


METCO

2016-2017



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This academic school year marks the 50th year of the Town of Weston's participation in the METCO program. This report will show continued support, dedication and successes from members of both the Weston and Boston communities, the school administrators, the faculty and staff members and, most of all, the students and their parents who continue to support the belief that pursuing a quality education is a key component to lifelong achievement and success.



Overview

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Areas of note, including student successes in and out of the classroom

ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Standardized testing results, college placement, etc.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS – SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMMING

Description and detail of the varied programs offered specifically to our METCO students throughout the district during the school year.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS – SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Description and detail of the programs and experiences offered to our METCO students during the summer month.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

Description of the varied organizations with whom Weston METCO partners.

NEXT STEPS

Plans for the future.

Accomplishments

STUDENT-SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 3 National Honor Society members
- Posse Scholarship – Six of our students nominated, three made it to the second round and one was awarded a full four-year academic scholarship to Hamilton College through the nationally recognized program
- 3 members of a Boston swim team competing on a national level
- 8th Grade Class President
- Lead in Middle School Play
- Jr. Youth of the Year 2017 Yawkey Boys and Girls Club of Roxbury
- 96% (25 out of 26) of the Field School students participate in optional after-school activities (Sports, Chorus or Band)
- High School students serving on: Principal Advisory Council (1), School Council (1), Student Council (3)
- 2 students participated in the Weston Junior Broadway Program
- 92% (11 out of 12) of the grade 3 students participate in Orchestra
- 2 members of the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra
- 70% (26 out of 37) of our Middle School students participate in optional after-school activities
- 2 members of a local championship youth ice hockey team
- City of Boston Mayor's Youth Council member
- Project 351 member (current 10th grader, nominated in 8th grade to represent the Weston Public School District)
- 1 selected member of the Youth Leadership Convention sponsored by Citizen University (only 25 students selected from across the country)
- 1 selected member of the Keystone Conference (a national youth conference focusing on leadership, academics and community service)

