Boston High School Graduates’ Assessments of Their High Schools’ Role in Preparing Them for College and the Labor Market: Individual Comments from the Followup Survey of Class of 2003 Graduates

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Introduction

Each year since the mid-1980s, the Boston Private Industry Council has conducted a follow-up survey of graduates from the city’s public high schools. The survey of graduates from the Class of 2003 was carried out in the late winter and early spring of 2004. The follow-up survey is primarily designed to track the experiences of individual high school graduates in transitioning to college and the labor market during the first nine to ten months following graduation from high school. Since 1998, the follow-up questionnaire has included an open-ended question requesting respondents (including the parents of graduates) to provide an assessment of their high schools’ effectiveness in preparing them for college and/or the job market. The responses to this question are coded by researchers within CLMS and used to prepare a statistical analysis of the findings. A formal research paper summarizing and assessing the findings of an analysis of their comments also has been prepared by the authors. In this report, we present the specific comments provided by each individual graduate who responded to this question. Findings are displayed by high school in alphabetical order. This report together with the research paper presenting the statistical analysis should be helpful to principals, counselors, career specialists, and teachers in identifying graduates’ appraisals of the contributions and limitations of their high school programs.

Footnote:

Another Course to College (1230)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

They prepared me for college and helped me write essays.
ACC prepared me very well.
ACC prepared me a lot.
Acc helped me with time management.
I learned a lot from ACC.
I was prepared well. ACC prepared me very well.
My college classes are easy thanks to ACC.
ACC gave me fundamentals for college. Mr. Corneau’s class was great.
Anatomy prepared me well.
ACC did a great job. Mr. Corneau’s class helped me develop my Writing skills. Ms. King’s class helped as well.
ACC is a very strong school. I liked their teachers. Excellent job.
Mr. Corneau’s English class prepared me to write and read well.
I liked the staff at ACC.
ACC prepared me very well. In terms of the amount and level of work we did.
ACC is a great school.
ACC helped me with my communication skills. They helped me to not feel stupid when talking to people smarter than me.
ACC prepared me very well. Mr. Corneau taught me to think critically and analyze.
English class was very good.
I was prepared the best possible.
ACC prepared me well. Mr. Corneau had us over analyze things to make us think more.
The workload at ACC prepared me as well as the level of responsibility. Upward bound helped me with Time Management.
ACC prepared me extremely well for college, and it taught me to think critically.
Mr. Corneau’s English helped a lot.
I retained a lot of information from Mr. Corneau’s class.
Mr. Corneau’s class really prepared me well.

English taught me to write essays.

Mr. Corneau’s class prepared me well.

ACC prepared me well.

I was very prepared with my Writing and Communication skills.

Thanks to Mr. Corneau and my English class, I am over-prepared for college.

The work ethic and relaxed atmosphere at ACC really helped.

Mr. Corneau’s class was good.

I feel very well prepared thanks to Mr. Corneau. I have gained better reading and writing skills.

Negative Comments

ACC did not prepare me at all.
Boston Arts Academy (1420)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

We are very pleased. Boston Arts did an excellent job preparing him.
I feel good about where I am now.
Boston Arts trained me well.
School was good.
I thought I should have gone to a different high school, but actually Boston Arts is a really good school.
He is doing very well. He is getting good grades.
She is living out her dream. Very happy.
She is doing very well in school.
I feel prepared. There were some good teachers that really helped along the way.
I feel pretty good.
Boston Arts prepared me for college.
I feel good. I can’t complain.
Boston Arts was good training for me. I made a good choice to go there.
I think she did fine. Good grades.
Melanie is doing very well.
It prepared me in some shape or form. I do give two of my teachers credit.
I fought hard for her to finish and move on. I’m very proud of her.
He did well in school. His grades are good now too.
I had a good high school. I miss it. I had good teachers. I feel prepared.
I had a good time at BAA. The teachers and my guidance counselor really believe I will do well, and so do I.
He is doing well.
I feel that BAA did a good job.
We all had a good time. I feel prepared.
Ms Chan is great. She made sure that we would be ready for college.
I love and miss my teachers. I do feel prepared.
Boston Arts was a cool school. I learned a lot.
School was good.
I like Boston Arts. I learned a lot there.

**Negative Comments**
I really didn't get all the support I needed.
High school was not much help.
I think it could have been better.
Boston Community Latin Academy (1195)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

High school prepared me for some things, but not a lot. I did learn how to manage my time.
It prepared me good enough.
It was great for ESL students.
High School prepared me to what happens in college. Writing with my Pic counselor taught me to talk to people.
Tech Boston taught me about computers.
High School did a good job.
Math has been very helpful.
I was prepared really good.
I was well prepared for school and the world.
High school made me mature and responsible.
I learned how to stay awake and use computers.
High School taught me to handle college.
I was prepared very well. I am motivated.
Senior year was hard which was good.
I learned Math and Chemistry.
English and Math were good.
I feel very prepared for college.
High School helped me out a whole lot.
It helped prepare me in things like studying and being on time.
My Pic internship was very well.
Tech Boston helped me a lot.
My spoken and reading vocabulary has improved, as well as my appearance.
I experienced and learned a lot in High School.
Math and English were very good.
I accomplished a lot in High School.
I was prepared for the hard work in college.
English was very useful to me.
The help I got from Boston Community allowed me to get into college.
The field trip and essays helped prepare me for college.
It was fine.
The Writing I did helped me a lot.
Boston Community helped me be prepared for real work.
Boston Community was good.
High School helped me straighten out my attitude.
Most of the Writing skills I have prepared me for college.
Senior year prepared me.
I read good books.
Boston Community was excellent. I was over-prepared.
The training Boston Community gave me really helped.
I learned Time-management, how to be responsible, and how to fix my appearance.
Boston Community taught me priorities.
I was prepared pretty well. (12 comments)

Negative Comments
I wasn’t very challenged. When I got to college it was a surprise.
College is much harder.
College is so hard. We didn’t study enough in High School.
I wasn’t prepared at all for college.
I wasn’t prepared for life after high school.
We could have been better prepared.
I wasn’t prepared academically.
Not well! College is much harder than high school.
I don’t think high school prepared me at all.
It didn’t help me at all.
None what so ever.
Boston English (1080)

Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments
I learned a lot and the teachers and guidance counselors were great.
My teachers had a greater influence that I was responsible for my work. That helped.
It was good, my Math Skills especially. Mr. McShane helped me a lot.
It helped me a lot. When I started EHS, I didn’t know much English. But it has helped me to improve my English. I’ve had great teachers.
They did a pretty good job in English.
In English, I am well prepared.
Relatively well. The PIC program helped me a lot. And the tardy policy helped me to be on time.
Academically, it was decent.
State Street helped me a lot.
It was great. They helped me pass MCAS.
It was a great school. I got A’s and B’s and loved it.
Pretty well. I know a lot.
They prepared me to pass MCAS. That seemed to be the main priority.
A really good job.

