



# Chelsea, Massachusetts

The mission of the Chelsea Public Schools is threefold: to ensure conditions of opportunity so that children arrive at school ready to learn, teachers enter classrooms ready to teach, and a serious, substantive curriculum exists for all schools. Chelsea, in partnership with Boston University, has implemented an exemplary early learning program for children as young as three years old, has implemented a Core Knowledge Curriculum system-wide, and has revamped its three middle schools for grades 5-8.

Building on its successful early literacy efforts, Chelsea continues to implement its 5-year Reading First federal grant which blends well with expansion of its Open Court reading series and parallels the Core Knowledge Curriculum. Chelsea schools have consistently met and exceeded improvement targets under No Child Left Behind mandates for students and staff.

## Chelsea Schools at a glance...

### SCHOOLS:

- ❖ Early Learning Center:(1)—Silber (grades P-K)
- ❖ Elementary: (4)—Berkowitz, Hooks, Kelly, Sokolowski (grades 1-4)
- ❖ Middle: (3)—Clarke Ave., Browne, Wright (grades 5-8)
- ❖ High School:(1)—CHS (grades 9-12)

### STAFF:

Teachers=**409.5**

### STUDENTS: (N=5,602)

- % who are Caucasian=8.6
- % who are Hispanic=81.0
- % whose first language is not English=83.5
- % with limited English proficiency=17.0
- % who are low income=77.8
- % identified as having special needs=13.9

# CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Contact Information

### **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

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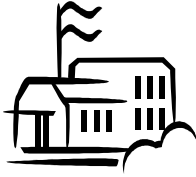
**Dr. Thomas Kingston**..... Superintendent  
**Mary Bourque**.....Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
**Gerry McCue**.....Executive Director of Administration and Finance

### **DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL**

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## **School Contacts**

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Asst. Principal: Kim Overbaugh

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### ***Elementary Complex***

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Asst. Principal and Special Ed. Chairperson: Michael Mondello  
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**Middle Schools**

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## ***Boston University/Chelsea Partnership***



### **School Registration for Grades K-12**

***Parent Information Center  
100 Everett Avenue, Unit 5A  
Chelsea, MA 02150  
Tel: (617) 889-8490  
Fax: (617) 889-7531***

***To register a student for school, the parent or guardian must bring the following to the Chelsea Parent Information Center:***

- 1. Proof of Birth Date (one of the following documents):**
  - Child's birth certificate (**original or certified copy**)
  - Passport
  - I-94 Card
  - Resident Alien Card
  
- 2. Proof of Chelsea Residency (two of the following documents):**
  - Lease or mortgage statement in parent's/guardian's name
  - **Current** electric, gas, cable, water, or telephone bills in parent's/guardian's name
  - Letter from the Superintendent of Schools (**Property Owner Letter or Home Visit**)
  
- 3. Immunization Record** (chart indicating that the student's vaccinations are **up-to-date**)
  
- 4. Transfer Card from previous school, if applicable**
  
- 5. Complete Student Record, including discipline record**
  
- 6. Special Education Individualized Education Program (IEP), if applicable**
  
- 7. Parent/guardian photo ID**

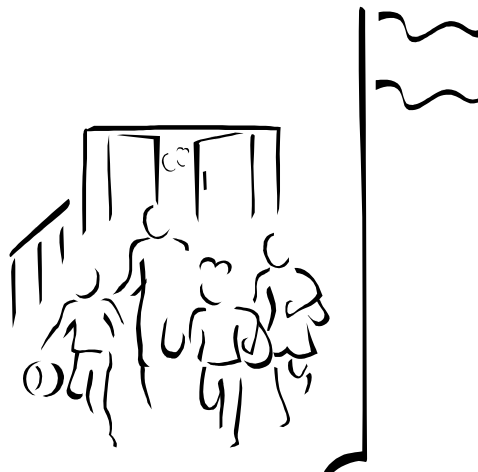
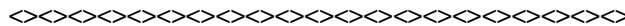
**IMPORTANT NOTES**