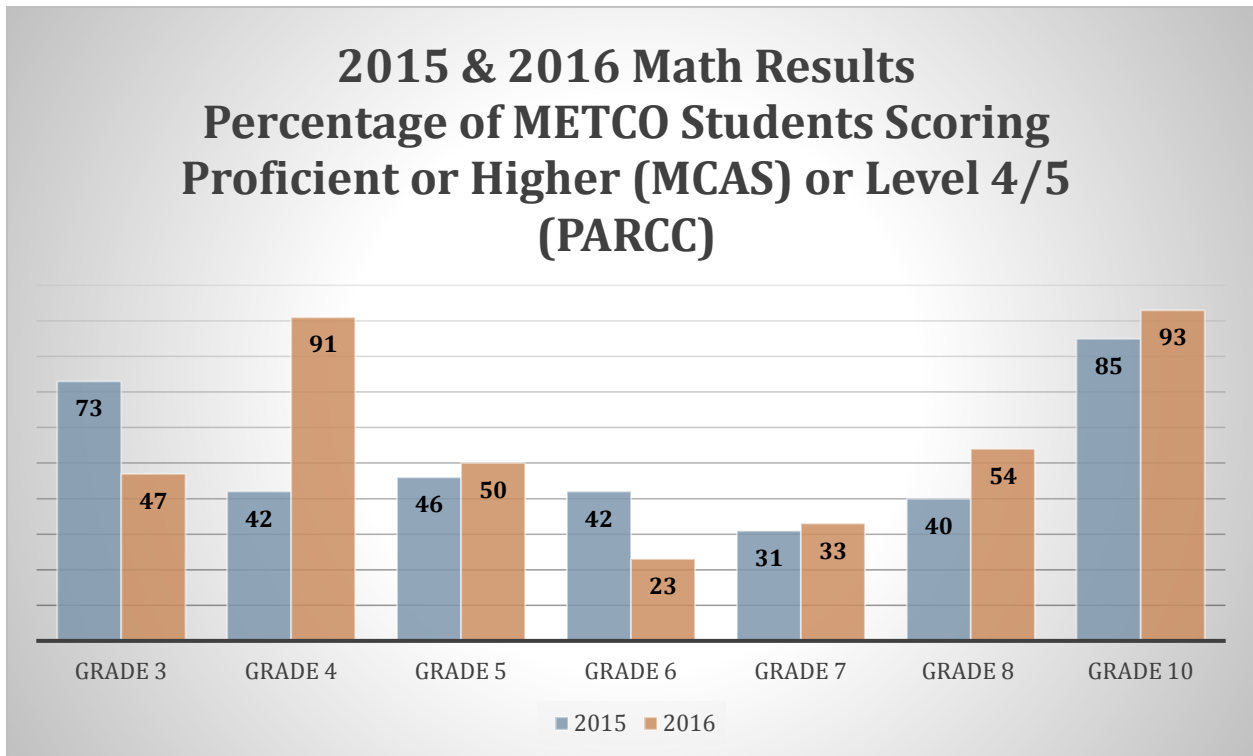
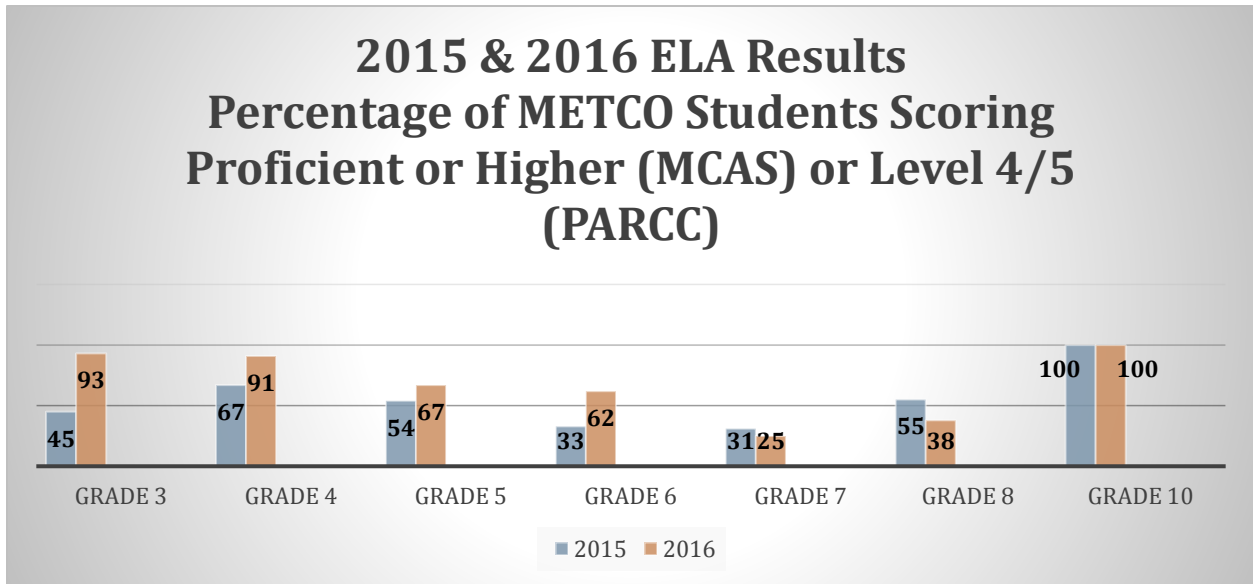
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

This year, the 13 METCO graduates of the class of 2017 have been accepted to the following institutions:

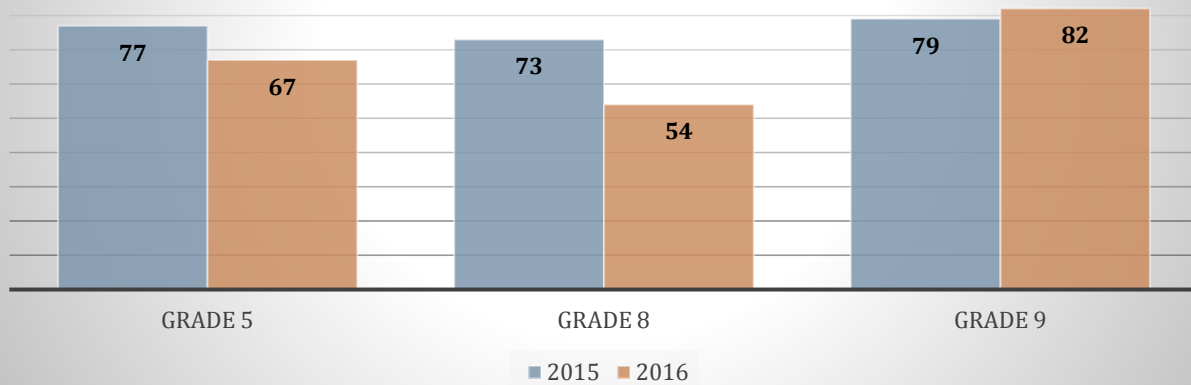
- Babson College
- Bishop University
- Bridgewater State University
- Carnegie Mellon
- Champlain College
- Curry College
- Dominican University of California
- Eckerd College
- Fisher College
- Framingham State University
- Franklin Pierce University
- Full Sail University
- Goucher College
- Hamilton College (POSSE Scholarship)
- Lake Forest College
- Merrimack College
- Newbury College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Regis University (CO)
- Rhode Island College
- Salve Regina University
- Saint Louis University (Madrid campus)
- Salem State University
- State University of New York (New Paltz)
- Suffolk University (Madrid Campus)
- Tuskegee University
- University of Hartford
- University of Maine
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- University of Massachusetts Lowell
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- University of Redlands
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Santa Cruz