Negative Comments
Not well at all (4)
Nothing, they didn’t do anything for me.
Nothing. I didn’t like the school.
It didn’t have a great impact on me.
I really didn’t get any help from school to get into college
I feel like the other students at my current school are much smarter than me. Other students seemed to have had more experience than me.
They could have done better. Now I’m struggling a lot. I have so many tutors now. It’s really hard for me.
The tutor at school embarrassed me when she looked over my paper and pointed out all of my grammar mistakes. Then, she asked me what school I graduated from.
Boston Latin (1010)

Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

Mr. Montague was very helpful.
I was very well prepared for Wentworth.
Very well prepared. (20)
Extremely well prepared. (15)
BLS prepared me well for Simmons College.
BLS is a marvelous school.
I am satisfied with my education.
The workload prepared me for college.
The work was difficult which really helped me.
I was 100% prepared. BLS is excellent for self-motivated independent learners.
BLS prepared me in an excellent fashion. Independent learners succeed there.
I’m glad I went to BLS.
Jim Montague was a good counselor.
I was prepared really well, especially in Writing and time management.
The Career Center was very helpful. The Guidance Counselor helped me a lot.
College is so easy after H.S. The study habits were so strict, it all helped.
College is easy compared to High School.
BLS taught me to balance my time well.
College is a breeze. I sleep thru classes. BLS was insanely difficult and at times hellacious.
English class was great!
PIC got my daughter a summer job.
I was satisfied with my education.
The Guidance Counselor was helpful.
The teachers were very encouraging to my daughter.
I had a wonderful experience and wonderful teachers.
Jim Montague was excellent. Rashawn Martin was excellent. Math was superb!
Jim Montague is an exceptional addition to the school.
College is easier than BLS.(3)
I got good study skills from BLS.
Mr. Montague, Ms. Sylvester and Ms. Friedma were great.
You don’t realize how good BLS is until you leave. My Writing is more organized compared to other students.
BLS taught me time management skills.
BLS taught me time management to deal with all the work.
High School helped my son a lot.
I got good organizational skills from BLS.
I think BLS did an excellent job. The workload really helped.
I learned write papers and manage my time.
The AP classes were really good prep for Harvard.
BLS was a positive experience.
BLS was an incredible education.
I got great study habits.
In terms of workload, I was prepared very well.
I learned how to balance social, Academic and personal aspects.
I learned how to crunch time at BLS.
BLS did a lot for us.
BLS was the best. It prepared me beautifully.
The teachers really cared.
BLS was awesome for my kid.
BLS gave me a good background.
In general, I am better prepared than most of my classmates. I enjoyed English.
My Writing and Math skills are much better than my classmates.
My Reading assignments really prepared me.
The Writing prep really helped me.
The Latin stuff was very helpful.
Yes, it prepared me well.
High school showed the way to college.

Negative Comments

BLS is stressful.
The Guidance Department was not encouraging at all.
The Guidance Department didn’t help me apply to colleges.
If you were not in the top ten percent of your class, no one cared about you.
Boston Latin Academy (1020)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments
I received an excellent education.
Latin Academy did a great job preparing me.
BLA prepared me a lot with developing good study habits.
BLA taught me Time management and balancing work with other responsibilities.
Latin Academy did a great job.
BLA prepared me extremely well.
I learned how to write essays.
Latin Academy was great.
Homework and quizzes were good.
The BLA work ethic prepared me.
The Academics at BLA were good.
The work at BLA was very challenging.
I am prepared more than most students in college.
BLA prepared me very well. I couldn’t pay for that education.
I was prepared real well.
I was prepared great for college.
I really enjoyed BLA. I’m a step ahead of my peers.
BLA overall did a good job.
I feel that high school over-prepared me. I did more work in high school.
BLA helped me with literacy skills and college admissions.
I was prepared with college level work.
The college fairs were helpful.
The support at BLA was very good. Mr. George and staff were very helpful. They helped me work on my motor skills, Reading, Writing, and social skills.
I got a great education.
BLA prepared me really well. I am taking a Chemistry class, and I already know it from high school.

BLA did a very good job. I feel very well prepared for my classes.

The English classes were really good.

I have the same grades at a top college that I did in H.S. due to great study habits and preparation.

I was prepared academically.

BLA was very good to my daughter.

I had great experiences with my teachers.

I’m glad I went to BLA. It is private school education for free.

BLA had a great support system and environment.

Math and English are really strong.

BLA was great!

I’m more prepared than my peers. I received great time management skills.

I enjoyed English and History.

My daughter earned a full scholarship to college. That is a tribute to the quality of education she received at BLA.

College is easier than BLA.

BLA improved my Writing skills.

BLA prepared my daughter to set goals for college.

The Guidance Counselor helped me a lot.

BLA was very helpful to my son.

High school prepared me a lot in English and Math.

BLA was a great experience.

High School prepared my sister really well.

All my teachers at BLA were great!

The education was good.

I feel well prepared, and I enjoyed History.

My Writing skills are way ahead of my classmates.

I am well prepared in my Writing skills.

