



Boston Preparatory Charter Public School

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Summer Enrichment Reflection Requirements

All Boston Preparatory Charter Public School high school students are required to participate in a high quality summer enrichment program each summer. The program must be one that is structured to help the student grow ethically, academically, personally, or socially. Growth in all of these areas is necessary to help us reach our college and career goals, and it is important that we push ourselves to grow not only during the school year but rather year-round. It is only by continuing to put ourselves in challenging situations outside of our comfort zone that we will experience the type and degree of growth necessary to truly prepare us for success in college and our professional lives.

In order to gain the most from an experience, it is important to reflect on that experience and consider the ways in which it changed you. Part of the growth in fact happens *after* the experience, as you look back on it. Therefore, in order to gain the most from our summer enrichment programs, we must take the time to reflect on our experiences and the way the experiences impacted us.

Therefore, all BPCPS high school students are required to complete a summer enrichment reflection. You may choose the format in which you choose to complete your reflection. Regardless of the format you choose, your summer enrichment reflection must do two things.

1. You must describe your work in your summer enrichment program **in detail**.
2. You must describe how your experience in your summer enrichment program impacted you.

Reflect on the following.

- How did you grow from the experience? Consider academic, ethical, personal, and social growth.
- What did you learn?
- What challenges did you face? How did you overcome those challenges?
- What are you most proud of?
- How do you feel this program helped you on your path toward success in college and your future career?
- Would you choose to participate in this program again next year? Why or why not?

Reflection Format Options

1. *Journal* – You may keep a written journal throughout the summer, reflecting on your experiences. You must write a total of at least ten journal entries, and they should be fairly evenly spaced throughout the duration of your program. Journal entries must be at least one page each and may be either handwritten or typed. In each entry, discuss in detail the work you are doing and the impact it is having on you.
2. *Reflective essay* – You may write a reflective essay at the end of the summer that summarizes your experiences and how they impacted you. Your essay must be a total of at least five pages long, typed. In your essay, you must describe in detail the work you did in your summer program and the impact it had on you.
3. *PowerPoint Presentation* – You may create a PowerPoint presentation that summarizes your experiences and how they impacted you. Your presentation must be a minimum of at least ten slides and should include both text and visual aids. Photographs that you take during your summer experience will strengthen your PowerPoint. In your presentation, you must describe in detail the work you did in your summer program and the impact it had on you.
4. *Photo essay* – You may create a photo essay at the end of the summer that summarizes your experiences and how they impacted you. On a sturdy board, you must display a minimum of ten photographs that illustrate your summer experience in detail. Each photograph must be accompanied by at least one strong paragraph of text that discusses the significance of the photograph and what it illustrates about the work you did and the impact it had on you.

Your summer enrichment reflection is due by the first day of school, Thursday, September 3, 2009. Your reflection must be completed in full over the summer and be turned in no later than when you return to school. If you would like to submit your reflection assignment before September 3, you may:

1. E-mail your completed assignment to dpape@bostonprep.org
** Note: Do not consider your assignment turned in until you receive an e-mail back from Ms. Pape stating that she received your assignment. If you do not receive this e-mail, you must try again or bring your assignment on the first day of school!
2. Mail your completed assignment to: Ms. Danielle Pape
Boston Preparatory Charter Public School
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Hyde Park, MA 02136
3. Call Ms. Pape to schedule an appointment to drop your assignment off at the school.

If you have questions over the summer or would like to schedule an appointment to drop off your assignment, contact Ms. Pape at the school at 617-333-6688 ext. 126 or on her cell phone at 508-361-0694.