**Kindergarten students entering the Early Learning Center must have a current physical examination showing a Lead Test Level \*\***

***DCF: please note item #6***

*If a child is in permanent or temporary custody with DCF and is placed with a foster family in Chelsea, please bring a copy of the court mittimus defining the terms of custody and identify who has the legal authority to make decisions regarding the child's education.*

*If a child is in permanent custody and parental rights have been terminated, DCF should apply for an Educational Surrogate Parent (ESP). Contact Michele Poulin, ESP Program Director at (508) 792-7679.*



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## *Attendance Policy*



1. Each school day, school administrators at each school site shall ensure that a comprehensive count of students present and a record of students absent shall be completed no later than 10:00 a.m. If a child is going to be absent or late for any reason, parents are requested to call the school by 8:30 a.m. with a reason for the child's absence or lateness.
2. The district will maintain the elementary perfect-attendance awards program for grades 1 through 4. Every student with perfect attendance (never absent, never tardy, never dismissed early) for an academic quarter shall have the choice of an age-appropriate book. A student with perfect attendance for a full year will receive an additional major book award such as a student dictionary, encyclopedia, or other similar volume.
3. There will be a similar book award program for the middle schools, grades 5 through 8. Based upon the same rule as the elementary program, the middle school counterpart will offer upper grade students a choice of age-appropriate books for perfect attendance: one book for each quarter of perfect attendance; a specially selected award book for perfect attendance year-long.
4. At Chelsea High School, every high school student will have an "attendance account." For each academic quarter that a Chelsea High School student has perfect attendance (no absences, no tardies, no early dismissals), that student will have a \$25 credit deposited into the account. If the student has perfect attendance for a full year, the student will receive an additional \$25 credit in the account. Provided the student successfully completes requirements for a Chelsea High School diploma (a Massachusetts state proficiency determination, passing the required courses, and receiving the necessary credits), the student will receive upon graduation the funds accrued in his or her account. Consequently, if a student has perfect attendance all four years, he or she will receive a check for \$500. Students receive an accrual account no matter what grade level they attended. Students who transfer from Chelsea forfeit the award. Students moving into Chelsea High School are assigned an account as of the date of matriculation.

5. District-wide, all absences are simply “absences.” No longer will the district seek to determine if an absence is “excused” or “unexcused.” At Chelsea High School, no longer are any percentage point deductions from a grade average taken because of an absence.
6. Throughout the district, any student has two school days to make up any work missed for each day absent. The two school days begin immediately upon a student’s return to school. For example, if a student is absent for three consecutive school days, all work must be made up by the end of the sixth day after the student’s return.
7. Each school will establish its own “call home” practice. However, if a student has an absence of three consecutive days, the school officers will, at their discretion, have the right to request from parents a doctor’s note to ensure the health and safety of other students.
8. If a student is absent for more than three days (consecutive or non-consecutive) during any academic quarter, the school administrators will determine through whatever means available the reasons for the absence, provide additional assistance or tutoring if necessary, and otherwise engage student and parents to prevent repeated and unexplained patterns of absence. Measures might include the instruments of the juvenile court, use of attendance officers, student support teams, and the like.
9. If a student is absent for fifteen (15) consecutive school days without explanation, the student will be disenrolled from the Chelsea Public Schools, even if there is an ongoing but unresolved investigation about the causes for the absence. Any student disenrolled from the school system may re-enter only through new registration at the Parent Information Center (100 Everett Avenue, Unit 5A).
10. Principals and the Superintendent retain discretionary judgment to modify these practices should exceptional circumstances warrant. None of these policies or practices may contravene existing laws and regulations that govern attendance of students in public schools.
11. **In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 76, Section 1, any student with absences totaling 7 full day sessions or 14 half day sessions within any period of six months will have his or her name forwarded to the attendance officer for a full investigation which may result in a complaint filed with the court.**

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