I was prepared more than I realized. I was well prepared academically.
English was great.
Math and Business classes were great.
BLA prepared me very well. (28 comments)
BLA prepared me well. (16 comments)

Negative Comments
Mr. Wong my Guidance Counselor was of no help.
I have a negative view of my education at BLA.
I was not prepared for college.
My daughter had a difficult time socially, and the school was unresponsive to my concerns.
The Guidance Department did not support me at all.
I was NOT prepared at all.
BLA didn’t prepare me at all. I didn’t like it, and I didn’t learn anything.
The Guidance Dept was awful.
BLA needs to focus more on discipline and challenging students. The classes were too easy.
Brighton High School (1040)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

Brighton was good to me.
Brighton did do a good job.
Mr. Cook helped me with Chemistry.
Brighton helped me a lot. It got me into the college and job I wanted.
Mr. Hayford helped my daughter motivate herself.
Brighton was good enough.
The AP classes were very good.
Brighton was great. The classes I took at BCBS that summer were very helpful.
The Media Arts Pathway really helped me.
The Electronics class, and my internships helped.
High School prepared me for my job.
Brighton really helped. I got to see what the Health field is like.
The A.P. classes were really helpful.
The Health Careers helped a lot and gave me lots of opportunities.
The last 2 years at Brighton were the most important 2 years of my life. People at Brighton helped me with tests and applying to college. Mr. Harrison and others were great.
Brighton helped prepare me for work.
Brighton taught me how to write in English.
I liked Brighton.
I was prepared very well for work and college.
The Summer jobs at Sovereign Bank helped me learn professionalism.
The PIC career training helped him obtain his current job.
The career pathways helped kids realize their dreams.
Brighton was good to my son.
Brighton taught me how to apply for jobs.
High School kept me focused.
Brighton helped prepare me for college by keeping me motivated.
The Business classes were real good.
The Business classes really helped me.
Brighton was a great school!
Brighton taught me responsibility and how to improve patterns in life.
The Pathways at Brighton were very helpful.
High School was good for me.
All the resources were there at Brighton.
The PIC office always got me jobs.
The Healthcare Pathway was very good for me.
The AP courses were great for college.
The Health Pathway helped me get my job.
The guidance counselor and teachers helped with Reading and general questions I had.
I got help from ROTC and other support services.
The teachers helped me with my Academic performance.
The Guidance teachers and counselors helped a lot.
Brighton gave me the tools to accomplish my goals after high schools.
Brighton taught me to keep learning and be open-minded.
The curriculum was presented well.
The program "Leaders of Tomorrow" really helped me graduate.
Brighton gave me basic knowledge of computers.
Certain classes were good.
The Health Pathway was very good.
It was decent.
The counselors and Science classes really helped.
Brighton was pretty good. (10 responses)
Brighton prepared me very well. (6 responses)

Negative Comments
I was not prepared at all. Growing up in BPS is not helpful. There’s a lot of room for improvement.
I was not prepared well.
Not at all....I wasn't prepared.
Brighton did not help me. The teachers need to be more involved.
The classes that I took in High school didn't challenge me.
I didn't learn anything.
Brighton did not help me. I am struggling in college.
I wish Brighton had more to offer. There are too many disruptive students. Brighton should concentrate more on academic programs.
Brighton didn't prepare me at all, I am struggling now.
Brighton concentrated too much on MCAS, not on studies.
Brighton wasn't a positive preparation. I felt the treatment of students by disciplinarians was not fair.
My teachers should have pushed me to go to college.
I wasn't fond of Brighton. I don't think they helped me too much.
Charlestown High School (1050)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

The AP classes helped me develop strong study skills.
My high school work prepared me for college.
I learned how to write a research paper.
I was prepared for MCAS, and got good academic skills. The job at Harvard was helpful.
I use high school notes for college work, because my high school work was so good.
Charlestown prepared me in numerous ways.
I was prepared by the teachers.
I got good work experience.
Law and Justice prepared me well for work. I credit my Law and Justice teacher. The Coach program taught me about college.
I was prepared a lot.
I was prepared a lot.
Charlestown gave lots of support and help.
I was prepared well for employment opportunities.
Fine!
I was prepared for college.
I believe I am prepared.
Charlestown was good.
Charlestown assisted my daughter well. She liked Protech.
Freshman and Sophomore year prepared me.
I am prepared for the college workload.
Charlestown helped prepare me for Newbury College.
Pathway classes and Mr. Carey were good.
Charlestown was really helpful.
Charlestown was really helpful.
I learned great computer skills.
My high school classes were helpful in preparing me for my college courses. Law and Justice class was great. Mr. Rawlinson helped me a lot too. Charlestown prepared me great for college. Charlestown always kept me interested in going to college. Charlestown did an excellent job keeping my daughter on track. They always kept in touch with me. I learned a lot at CHS. The counselors helped me with college applications. The teachers were so nice, they answered all my questions. Ms. Mc Grath got me many jobs, and taught me how to act at the workplace. Cisco networking taught me a lot about computers. Charlestown helped me a lot. The job at Sovereign bank was very helpful. Charlestown prepared us well by giving us a lot of work. The Pathways helped a lot, and I feel prepared for the workplace. I was very prepared for life. I think I was prepared. ROTC helped prepare me for the Army. I was prepared well, especially in Cisco Networking and English class. Charlestown gave me a good foundation. Charlestown really helped me, especially with writing essays. High school helped me to get and stay focused on my school work. I was prepared well. Charlestown had a strong focus on education. Charlestown was good. Charlestown showed me different methods to finish class work. Charlestown was very good! Charlestown helped a lot! I was prepared well. (13 comments) I was prepared very well. (8 comments)

**Negative Comments**
Charlestown didn’t prepare me for much. I was not happy with what they had to offer. I was not prepared well at all. Charlestown did not help with my plans to learn about business.
Academics were not stressed at Charlestown. The students get by easily.
I was not helped at all.
Charlestown should have done more to stress the importance of work and education.
I don’t think Charlestown prepared me.
I was not prepared very well at all.
I was not prepared at all.
I was not prepared well.
Everything I learned in high school did not prepare me for college. I feel I’ve had to start from scratch in English and Math.
I was not prepared for college level work.
Charlestown did not prepare me well at all. The classes are too big, and teachers do not challenge the students enough.
I don’t think Charlestown prepared me at all.
I was not prepared academically. College is a shock.
I was not prepared at all. Charlestown needs a Math teacher.
The teaching strategies need improving. The teachers didn’t know what they were talking about.
Charlestown did not help me much.
Charlestown did not make me feel prepared for college, so I didn’t go.
Dorchester High School (1060)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

