



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
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June 24, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to school athletics and transportation data.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

Dear City Councilors

Please find the response to the 17F filed by Councilor Murphy on June 3rd, 2024.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR

ORDER OF COUNCILOR AT-LARGE ERIN J. MURPHY

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:

Most of our student athletes practice, and compete, on athletic fields and in gyms that are not at their school, therefore they are reliant on school buses to transport them to their games and practices. Unfortunately, there are instances where school buses are assigned to pick up a team and they do not show up, leaving them stranded at their schools and trying to find other ways to get there. This is unfortunately not a new issue, as the Boston Globe reported in 2022 on how student athletes often had to scramble to find ways to get to games outside of the city because there were no buses available.

We spend over \$32,000 per student, more than any other large school district in the country. There should be reliability in BPS transportation for our student athletes.

1. Number of students that the Athletics Office serves for the school years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
 - a. Total by school district
 - b. Broken down by each individual school
2. Number of sports offered, and the list of specific sports offered, across the fall, winter and spring season for the school years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
 - a. Total by school district
 - b. Broken down by each individual school
3. List of sports that are offered transportation for practices and games for the school years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
 - a. Total by school district
 - b. Broken down by each individual school (Team)
4. Data on the reliability of each pick up and drop off for the teams that are offered BPS transportation for the school years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
 - a. Total by school district
 - b. Broken down by each individual school

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Question #1:

Below you will find the total number of students who participated in an athletic program for grades 7-12.

- SY22-23: 4640
- SY23-24: 7290

In this folder you will find documents titled school participation by students for SY22-23 and SY23-24. We have removed the names and any identifying information for individual students, but each line represents a student athlete.

Question #2

BPS strives to provide access to sports for all of our students. If a student wants to play a sport at a school that does not offer that particular program they have the opportunity to participate by joining a Cooperative team based at another high school. For example a student at ACC who wants to run Indoor track would do so at New Mission HS.

The same documents for question 1 can be applied to question 2.

Question #3

BPS Athletics prioritizes transportation to and from competitions and games over transportation to and from practices. All BPS students receive an M7 pass which allows them to access MBTA transportation without cost to them, helping them access, not only their school buildings, but athletic resources as well.

- **Transportation Requests, Games:**
 - All BPS athletic-sponsored host and co-operative teams request transportation to and from games.
- **Transportation Requests, Practices:**
 - Three sports additionally request transportation to and from practices due to facility access (distance) limited or no public transit and ice and pool time permits.
 1. Boston Latin Academy Girls **Ice Hockey** (V):
 - Practices in Quincy, MA.
 2. Three COED **Swim Teams** (V):
 - Boston Latin Academy, East Boston, and O'Bryant request transportation to and from practice due pool access
 3. Brighton HS **Football** (V) and Football (JV):
 - practice facility is at Daly Field, a site without public transportation access.

Question #4

Data on the reliability of each pick up and drop off for the teams that are offered BPS transportation for the school years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

The below tables provide available data on the reliability of athletics transportation that was scheduled centrally through the BPS Athletics department for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. "Reliability percentage" represents the percentage of scheduled Athletics trips that were covered.

Please note that Boston Latin School schedules much of its athletics transportation through the school's own athletics office. There is not data available on the reliability of transportation for Boston Latin School trips scheduled directly by the school, and as such, those trips are not included in this data.

a. Total by school district

Season	Total # of Athletics Trips	# Uncovered Athletics Trips	Reliability Percentage
2022-23 Fall	1549	76	95%
2022-23 Spring	1418	29	98%
2022-23 Winter	1482	14	99%
2023-24 Fall	1400	0	100%
2023-24 Spring	1613	130	92%
2023-24 Winter	1663	38	98%
Grand Total	9125	287	97%

B. see attachment Athletics 17F, summary by school [HERE](#)