Achievement Data

MCAS & PARCC 2015, 2016

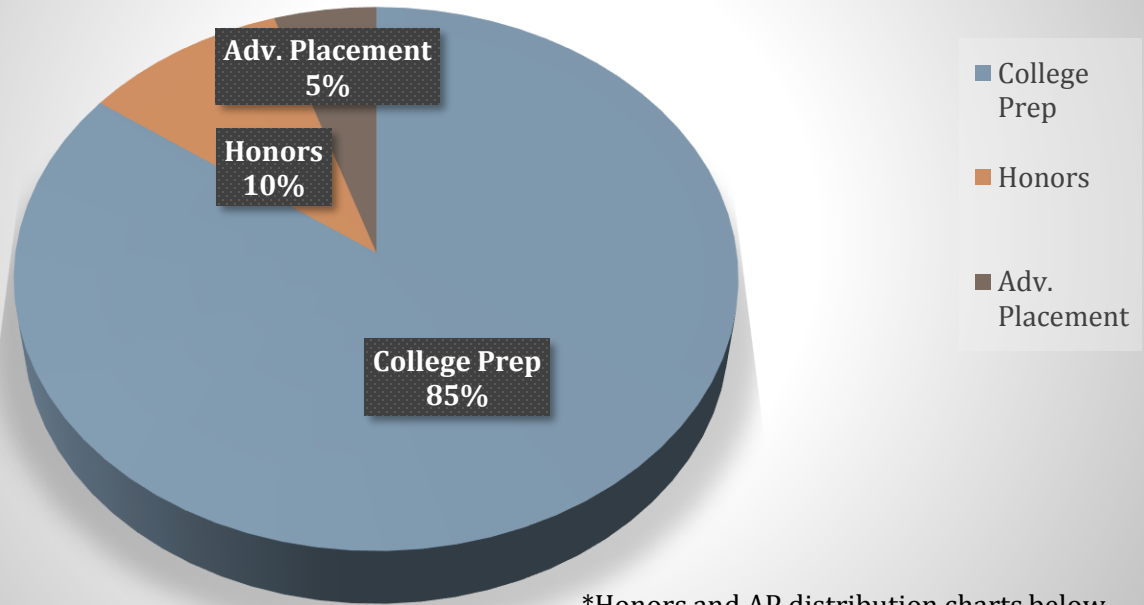


**2015 & 2016 Science Results
Percentage of METCO Students Scoring
Proficient or Higher (MCAS) or Level 4/5
(PARCC)**



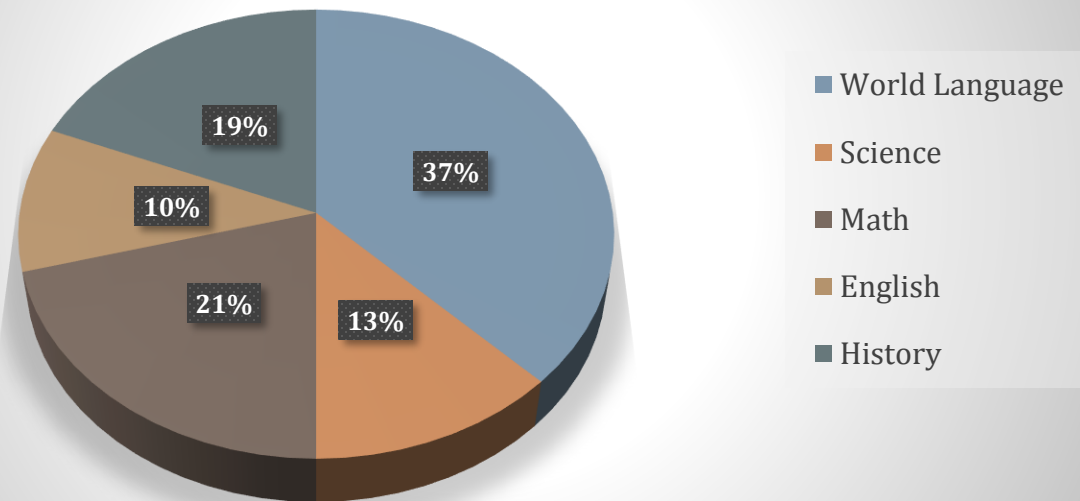
COLLEGE PREP, HONORS & ADV. PLACEMENT COURSE DATA (2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR)

Percentage of METCO Students in AP/Honors/CP Courses (2016-2017 school year)