Dorchester really improved my Writing skills.
APS did very good.
The Business courses really helped.
I think High School was good for me.
The Computer classes really prepared me. All the applications I learned in ETA I am using now.
Dorchester taught me to be responsible.
I am prepared to do college work, especially Computer work
I got Communication skills.
I liked my Social Issues class, it gave me lots of tips.
Yes, it prepared me well.
High school showed the way to college.
I got support from Guidance and my Art teacher.
Dorchester really improved my Writing skills.
APS did very good.
Dorchester helped me with Writing skills.
The computer ACCESS helped.
The teachers at Dorchester were extremely supportive.
I really enjoyed the ETA Academy.
I liked my English class, it was very helpful.
Yes, it prepared me well.
High school showed the way to college.
Dorchester really improved my Writing skills.
APS did very good.
The Business courses really helped.
The Computer classes really prepared me. All the applications I learned in ETA I am using now.

Dorchester taught me to be responsible.

I am prepared to do college work, especially Computer work.

English and Business classes were good.

Dorchester helped to improve my Math and Reading skills.

Mr. Casillis English class was very helpful, as was Network.

Dorchester helped me a lot.

It helped me be more prepared in terms of a college education.

It prepared me well with basic skills such as Math and English.

It was pretty good.

Dorchester helped with MCAS, and the teachers helped.

It was okay.

Coming from Haiti, I needed more preparation.

In my opinion, it helped me a lot. I am doing the same stuff in college that I did in High School.

Some of the teachers were helpful.

Dorchester taught me to persevere.

It prepared me enough to graduate.

It helped me a lot, especially with Business classes, Economics in particular.

I feel if I wanted to go to college, I was prepared for it.

Dorchester taught me to be responsible and do all my work.

It helped me a lot with work.

All teachers were very supportive and offered advice regularly.

Dorchester taught me to be responsible.

It helped prepare me well, especially Math.

The Haitian teachers were very helpful.

The Economic and Business Academy was very good.

Urban Scholars did a lot to prepare me.

Every time I needed help, someone was there to help me.

Dorchester taught me to be prepared for college work.
I was prepared extremely well. (19 comments)

Negative Comments

I wish I was more challenged academically.
I had to do everything on my own. I felt I didn’t get proper preparation.
I feel I wasn’t challenged enough.
I wasn’t prepared at all. The Writing I did in High School was insufficient at the College level, and I’m struggling with Math.
Dorchester needed more activities than just sports.
I felt the work should have been more challenging.
The teachers should have spent more time supporting students.
Dorchester was not good.
No, it did not prepare me. I now realize how difficult it is to get a job.
Dorchester didn’t prepare me for anything but getting up in the morning.
It didn’t prepare me at all.
I wasn’t challenged enough.
Work could have been more challenging and teachers could have been more supportive.
I am struggling with Math.
Academically I wasn’t prepared at all.
Dorchester doesn’t have enough resources.
East Boston High School (1070)

Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

The Business experience helped me a lot.
The Academy of Management showed me how to write a business plan and gave me real world working experience.
East Boston gave me the tools necessary to be successful in life.
Eastie helped me with English.
My Pathway class supported me.
East Boston gave me the tools I needed to be successful in life. Thank you.
Protech prepared me for the real world.
East Boston was excellent!
East Boston was extremely helpful!
East Boston helped me out tremendously.
Ms. Themo was very helpful.
My Pathway class helped.
EBHS was great!
East Boston was helpful.
I liked the faculty at East Boston.
East Boston was a good school.
I loved East Boston.
East Boston was very good.
Eastie was great.
East Boston was excellent. It was better academically than Catholic Memorial.
East Boston was helpful with AP and English by Ciampa. Ciampa assigns readings which are similar to college.
ROTC taught me skills I needed to be successful.
EBHS was very good to me.
East Boston was KOOL!
I learned English at East Boston.
EBHS prepared me a lot.
The faculty was helpful, they kept me alert.
EBHS was great!
East Boston was ALL RIGHT!
EBHS was very great! East Boston provided me with working experience throughout high school that has helped me out in society.
I love Eastie!
EBHS was a blast!
East Boston’s Pathway of Management was awesome! STC programs are great!
EBHS played me English.
English class really helped me.
I learned a lot at East Boston.
East Boston had tremendous support services.
EBHS was a very good school. ROTC was great.
EBHS Health Partnership with MGH was terrific!
East Boston taught me English skills.
The Academy of Management really prepared me the most.
East Boston was good, great actually.
East Boston helped me with my English.
East Boston was good to me.
The Pathway experience helped me the most.
I loved Eastie!
I learned a lot and enjoyed so much that I want to go back.
I enjoyed the experience. The Academy class exposed me to a lot of good opportunities.
I was pleased with East Boston.
My honor classes were great.
EBHS was excellent! I enjoyed playing sports and received a job at MGH.
East Boston was awesome! The 80 minute periods helped me tremendously.
EBHS was a good school with helpful teachers.
East Boston was great to my kids!
East Boston prepared me very well. Ms. Ciampa and DeRosa were great teachers.
East Boston was great!
EBHS was great because of the jobs! It allowed me to gain Communication skills and how to interact with professionals.
EBHS was excellent!
East Boston was good for my son.
I was prepared pretty well. (10 comments)
I was prepared very well. (8 comments)

**Negative Comments**
East Boston didn’t prepare me.
I was not prepared too well.
Not a lot.
I didn’t like East Boston, I didn’t like the experience.
To be honest, I wasn’t prepared at all.
Fenway High School (1265)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments
Fenway was a good school for me.
Fenway is a good school because of the Math, English, and Science.
High School was good.
I feel very prepared for college.
Fenway prepared me a lot.
The caseload at Fenway prepared me for college.
Fenway was very good. The headmaster was a great influence and according to the father, Fenway saved his kid’s life.
Portfolio really helped me.
English class was very good.
Math and Humanities classes were really enjoyable.
The projects and long term assignments we did at Fenway really prepared me for college.
We did Portfolios and that helped me with Time management.
Fenway helped because of the amount of work we got.
I was prepared very well.
Fenway does a lot to prepare you for college.
Writing class really helped.
Fenway prepared me well, especially with writing papers.
The small class sizes and homework at Fenway really helped me a lot.
Fenway did a great job!
I was prepared very well in Math.

