as any paraprofessional who may be assisting the teacher.

If you would like to receive any of the information listed above for your child's teachers, please contact my office at 781-275-7588. If you have any questions about the data, please call Assistant Superintendent Mary Lou Sallee or any of our principals. Thanks for your continued support of the work we do to make the Bedford Public Schools the best they can be. Sincerely,

Jon Sills Superintendent of Schools



2015 Massachusetts District Report Card Overview BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (00230000)

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How is our district doing overall?

Accountability & assistance levels

Level 2

One or more schools in the district classified into Level 2

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http://www.mass.gov/ese/accountability.

Overall progress in narrowing gaps

Massachusetts aims to reduce proficiency gaps by half between 2011 and 2017.

All students Did Not Meet Target

High needs students
Did Not Meet
Target

Economically disadvantaged

Students with Did Not Meet disabilities Target Did Not Meet learners & former ELLs Target

District determination of need for special education technical assistance or intervention

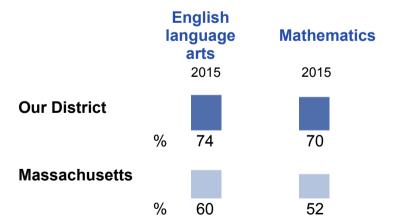
Meets Requirements-At Risk (MRAR)

Districts, including single school districts, are assigned a determination of need for special education technical assistance or intervention. These determinations, which are typically based on the district's accountability and assistance level, range from *Meets Requirements - Provisional* (districts with insufficient data) to *Needs Substantial Intervention* (Level 5 districts). The determination, which also incorporates compliance measures, helps to identify whether the Department will require districts to take additional actions to support improved outcomes for all children, especially students with disabilities.

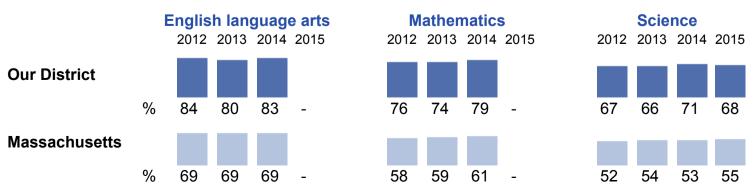
How does our district's achievement over time compare to the state?

In 2015, approximately half of Massachusetts' students in grades 3-8 took PARCC ELA and mathematics tests. The remaining students, including students in grade 10, participated in ELA and mathematics MCAS tests. All students in grades 5, 8, and 10 took science MCAS tests.

Students scoring Met Expectations or above on Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in grades 3-8, 2015.

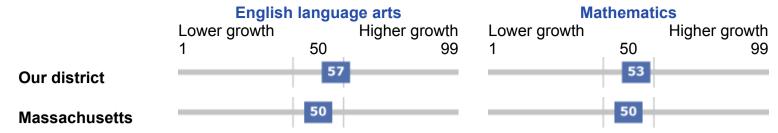


Students scoring proficient or above on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in grades 3-8 & 10, 2012-2014, and grade 10 in 2015.



How does our district's growth compare to the state?

between 40 and 60 represent moderate growth. Our district's median SGPs for 2015 are below. (Note: Growth values are truncated.)*



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How does our district's enrollment compare to the state?

Total enrollment	Our	Our district		chusetts
	2,	522	955,844	
By high needs population	Our #	district %	Massad #	chusetts %
Economically disadvantaged students	211	8.4	251,026	26.3
Students with disabilities	436	16.8	165,060	17.1
English language learners	139	5.5	81,146	8.5

How do our district's teachers and classrooms compare to the state?

General information	Our district	Massachusetts
Teachers (#)	219.5	71,886.8
Core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers (%)	99.2	95.4
Average class size (#)	-	-
Student : teacher ratio	11.5 to 1	13.3 to 1

How is our district doing on other important measures?

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Attendance	Our district	Massachusetts
2015 Attendance rate (%)	96.2	94.7
2015 Average days absent per student (#)	6.6	9.0
2015 Chronic absenteeism rate (%)	6.1	12.9
Discipline		
2015 In-school suspension rate (%)	1.6	1.8
2015 Out-of-school suspension rate (%)	1.4	2.9
High school completion	Our district	Massachusetts
2013 5-year graduation rate (%)	93.0	87.7
2014 4-year graduation rate (%)	94.6	86.1
2014 annual dropout rate (%)	0.7	2.0
2013 graduates attending institutions of higher education* (%)	85.1	76.6
2015 12th graders taking 1+ Advanced Placement courses (%)	55.1	39.7
2015 Advanced Placement tests with scores of 3 or higher (%)	88.9	66.3
2015 SAT average score - Reading	565	508
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2014 MassCore** - Completing a rigorous course of study (%)	96.9	72.4
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What else should you know about our district?

