

High School Academics

12th Grade



BOSTON COLLEGIATE
CHARTER SCHOOL

The mission of Boston Collegiate Charter School is simple yet ambitious:
to prepare each student for college.

Overview of 12th Grade

Before students graduate, the 12th-grade curriculum focuses on the last push for college readiness. The subject matter they grapple with becomes more adult with challenging themes that connect to our world today. Many courses have longer-term assignments to prepare students for the rigors of college and the need for executive functioning in planning one's workload. Seniors have increased freedom in picking semester courses and more AP options.

Collegiate Skills

Our Senior Seminar course emphasizes our mission. Small group and individualized help is provided in the first half of the year to guide seniors through the college application process. During the fall we support students with selecting a list of colleges and our college counselors work closely with students and families to make sure the list is a good financial and academic fit. Our counselors work tirelessly to help students complete their FAFSAs and applications, as well as any supplements they may need.

Once applications are complete, students work directly with our Director of Alumni Programming and participate in discussions on topics related to college transition.

Sample Daily Schedule

7:45 - 8:38 AM	A Block
8:42 - 9:33 AM	B Block
9:37 - 10:28 AM	C Block
10:32 - 11:23 AM	D Block
11:27 - 12:18 PM	E Block
12:22 - 12:51 PM	Lunch
12:55 - 1:46 PM	F Block
1:50 - 2:45 PM	G Block

The schedule "flips" on Thursdays and Fridays. Students start the day with G Block and end with A Block.

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Our curriculum at Boston Collegiate is based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and is designed to be culturally relevant. Our instruction is focused on engaging all students in deeper learning, enabling them to retain and transfer knowledge through analysis, synthesis, and creation.

Mathematics

Seniors may choose one of four courses that develop collaborative and individual problem-solving skills. The courses are: Quantitative Reasoning, Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, and AP Calculus. These courses will pair large amounts of skill work with conceptual understanding and provide students with opportunities to solve problems in new ways.

English

As seniors, students have a choice of English seminars including Dystopian and Madness in Literature. In these semester courses, students examine texts in a way that prepares them for the rigor and responsibility required to be successful in college courses. Seniors can also opt to take AP Literature and Composition, using literary criticism as a way to approach textual analysis, building on their comprehension and writing skills.

Spanish

As seniors, many students have met their world language requirement. For those interested in continuing their Spanish education, there is Spanish III, Spanish for Heritage Speakers, and AP Spanish Language and Culture. Students continue to work on developing intermediate language skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening comprehension.

Science

12th grade students have a variety of Science courses to choose from in the senior year. Some students choose from our elective semester courses which include Environmental Studies, Laboratory Chemistry, and Computer Science. Other students engage in AP course work through AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, or AP Computer Science.

History

As seniors, students have a choice of History seminars with unique focus topics. In these semester courses, students could grapple with complex topics such as human rights, race & identity, and human geography. Students also have the option to take AP Comparative Government and Politics, examining the political structures, policies, and the political, economic, and social challenges in Nigeria, Great Britain, Mexico, Russia, Iran, and China.

PE and Art

During the 12th grade year, our students continue in **Physical Education and Health**, focusing on fostering an active and healthy lifestyle and making educated health decisions. Students interested in the **Arts** can take either semester based Drawing, Painting, or Improv classes or pursue college level studio art through AP Art and Design, which also helps them prepare a portfolio for college programs in studio art.