Negative Comments
Fenway could have been better.
Math was weak at Fenway.
Math class didn’t help at all.
Math was weak.
My study skills are not up too snuff with my peers in college.
I was not prepared well enough to compete with my peers from private and suburban schools.
Health Careers Academy (1440)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments
HCA prepared me very well.
Without HCA I wouldn’t have accomplished what I accomplished.
The teachers were very helpful.
I was prepared very well.
HCA provided a lot of information on college.
The amount of work HCA gave me prepared me.
HCA prepared me, especially all of the writing assignments.
Health Careers prepared me well enough.
Health Careers prepared me for work.
HCA did an excellent job preparing me.
HCA helped me with my homework, and always challenged me.
HCA helped me a lot.
Health Careers helped me because of the structure and mentality.
HC prepared me very well.
HC did a good job preparing me.
Health Career’s structure prepared me very well for college.
HC prepared me a lot because of the work they had me do.
I think I was prepared very well.

Negative Comments
The curriculum at HCA was not enough to prepare me for college.
I did not get the basics of Math and English.
The school did not prepare me.
HCA did not prepare me well for school.
HCA was not able to do that much because of their budget.
Positive Comments

High School helped prepare me very well. High school pushed me to do my best and put a lot of pressure on me about the real world. Now I’m in the real world and I’m able to deal with it and attribute that to high school.

High school prepared me very well for college.

Hyde Park helped me to be responsible.

Hyde Park helped him b/c they followed up with him when he had difficulties.

H.P. prepared me well in Math and English.2

Hyde helped me a lot b/c the guidance counselors were always talking about applying to college.

Hyde taught me how to prepare for life after high school.

High helped prepare my daughter well. She had recently come from Haiti and did not speak any English. Her bilingual classes helped her learn the English language and now she is attending college.

High school prepared me well for college. I’m not attending college for financial reasons, but I will be attending Bridgton Academy in August.

High school helped to prepare him well.

Hyde Park prepared me for work and school.

Yes, Hyde Park was very helpful.

High School helped me a lot because I was able to get internships from the Academy. I had teachers who cared and Mr. Barnes, my guidance counselor helped me a lot.

High School helped prepare me well. Although I’m attending hair school, I also got accepted to a few colleges.

It helped me a lot. They taught me how to apply for financial aid, which paid for my Fall tuition.
As far as work, high school helped me deal with people from diverse backgrounds. I currently work with people from diverse backgrounds so high school prepared for these experiences.

High School helped her a lot, but she did not take advantage for the resources available.

High School helped him a lot. He still visits the school when he comes home.

High school helped me a lot. I graduated with a 3.0 so I’m confident that I learned something.

Teachers were very helpful. They would stay after school to help.

H.S. prepared me very well. A lot of my accounting classes are review due to my coursework in the Finance Academy.

They taught me a lot about the college process and my teachers helped me a lot.

They helped me a lot. They taught me everything I know.

High School gave me the basic skills I needed for after graduation.

High school prepared me well for college. I feel a lot more educated now than when I did when I first started high school, furthermore, I think I would do okay if I went to college.

The teachers helped prepare me well for after high school.

High school helped me a lot. The PIC office taught me how to important it is to get to work on time and how to communicate with co-workers and employers.

The experience in the Academy of Finance helped me tremendously.

High school prepared me very well. It put a good head on my shoulders and I was able to find good employment while in high school.

Hyde Park communicated well with me and my husband regarding my son.

Hyde helped me find summer jobs and gain my diploma.

The teachers did pretty good, they all pushed us to do our best.

Hyde Park prepared her with decision-making.

I think they did a good job. He is working and going to school.

She did real good in high school.

I think high school prepared him well because MCAS was a big deal. He passed it on the first try.

Hyde Park prepared him well.
Hyde prepared me a lot. There were many things that I didn’t know prior to high school. Now I feel like I can do anything.

My teachers gave me a lot of college prep homework and essays which helped me a lot. The teachers advised me well.

Hyde prepared me well. There are so many good teachers.

ROTC and the AOF helped me a lot. ROTC helped teach me self-discipline and the AOF taught me the importance of work and business.

Hyde helped me develop my social skills. I interact with people better now.

High school helped her a lot. She had a lot of assistance with her college essays and the teachers were helpful.

Hyde helped me prepare very well and Mr. Abelard helped me find a job with Fleet bank.

High school helped her a lot. She doing well in school now.

High school helped me prepare for work very well.

There were a couple of teachers that had an impact on me like Mr. Abelard, Ms. Parlor, and Ms Washington.

They made sure I took all night classes.

High school was good. Ms. Weaver’s accounting class helped me improve my skills as a cashier.

High school helped me develop basic skills in math and English.

I’m doing well in the courses I’m taking now and it is largely due in part to the English classes I took in high school.

It helped me a lot. I am currently doing well in college and I’m getting good grades.

High school helped me a lot. It opened doors for me that would have been closed.

I know it helped a lot because I know plenty of students who got summer jobs through the PIC. I was already working, but it was good to know if I would’ve need help. I would’ve received it.

High helped me realize the importance of seeing opportunities when they arrive and not waiting for them to knock down your door.