^{**}MassCore: 4 years of English, math, & science, 3 years of history, 2 years of a foreign language, 1 year of arts & 5 additional "core" courses

What are our schools' accountability and assistance levels?

School	School type	Student enrollment	Accountability & assistance level
Lt Elezer Davis	Early Elementary School	567	Insufficient data
Lt Job Lane School	Elementary School	540	Level 2
John Glenn Middle	Middle School	502	Level 2
Bedford High	High School	913	Level 1

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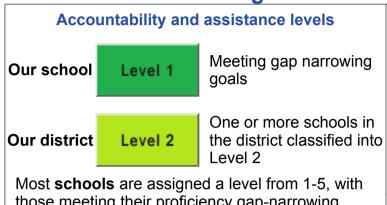
Bedford Public School District (00230000) 9 Mudge Way , Bedford, MA 01730 Henry J Turner, Principal Phone: 781.275.1700

Grades Served: PK,09,10,11,12 Websit

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School percentile

School percentiles (1-99) indicate how a school is performing overall compared to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. Our school's percentile is below.



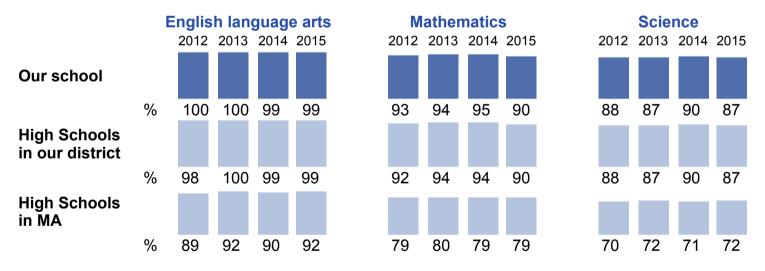
Overall progress in narrowing gaps

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All students	Met Target
High needs students	Met Target
Economically	-
disadvantaged	
Students with	-
disabilities	
English language	-
learners & former ELLs	

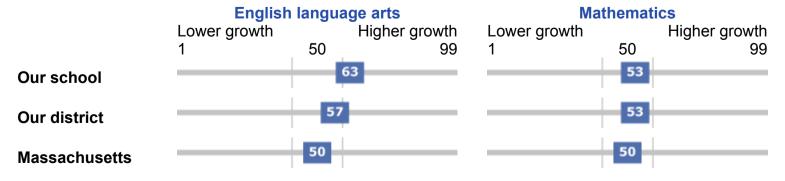
How does our school's achievement over time compare to the district and the state?

Students scoring proficient or above on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), 2012-2015



How does our school's growth compare to the district and the state?

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How does our school's enrollment compare to the district and the state?

Total enrollment	Our s	chool	Our district		Our state	
	91	13	2,	522	955	5,844
		Our High Schools school in our district		•		
By high needs population	#	%	#	%	#	%
Economically disadvantaged students	67	7.3	67	7.3	56,653	321.8
Students with disabilities	127	13.9	127	13.9	41,669	916.1
English language learners	11	1.2	11	1.2	14,527	7 5.6

How do our school's teachers and classrooms compare to the district and the state?

General information	school	High Schools in our district	
Teachers (#)	79.8	79.8	20,328.0
Core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers (%)	99.1	99.1	96.3
Average class size (#)	-	-	-
Student : teacher ratio	11.4 to 1	11.4 to 1	12.8 to 1

How is our school doing on other important measures?

Attendance	Our school	High Schools in our district	High Schools in MA
2015 Attendance rate (%)	95.9	95.9	93.4
2015 Average days absent per student (#)	7.0	7.0	11.2
2015 Chronic absenteeism rate (%)	8.6	8.6	18.3
Discipline			
2015 In-school suspension rate (%)	1.3	1.3	3.4
2015 Out-of-school suspension rate (%)	2.2	2.2	4.7
High school completion	Our school	Our district	Our state
2013 5-year graduation rate (%)	96.1	93.0	87.7
2014 4-year graduation rate (%)	98.4	94.6	86.1
2014 annual dropout rate (%)	0.7	0.7	2.0
2013 graduates attending institutions of higher education* (%)	86.5	85.1	76.6
2015 12th graders taking 1+ Advanced Placement courses (%)	55.1	55.1	39.7
2015 Advanced Placement tests with scores of 3 or higher (%)	88.9	88.9	66.3
2015 SAT average score - Reading	565	565	508
2015 SAT average score - Writing	555	555	497
2015 SAT average score - Math	585	585	521
2014 MassCore** - Completing a rigorous course of study (%)	100.0	96.9	72.4