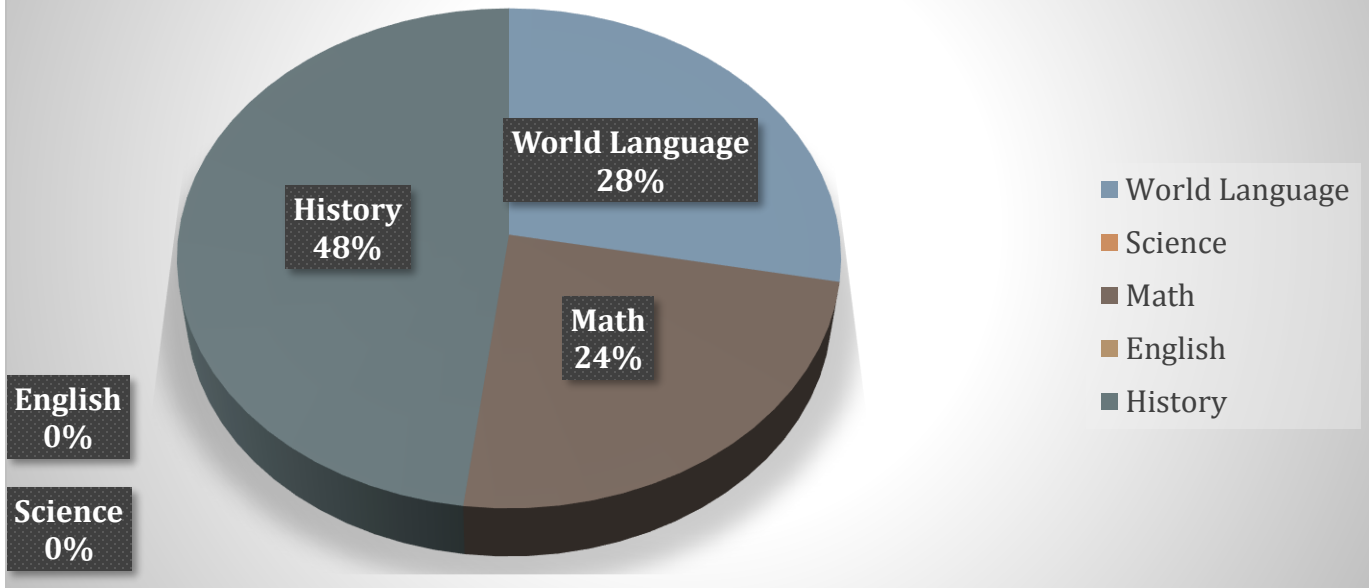


*Honors and AP distribution charts below

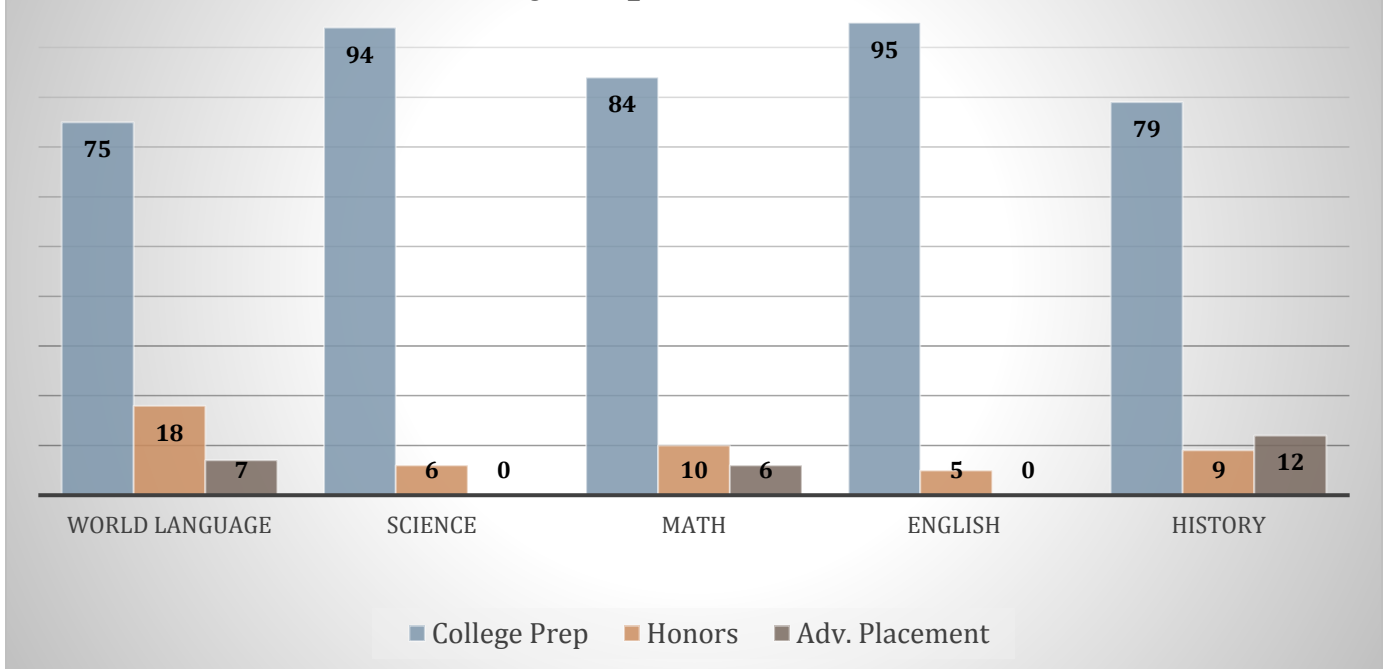
Percentage of METCO Students in Honors Courses by Department (2016-2017 school year)



Percentage of METCO Students in Advanced Placement Courses by Department (2016-2017 school year)



Percentage of METCO Students in CP/Honors/AP Courses by Departments (2016-2017 school year)



Supporting Students – School Year Programming

ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS – WOODLAND AND COUNTRY SCHOOLS

NAME OF PROGRAM	PURPOSE	# STUDENTS PARTICIPATING	GRADES	FREQUENCY	EDUCATOR TYPE(S)
Thinking and Playing Mathematically	Provide support in starting and completing all assigned homework	16	1 and 2	Biweekly	Math Interventionist, Liaison
Read to Speak Program	Reinforce reading for pleasure, expand vocabulary, strengthen conversations about what is read, strengthen creativity by writing own stories, Reinforce reading as a fun activity of discovery	16	1 and 2	Biweekly	Liaison
Foundation in Technology	Strengthen the use of iPad for learning, reinforce academic iPad functions for reading and writing, strengthen fine motor development for digital technology functions, Reinforce the use of technology for communication, strengthen digital games as a way to learn and have fun	All students	K	1 day per month Spring	Liaison, BU Intern
Writing Group	Strengthen the mechanics of writing (grammar and punctuation), Support the growth of language skills, use information from provided sources to answer questions, strengthen skills for research and writing projects, Practice the three types of writing: opinion, informative, and narrative writing	All students	K-5	1 day per week	Liaison, Learning Center Staff
Breakfast/Snack Group	Breakfast/Snack for children in need, provide social-emotional support to students under stress as a result of the long journey from Boston and the dynamics generated on the bus, provide opportunity for the students to prepare themselves well for the daily academic work, provide opportunities for students to talk about their plans for the day or what happened on the bus than concerns them	10/21	K, 1, 2 and 3	2 days per week	Liaison
Lunch Groups	Strengthen the interaction between Boston and Weston students, provide opportunity to build social relationships and develop social skills, provides opportunity to reinforce proper manners when eating, encourage appropriate conversation, share experiences	All students	1, 2 and 3	1 day per week	Liaison
Kindergarten Academy	To enhance the learning experience of incoming Kindergarten students in the METCO program.	All students	K	2-4 times a month	Weston Staff

ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS – FIELD SCHOOL

NAME OF PROGRAM	PURPOSE	# STUDENTS PARTICIPATING	GRADES	FREQUENCY	EDUCATOR TYPE(S)
Homework Program	Build a culture of academic collaboration and excellence among METCO students, introduce young students to the benefits of seeking extra help from teachers outside of class time, support homework completion by providing a supervised setting where students begin their homework before their commute home, and provide co-curricular enrichment opportunities	All students	4 and 5	2 days per week	Liaison
Boys' Mentoring Initiative	Enhance academic achievement, provide mentoring (parent to students and older students to younger students), develop ownership of the cultural environment and physical space, present students' work to the school community, and self-assess program outcomes	All 5 th Grade boys	5th	1 day per week	Parent volunteer with support from Liaison and Principal
Math Lunch Group	Strengthen mathematical foundation, reinforce mathematical language and concepts, practice basic math skills, promote risk-taking and outside-the-box thinking, and explore the understanding that every student is a mathematician	All students	4 and 5	1 day per week	Elementary Math Specialist
Lunch Groups	Provide social and emotional support and co-curricular enrichment in semi-structured affinity groups	All students	4 and 5	3 days per week	Liaison

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NAME OF PROGRAM	PURPOSE	# STUDENTS	GRADES	FREQUENCY	EDUCATOR TYPE AND #
Homework Program	Students experiencing academic struggles may be nominated for HW club support by the Liaison, teachers, or parents. Additionally, while not optional for some students, the program is also optional for any students looking for extra academic support and/or 1 on 1 assistance provided by the Liaison	20	6, 7 and 8	3 days per week	Liaison
Lunch Groups	Provide social and emotional support in semi-structured affinity groups	All students	6, 7 and 8	3 days per week	Liaison
Academic Support	Provide support in starting and completing all assigned coursework	6	6, 7 and 8	5 days per week	Liaison
MCAS Prep Program (ELA, Math and STE)	To improve students' test taking skills and strategies, while also enhancing writing skills, reading comprehension and vocabulary usage	All students	6, 7 and 8	2 days per week	Weston Staff

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NAME OF PROGRAM	PURPOSE	# STUDENTS	GRADES	FREQUENCY	EDUCATOR TYPE AND #
MCAS Prep Program (ELA, Math and Science)	To improve students' test taking skills and strategies, while also enhancing writing skills, reading comprehension and vocabulary usage	All 9 th and 10 th students	9 and 10	2 days per week	Weston Staff

Supporting Students – Summer Programming

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS – RISING STUDENTS IN GRADES 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

NAME OF PROGRAM	PURPOSE	# STUDENTS	GRADES	FREQUENCY	EDUCATOR TYPE AND #
Summer Opportunities in Academics and Recreation	Builds skills, expands upon prior learning, and provides opportunities for students to work together on team building and problem solving	29 students	4, 5, 6 and 7	2 weeks	METCO Liaison(s), Weston Staff

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NAME OF PROGRAM	PURPOSE	# STUDENTS	GRADES	FREQUENCY	EDUCATOR TYPE AND #
METCO Summer Academy	To review material from the pre-requisite courses (when applicable), preview material for the upcoming school year, build relationship(s) with WHS faculty	18 students	9, 10 and 11	1-2 weeks	Weston Staff