High school prepared me but I really haven’t had the chance to take advantage of it yet, because I just returned from basic training.
Negative Comments

I'm realizing now that I didn't get enough preparation for college. I wish high school would have taught me more about English and time management skills.
I had a lot of problems with teachers understanding my child and his needs.
His experience was average. The motivating factor just wasn't there.
High school didn't help me at all because everything I'm doing right now I had to start from scratch.
Hyde did not help me much at all. I could have gone to a better school.
Hyde did not help her at all. They let her slip through the cracks because they did not follow her (IEP)
High school was a waste of time because it didn't teach her any of the skills needed to succeed.
Did not help at all. College is totally different than high school and what I learned in high is not helping me now.
School did not prepare him well because he is not in school or working.
Hyde Park did not prepare her at all.
Hyde Park did not help me to gear up to be an adult.
I think they could have shared more information about scholarships because many students did not have the information they needed to apply for financial assistance.
Hyde Park did not prepare me much but repeated what parents said.
High school didn't help me that much.
Hyde didn't prepare her at all because she was not challenged.
Not that well. Some teachers cared and other didn't.
Jeremiah Burke High School (1120)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments
The Burke helped me through difficult activities.
The Burke really prepared me for work. Jeff Jackson of the PIC office helped me get a job. I’ve always received support from my teacher.
The Burke was a good technology school.
The Burke prepared me well. I enjoyed the school academically and the teachers were supportive.
In my English classes at the Burke we always had to write research papers and essays. Most of if not all of my work ethics came from working with Ms. Okiwe. I learned to meet and network with my supervisors.
There were some good teachers that helped me with my English.
Many teachers at Burke were very supportive.
The Burke prepared me really well. Teachers taught me about tardiness, time management, academics, and missed days. I really got a lot of help and support in order to change my attitude.
The teachers were good. If you were willing to learn then the opportunity was always there. Some courses at the Burke taught me about time management and being able to balance school, work and job responsibility.
The Burke taught me a lot about computers. The teachers were always willing to help.
Overall I loved Dr. Leonard as the headmaster but I don’t agree with the changes when Ms. Moore became the principal.
I received help from my teachers with English and also with writing papers. Burke staff educated me on various social issues and skills.
High school helped me to speak English better.
I feel the Burke prepared me for work during my experience at the Freedom House.
High school helped me to understand and speak English.
The Burke taught me how to be focused for college. I also learned how to apply for jobs.
The Burke gave me more support in regards to social support and getting along with my peers.
The Burke prepared me well, we were kept busy, a lot of homework was assigned. The teachers were very strict.
My English teacher really helped me a lot. I learned a lot of skills in the RYA program. I had good teachers and support.
Ms. Okiwe really prepared me with filling out resumes and getting interviews.
I enjoyed JROTC where I learned a lot about life skills. The Burke overall was a really good school.
The Burke had some good programs.
All the teachers were helpful.
The teachers cared a lot and pushed me. I enjoyed my computer and music courses.
The Burke did prepare me academically in regards to the curriculum.
Burke prepared me in English and Math. I also learned a lot about time management thought the RYA program. My experience at State Street was the best time I ever had. I learned about computers and how to work well with others.
The teachers were helpful and the after school program helped me a lot. Ms. Okiwe was the only person to help me find a job.
High school helped me gain basic knowledge in regards to academics and basic life experience.
Teachers stayed on top of me and always helped me.
The Burke prepared my son very well for life after graduation.
The Burke provided me with the building blocks and a foundation with which to continue my education in life.
Mr. Dickson, my AP Physics and Calculus teacher, really taught me a lot about life and academics. He also taught me life skills and served as a mentor. At State Street I learned about business and quality customer service.
I always had a good basketball coach, Mr. Rice.
The MCAS course and after school programs really helped.
The Burke helped me a lot as I went through hard times. There were always people to talk to about different things.
The Burke did pretty well in regards to making me challenge myself. Coach Deihaine, my health instructor, helped with my career choice.

The Burke experience was excellent! The English teachers were really excellent and helped out with student portfolios and papers.

The Burke prepared me really well. I was always involved in sports, the teachers, coaches, and my guidance counselor Ms. Patterson were really helpful. My experiences in the RYA program taught me how to work with difficult kids. Ms. Okiwe has always been a person I could seek out when I needed help.

The Burke prepared me well. I was taught writing skills and how to manage my time.

The English teachers were really excellent and helped out with student portfolios and papers.

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The Burke taught me to be responsible, and the teachers took their time to teach.

The Burke prepared me very well, especially the MCAS prep courses. The teachers were always helpful.

The Burke really helped in regards to work and school responsibilities.

The Burke did more than any other academic school could have done! I loved the Burke, the teachers were good and I always felt supported! The Burke taught me about life vs. academics – given the severe shortage of resources at the Burke, I’ve learned a lot.

The Burke prepared me well.
The Burke taught me to speak and write English.

**Negative Comments**

High School did not help prepare me with my college application or financial aid.
The Burke could have been more structured and held us more accountable.
The Burke didn’t prepare me well academically at all.
The Burke should have a better program for students with learning disabilities.
I could have received more support in regards to the MCAS.
The Burke did not help me at all.
I do not feel that the Burke prepared me for life after graduation.
I don’t feel the Burke helped me during my senior year and I didn’t even have a math class.
The guidance counselors were awful
I didn’t like the neighborhood or the environment and I was always afraid to go to school.
Academically I should have been challenged more.
The Burke did not help at all.
The Burke sucked. I hated the Burke.
The Burke was a crazy environment to learn in because there were always fire alarms and fights.
Fire drills and fights kind of took away from the learning process.
High school did not help at all.
Homework wasn’t demanding enough, we didn’t get enough required reading.
The Burke did not prepare me at all. At times I didn’t feel supported, the teachers didn’t care enough.
Madison Park High School (1210)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments
He feels that because Madison is a vocational school he is prepared to get a job in his vocation and will go into it with some skills he learned in high school.
She really enjoyed Madison especially her vocational training and still plans to go into a field related to TV/Production.
He enjoyed MP and felt it prepared him well.
Madison got me ready for college. I really liked my vocational class and my academic classes. My teachers supported me.
He things it prepared him well. He knows that if he put in more effort he could have been better prepared and gotten more out of it.
Madison did well. English and Math were very helpful.
I think Madison prepared me well. The science classes really prepared me and the vocational classes were great.
I have no regrets. If I hadn’t been trained at Madison I would be in bad shape. The teachers definitely supported me. Without the training I would have a hard time at work.
I think pretty good. I’m doing pretty good in college. I have a 3.0 average. My teachers did a good job.
He thinks that Madison helped him a lot. His teacher helped him get his current job.
Pretty good. Things he’s learning in college he already learned at Madison
Madison helped me figure out what I wanted to do through my experiences in the vocational program.
She liked Madison quite a bit. She got a lot of experience from her vocational class. Her vocational class led to the CAN job she now has.
I feel prepared to enter the medical field. Overall, I’m satisfied with my education at Madison.
Madison prepared me well. I was not that interested in my vocational class, but it was ok. School showed me what life is all about. I wish I could go back to high school. It was great.