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2015 Massachusetts School Report Card Overview JOHN GLENN MIDDLE (00230305)

Bedford Public School District (00230000)

Kevin T Tracey, Principal Grades Served: 06,07,08

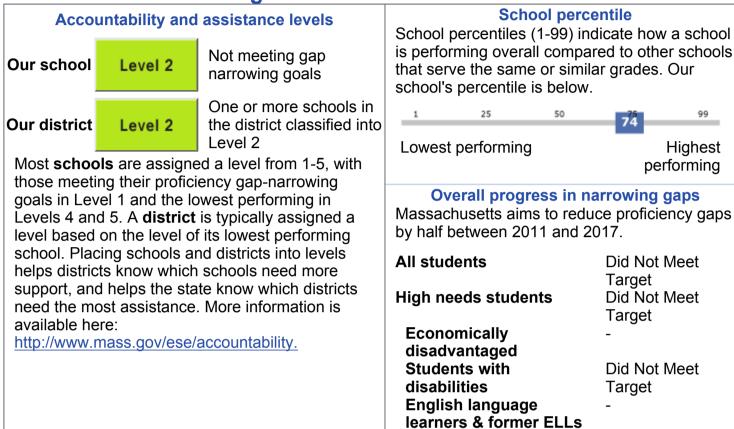
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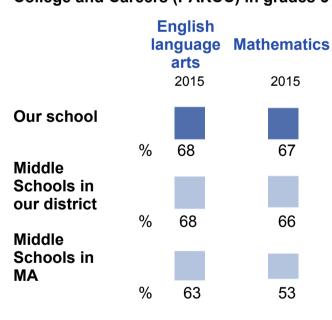
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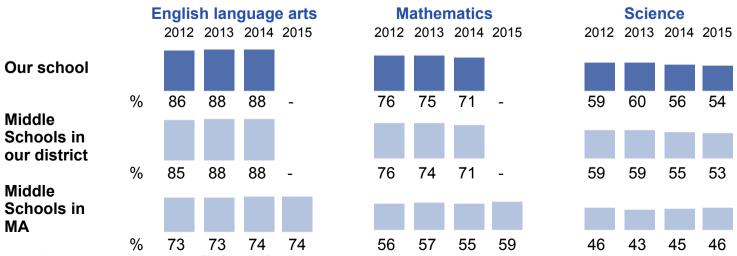


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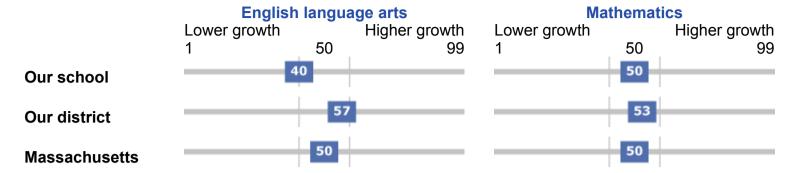
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Total enrollment	Our scho	ool	Our district		Our state			
	502		2,522		2,522		95	5,844
By high needs population	Our school # %	6	Scho	ddle ools in district %		liddle nools in MA %		
Economically disadvantaged students Students with disabilities English language learners	46 9.2 96 19.1 10 2.0	1	46 96 10	9.2 19.1 2.0	31,05	5223.6 5717.6 15 5.4		

How do our school's teachers and classrooms compare to the district and the state?

General information	Our school	Schools in our district	Middle Schools in MA
Teachers (#)	54.1	54.1	13,646.7
Core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers (%)	100.0	100.0	96.3
Average class size (#)	-	-	-
Student : teacher ratio	9.3 to 1	9.3 to 1	12.9 to 1

How is our school doing on other important measures?