Supporting Students – Community Coordinator Programming

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NAME OF PROGRAM	PURPOSE	# STUDENTS	GRADE(S)	FREQUENCY	EDUCATOR TYPE(S)
Kindergarten Luncheon	To provide an opportunity for new Family Friend families to learn about the program and meet in person	METCO students and their Weston Family Friends	K	Once each for Country School and Woodland	Community Coordinator and Liaison
Family Friends After School Program	To strengthen the relationships between the Family Friend pairings by having shared enrichment activities	METCO students and their Weston Family Friends	1-3	Each grade meets once every three weeks	Community Coordinator and Liaison
Field School Lunch Groups	Provide social and emotional support in semi-structured affinity groups	METCO students and their Weston Family Friends	4 and 5	1 day per week	Community Coordinator and Liaison
Field School Field Trips	To strengthen the relationships between the Family Friend pairs by providing an opportunity for a shared social experience	METCO students and their Weston Family Friends	4 and 5	1-2 times per year	Community Coordinator and Liaison
Field School After School Activity	To strengthen the relationships between the Family Friend pairings by providing an opportunity for a shared social experience	METCO students and their Weston Family Friends	4 and 5	1-2 times per year	Community Coordinator and Liaison
Middle School Field Trips	To strengthen the relationships between the Family Friend pairings by providing an opportunity for a shared social experience	METCO students and their Weston Family Friends	6-8	1-2 times per year	Community Coordinator and Liaison
Middle School After School Activity	To strengthen the relationships between the Family Friend pairings by providing an opportunity for a shared social experience	METCO students and their Weston Family Friends	8	1-2 times per year	Community Coordinator and Liaison
Ice Cream Social	To strengthen the relationships between the Family Friend pairings by providing an opportunity for a shared social experience for students and their families	METCO students and their Weston Families, members of the Community, and Staff	K-12	Once a year	Community Coordinator
Pot Luck Supper	To strengthen the relationships between the Boston and Weston families by providing an opportunity for a shared social experience for the students and their families	METCO students and their Weston Families, members of the Community, and Staff	K-12	Once a year	Community Coordinator


Community Support Organizations

The following organizations, which represent both communities, continue to be an integral part of the success of our METCO program:

- Friends of Weston METCO (F.W.M) – Madelaine Kenyon is in her second year as the Chair of the Committee. The committee consists of members from both the Boston and Weston communities. In support of the METCO Director and staff, the committee offers recommendations for fundraising opportunities. A letter distributed to Boston and Weston resident families in the spring, has become an annual fundraising vehicle. The METCO Director/High School academic liaison, the Field School academic liaison and the Community Coordinator served as members on the committee this year.
- Boston Weston METCO Parent Organization (BWMPO) – Michelle Crawford-Cranmore and Keitrice Johnson serve as co-chairs of this organization. The BWMPO continues its work by co-sponsoring the annual METCO Informational Session held annually at the historic Twelfth Baptist Church. The organization also continues to assist the METCO Director and the Transportation Director in a variety of areas pertaining to program goals and transportation issues and policies. The organization holds monthly meetings in Boston for parents and supporters for discussion and review of procedures and policies of the METCO program and the school system. The organization supports our graduates with an annual scholarship program for qualified students. This gift award is given during the annual Class Day held at the High School.
- Weston METCO Scholarship Committee – The members of this committee consist of former METCO graduates, members of the Boston and Weston communities who volunteer their time to raise scholarship money for our graduating seniors, and former students who are currently attending college. The committee works closely with parents, students, the METCO staff, and the Guidance Department in support of the scholarship process.
- Weston PTO – This organization continues to support our program in several areas, which includes working with the Community Coordinator to advertise METCO events to the Weston community. It also donates a portion of the proceeds of the annual PTO calendars to the BWMPO for their scholarship program.

Next Steps

- Review Kindergarten Academy efficacy and plan for the 2017-2018 implementation
- Streamline the K-3 in-school programming to increase the frequency of sessions
- Develop/Expand Boys' Mentoring Initiative at the Field School. (See description listed above)
- Expand MCAS/PARCC Support to middle school
- Review Summer Programming
 - Meet with Directors and Department Heads for cohort specific needs
 - Meet with 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and 8th/9th grade teams to develop transition programs
 - Survey families and students (HS) for input
- Collaborate with stakeholders for our Weston METCO 50th Celebration 1967-2017



The METCO Staff would like to thank all of the following stakeholders for helping to ensure that we are not simply a functioning program, but a flourishing Weston METCO Community: the Weston School Committee, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents, members of the Central Administrative staff, building Principals, Faculty and Staff members, members of the Transportation Department, Office Support Staff and Aides, the members of the Food Services Department, and members of the Custodial and Maintenance Staff. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to work at making this program the success that it is and supporting our students! Additionally, we would like to thank both the Weston and Boston families for a collaborative spirit and continued dedication to work together.

Last, but certainly not least, as Director, I would like to thank the METCO staff for their persistent dedication to our students' success. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing team and look forward to helping our students reach their fullest potential!

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