She really enjoyed MP. She thought the teachers were helpful and the principal was great.

She thinks that MP was good in terms of the experiences she had and the skills that she acquired. But, she thinks that in terms of academics they did not do a great job.

She really enjoyed the Nursing program and feels that it helped her with what she is doing now. She also felt that the academics were helpful.

Prepared well for college.

It prepared me well. My writing and math skills have been good. I really liked my vocational instructor.

She enjoyed her classes. She really enjoyed her music classes.

Prepared her well by showing her interviewing skills, and how to build a resume.

Academics were only ok, but really liked English and vocational training.

During her senior year based on the advice from her guidance counselor she took classes at RCC because Madison classes were not pushing her.

Shawn really liked Madison. His vocation studies really helped him to decide he wants to become a graphic designer. He is starting Mass Art in the Fall.

I think Madison helped her a lot. Her vocational class and academic classes challenged her. Her English classes focused on her reading and writing ability, which has helped her be successful in her academics.

I learned a lot from my academic and vocational instructor. The school supported me.

Madison helped her a lot. She did a lot of writing in English class.

Madison prepared me well. I know a lot from the experiences I received in my vocational classes. I’m happy with the way things worked out.

Madison did a great job preparing me for an auto body shop career. I also liked the academic classes.

Madison did a pretty good job, especially the head master. There was lots of support for me at the school. I really enjoyed my vocational class and instruction.

I was prepared very well for college.
I think Madison prepared me during my senior year. Mr. McAfee really gave me a sense of responsibility. I liked my vocational and academic classes.

He thinks Madison helped him a lot. He was able to leave with a resume and a portfolio. The school prepared me well for college classes.

Madison did a pretty good job of preparing me.

**Negative Comments**

Madison didn't prepare seniors. It was too easy.

Madison didn’t prepare her well for life after high school. Madison did not give her enough information about college.

She doesn’t feel it prepared her well. Madison helped her graduate, but didn’t prepare her for the future.

She doesn’t feel that MP prepared her. In college there are a lot more essays and reading. She is trying her best, but feels behind.

He really does not feel that Madison prepared him for life after high school. He feels that the school lacked resources and there was not enough communication between teachers.

He enjoyed his vocation but thought the academic classes had the most problems.

The week on week off made things harder. He feels that having to change his focus every week made things harder.

Madison didn’t prepare me well. I didn’t like Madison at all. They didn’t reach out to me enough. My vocational classes were the worst.

MP didn’t teach him a lot. He feels like he is struggling now.

I don’t think Madison prepared me well. I was in the YES program and I felt alienated because of that. There was too much review and not enough diversity in class selection.

She felt that a lot of the good teachers left early on. She felt that the teachers were not very supportive and didn’t prepare her well because they didn’t put in the time.

I feel that my writing skills are not very good and that Madison did not support me in this area. She feels that Madison needs to push students more to help them with grammar and writing.

The teachers could have spent more time actually teaching.

I’m upset that Madison didn’t help me get certified for Medical assisting.

I think Madison doesn’t offer enough advanced classes to prepare students for college.
McKinley Vocational Tech High School (1293)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Negative Comments
I could have learned more in high school to prepare myself better.
McKinley is not a very good school.
School was whack, I didn’t like it.
New Mission High School (1285)

Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments

New Mission helped me through Portfolio Review and Advisor.
The last year at New Mission helped me to stay focused.
School helped prepare her to manage her schedule.
New Mission prepared me because of their curriculum.
The teachers helped her a lot.
New Mission helped me understand Science better.
New Mission did a great job.
Mission prepared me very well.
Mission prepared me for Pine Manor because Pine Manor models the portfolio style.
New Mission was excellent.
Mission prepared me because they helped with college applications and financial aid.
Mission did a pretty good job providing information about college and financial aid.
New Mission provided me one-on-one attention.
Mom felt New Mission helped her son a lot because of its structure.
Mission helped me write papers.
Mission helped me.

Negative Comments

New Mission did not help at all.
High school did not contribute to preparing me for college.
School did not help prepare me for college.
New Mission did not prepare me at all.
Snowden High School (1200)
Class of 2003 Graduates’ Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments
I was prepared enough.
English and Math prepared me well.
College is than high school.
I was prepared very well. My English AP class is the same as my college one now. I feel very prepared. It’s like a repeat for me right now.
Snowden really prepared me for college. The workload I have at Curry is not as hard.
I was prepared very well.
Snowden was good.
I loved high school!
Snowden did a pretty good job. They taught me how to be more than average.
I was prepared really well for college.
Snowden helped me with the classes and preparation for college.
High school prepared me very well. They helped me fill out an application.
Snowden prepared me fine.
Snowden was pretty good.
Snowden prepared me very well.
The classes I took my senior year really prepared me for college.
Snowden prepared me very well.
I was prepared very well.
During senior year teachers took time to remind us about college and access.
Snowden really helped improve my English.
The teachers did a good job.
Snowden prepared me very well.
The AP classes prepared me.
English class helped me.
Snowden helped junior and senior years. They held seminars to teach us about college preparation, and teachers spoke to us about college life.

