

Boston Prep Mission Statement:



Boston Prep Charter Public School prepares students to succeed in four-year colleges and embody, in thought and action, lifelong ethical growth.

Dear Boston Prep Families & Students,

As Phoenix, we rise ! This year, we plan to continue the practice of rising. The Middle School Culture Team has been working hard this summer to reconstruct and revamp our accountability system. We believe that our school can display academic excellence and remain safe throughout this process.

Last year, we saw an increase in disruptions of the educational process. At times, we did not live into our commitments as a Boston Prep community. In our reflection, reconstruction and re-imagining, it arose that change was necessary. From the ashes of our mascot, the Phoenix, transformation and renewal was necessary. With that, we introduce our new culture team and accountability system for the school year 2023-2024.

Meet Our MS Culture Team

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DRESS CODE		
<u>Tops</u>	<u>Bottoms</u>	<u>Shoes</u>
<p>Official Boston Prep top:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maroon Polo (short/long sleeve) ● Athletics T-shirt (On Gym Day ONLY) ● Black Quarter Zip Sweatshirt ● Black Zip Up Fleece ● Black Crew Neck ● Maroon Cardigan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Khaki/Tan/Black/Grey Dress (Casual) Pants or Chinos ● Skirts/Shorts must be within an inch of the knee-length and waist height ● Boston Prep branded shorts/sweatpants (On Gym Day Only) <p>No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans <input type="checkbox"/> Leggings <input type="checkbox"/> Jeggings <input type="checkbox"/> Tights <input type="checkbox"/> Biker Shorts <input type="checkbox"/> Ripped Leg Wear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sneakers ● Shoes ● Boots ● Crocs (In Sport Mode) <p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sandals <input type="checkbox"/> Slides <input type="checkbox"/> Flip Flops <input type="checkbox"/> Slippers

Cell Phones

Cell phones may be used on school grounds **before** entering school and **after school**. Cell phone use is prohibited in **classrooms, restrooms, common areas and school offices**. During the school day, cell phones must **remain** in students’ **YONDR pouch** and **in silent mode**. Cell phones must be placed in **lockers, backpacks**, or another location away from students and their desks during tests and assessments. If students need to place an emergency phone call during the day, they should request to go to the main office to use an office phone. Students may be subject to disciplinary action if their use of their cell phone disrupts the school’s educational environment.

Examples of this **include**, but are **not limited to**:

- cheating,
- bullying,
- harassment,
- unlawful recording or photographing,
- violating other school rules.

The school and its staff are not responsible for any damage to or theft of a student’s cell phone.

School Culture Expectations

Listed below is the behavior matrix, defining the positive expectations of scholars in the classroom and common school areas

BEHAVIOR MATRIX		
Level 1- Demerit Level 2- Referral		
Student Misconduct	Description	Pertinent Information
Demerit (1 Demerit per offense)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tardiness to class (not seated by bell) <input type="checkbox"/> Phone/earbud/ non-school sanctioned electronic usage (Apple/Samsung Watches and Tablets) <input type="checkbox"/> Phones outside of Yondr during school hours <input type="checkbox"/> Out of Uniform <input type="checkbox"/> Off-task	3-5 demerits = 1 Detention (30 minutes) 1 referral = 1 detention (60 minutes). 3 referrals = Parent-Teacher Conference w/ Behavior Plan Detention must be served next day
Referrals	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate Language <input type="checkbox"/> Location/Building Violation <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Violation <input type="checkbox"/> Disruptive Behavior	1 referral = Next day detention** 3 referrals = Parent-Teacher Conference w/ Behavior Plan 3+ referrals =Exclusion from, but not limited to: of community meetings, field trips, events, etc. *In-School and Out-Of-School suspension are determined on a case-by-case basis*

DETENTION
<p>Each referral is associated with an earned detention. Deans and Community Coordinators will log and track all assigned detentions. Detentions take place after school on Tues - Thurs from 3:15 to 4:15 and Friday 2:15 to 3:15. Students must fulfill their detention obligation on the day following their detention. If detention is not served, then a hearing will be required with guardians and an in-school suspension may be determined.</p> <p>Monitored by CCs, detentions will occur within 2nd floor classrooms and begin promptly at 3:20 (or 2:15 Fridays). Tardy students will not be permitted into detention. Students are expected to be on-time and working individually on academic tasks for the duration of the detention. Should these expectations not be met, the student will be dismissed from detention and required to attend a future detention session.</p>

We look forward to journeying with you in this school year 2023-2024. With your partnership, we will build an inclusive and joyful culture of learning and achievement. Through the lens of our mission and anti-racist statement, we will affirm our scholars, foster a sense of belonging, hold high expectations and deliver exceptional instruction. Coupled with clear systems of accountability, we are able to prepare our students to be successful, independent thinkers, learners and conscious contributors to our local communities and the world at large. Wherever they may travel, may they remember their Boston Prep experience and be reminded to RISE LIKE A PHOENIX!

Best,

MS Culture Team

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