Attendance	Our school	Middle Schools in our district	Middle Schools in MA
2015 Attendance rate (%)	96.7	96.7	95.4
2015 Average days absent per student (#) 2015 Chronic absenteeism rate (%)	5.8 4.7	5.8 4.7	8.0 10.2
Discipline			
2015 In-school suspension rate (%)	5.4	5.4	2.4
2015 Out-of-school suspension rate (%)	2.7	2.7	4.3
High school completion	Our school	Our district	Our state
2013 5-year graduation rate (%)	-	93.0	87.7
2014 4-year graduation rate (%)	-	94.6	86.1
2014 annual dropout rate (%)	-	0.7	2.0
2013 graduates attending institutions of higher education* (%)	-	85.1	76.6
2015 12th graders taking 1+ Advanced Placement courses (%)	-	55.1	39.7
2015 Advanced Placement tests with scores of 3 or higher (%)	-	88.9	66.3
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2014 MassCore** - Completing a rigorous course of	-		

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Bedford Public School District (00230000)

Robert T Ackerman, Principal

Grades Served: 03,04,05

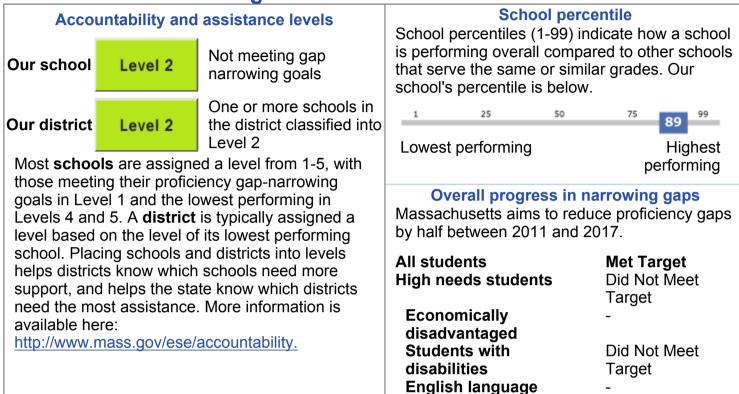
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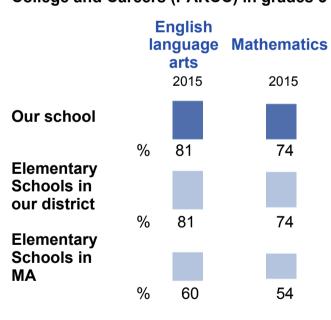
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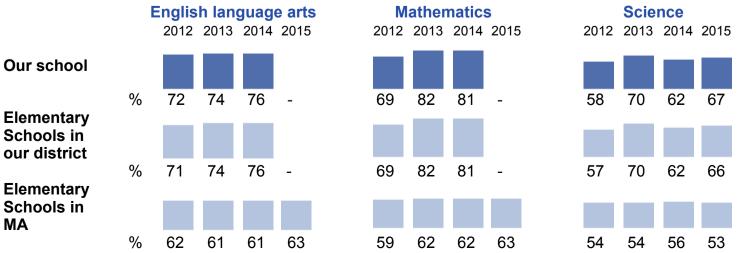
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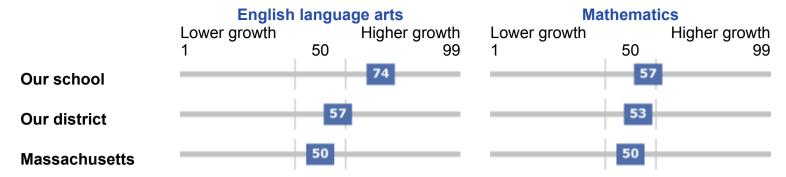
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How do our school's teachers and classrooms compare to the district and the state?

General information	Our school	Schools in our district	Schools in MA
Teachers (#)	44.6	44.6	25,669.4
Core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers (%)	97.7	97.7	95.8
Average class size (#)	-	-	-
Student : teacher ratio	12.1 to 1	12.1 to 1	14.0 to 1

How is our school doing on other important measures?

Attendance	Our school	Elementary Schools in our district	Elementary Schools in MA
2015 Attendance rate (%)	96.9	96.9	95.5
2015 Average days absent per student (#) 2015 Chronic absenteeism rate (%)	5.4 2.2	5.4 2.2	7.8 9.5
Discipline			
2015 In-school suspension rate (%)	-	0.4	0.4
2015 Out-of-school suspension rate (%)	-	0.4	0.9
High school completion	Our school	Our district	Our state
2013 5-year graduation rate (%)	-	93.0	87.7
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2014 annual dropout rate (%) 2013 graduates attending institutions of higher education* (%)	-	0.7 85.1	2.0 76.6
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