**Negative Comments**

Snowden sucked. Nobody was willing to help. The few good teachers are no longer there. Snowden needs more challenging academics, especially in the Science Department. I don’t feel like Snowden prepared me. I didn’t like it. Snowden lacked school spirit and enthusiasm. Snowden didn’t really prepare me.
Positive Comments
I learned how to manage my time better.
High school prepared me with basic skills. High School helped me with Communication and Writing.
South High School prepared me for college and work, because my career specialist really motivated me.
Science and Math classes were very helpful.
Southie really prepared me with a solid education.
The Writing courses prepared me very well.
The Computer courses prepared me for work.
I loved High School!
School was great!
The Technology courses were helpful.
High School and my summer job prepared me, since my course work and summer job were related.
School was good.
High School taught him how to interact with people.
My classes made me work hard.
I was prepared Academically.
High School helped me expand my horizons.
Southie prepared me to be focused about my studies.
Science and Math are very good.
The Computer classes were helpful.
The PIC counselors were helpful.
School was great!
School gave me the basics to build on.
High School helped me focus and take classes seriously.
High school was a positive experience.
The courses taken in high school are my foundation.
The general Cluster classes helped prepare me.
The Science courses prepared me.
High school prepared me academically.
School was good. I learned a lot.
High school provided me with the core classes I needed.
The Instructor in high school really pushed me academically.
High school was great!
The PIC office was great!
School was cool.
My Guidance counselor helped prepare me for college.
South Boston helped me to keep my focus.
High school was good.
The English classes prepared me.
The Science classes really prepared me.
High school prepared me in a Reading and Writing kind of sense.
My experience at the Federal Reserve Bank has prepared me for work.
The Computer classes I took really prepared me.
Mrs. Lyon's got me through school.
High school taught me how to deal with people.
English class was the best.
High school prepared me very well. The computer courses I took helped prepared me for college.
My teachers taught me to focus in class.
The Computer classes really helped me.
The courses helped me work harder during summer school to pass District requirements so I could go to college.
High school helped my speaking process, especially in English.
School was good.
I felt there was a one-on-one that I got from the teachers.
I was prepared very well. I am seeing the same stuff in college that I saw in High School.
High School was great.
The teachers taught me what to look out for.
I was prepared pretty well. (8)

**Negative Comments**
I was not prepared. I don’t think they gave me enough information.
I was not prepared to use computers in college.
I didn’t like South Boston. I didn’t feel challenged.
I was not prepared at all.
It did not prepare me for college due to the fact that my college focus is not the same as high school classes.
High school was not good.
I was not prepared. I didn’t get the help I needed.
I was not prepared at all.
High school was nothing.
Not good!
It did not prepare me at all being that I’m not in school, and I’m unemployed.
West Roxbury High School (1250)
Class of 2003 Graduates' Notable Responses to the Question, “In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?”

Positive Comments
West Roxbury was good.
I think I was prepared.
I was prepared well enough for college.
I was prepared for the real world.
I think it was a good school.
Westie was pretty good. My Communications class helped prepare me for my college major and helped me communicate with elderly people at my job.
The PIC helped me a lot.
West Roxbury was really good.
West Roxbury was good.
Westie has prepared me well. College picked up right where high school left off.
West Roxbury prepared me well.
West Roxbury has prepared me well.
I was prepared for work.
West Roxbury did a great job preparing me for college.
I was prepared well.
I think that my Pathway helped me with my concentration for college.
West Roxbury was good for work.
West Roxbury taught me to speak English.
I think West Roxbury prepared me well.
West Roxbury was good, they were real patient with me.
I was very appreciative of the teachers at Westie.
For college, west Roxbury did prepare me.
With the preparation I received at Westie, I was able to pull through at college
I was prepared well for work.
I feel confident with the skills I have acquired at West Roxbury.
West Roxbury did a good job preparing me for college.
West Roxbury did a really good job. Oral Communication, Arts and English were very helpful.
I feel I was prepared very well.
West Roxbury helped me a lot.
West Roxbury helped me get into a very good school.
West Roxbury did well as far as material went.
Work wise, Westie did all it could do.
West Roxbury prepared me for college.
I was prepared fine for college.
I was prepared well enough for college.
West Roxbury did a pretty good job.
High school prepared me a lot with my studies.
West Roxbury really helped me.
I think I was prepared well because college seems easy.
Math class was very good.
West Roxbury is a good school, and it helped me in many areas.
I liked my teachers at Westie.
West Roxbury did a wonderful job. My 3 kids went there, and they are all doing well.
I feel well prepared for college.
West Roxbury prepared me a lot for work, because they had lots of jobs.
West Roxbury really prepared me. My Guidance Counselor helped me apply to college, and PIC helped me get my first job.
The education was great at West Roxbury.
West Roxbury helped me a great deal, especially with people skills.
I believe West Roxbury did a great job.
I got a good feeling about how much writing I would need to do in college thanks to Westie.
West Roxbury was really good.
I got a pretty good education from West Roxbury.
I feel I gained enough knowledge at West Roxbury.
West Roxbury prepared me a lot.
West Roxbury did a great job.
West Roxbury helped my speaking out a lot.
Westie had a great influence on preparing me for college.
The teachers at West Roxbury prepared me well.
West Roxbury was excellent!
West Roxbury was excellent in preparing me for work.
West Roxbury was great. I really learned a lot from the jobs I worked at.
West Roxbury did a great job preparing me for school and work.
High school prepared me a great deal, especially ESL classes.
Westie was excellent! I have already used the Math, Tech, Science, and Psychology I learned at Westie.
The bilingual program was a great transition for me.
West Roxbury was helpful.
I think West Roxbury did a very good job with my son.
West Roxbury prepared me with Math and people skills.
The Media classes were good.
West Roxbury has allowed me to set goals and go out and make money.
West Roxbury prepared me pretty well. (19 comments)
West Roxbury prepared me very well. (11 comments)

Negative Comments
West Roxbury did not even come close to preparing me.
I wasn’t prepared much at all.
I was not prepared well.
West Roxbury did not provide any help. The Principal/Guidance didn’t provide any help.
They just make their money and go home.
West Roxbury SUCKED. The teachers and Guidance counselors help students fall through the cracks. If you are not an athlete or an honor student, no one cares, you fall through the cracks.
I was not prepared at all.
I was not prepared at all.
West Roxbury needs better Math classes.
Truthfully, West Roxbury did not prepare me. My senior year was not challenging at all, I was ill-prepared for college.
West Roxbury did not prepare me at all. Especially not the Guidance counselors, they didn’t help at all.
The teachers at West Roxbury were too soft.
West Roxbury did not prepare me for work or school.
High school didn’t help me at all.
West Roxbury did not prepare me for the intense classes I take now.
I was not prepared well at all.
I had some issues with getting my diploma with some of the teachers, so I was not happy.
I really did not receive much help at West Roxbury. I felt that they didn’t care about their students.