

SPS METCO Program 2019-2020

Agenda

SPS METCO Student Panel - Spotlight

Student Panel

Khamyra Randall - Loring, Grade 5

Stavaughn Harris - ECMS, Grade 6

JaNoah Blalock - ECMS, Grade 7

Mimi Ozojiofor - ECMS, Grade 8

Ayisat Elegbe - ECMS, Grade 8

Kyra Italien - ECMS, Grade 8

The METCO Program

Sudbury Public Schools enrolled its first forty students from Boston on January 27, 1975. This academic school year marks the 44th year for Sudbury as a participating METCO district with 44 students enrolled in 4 elementary schools and 26 students at the middle school.

New METCO Application & Enrollment

- Boston families with school-aged children are encouraged to apply online from any device or in the METCO office.
- The application window is open from October – December
- METCO Inc will assign a random referral number to each applicant
- Siblings with completed application receive priority referral
- Families not accepted can re-apply every year

SPS Enrollment Process

- Consult with the Assistant Superintendent to determine grades with available seats
- Review applications
- Invite prospective families to Sudbury for a placement meeting
- Notify parents/legal guardians of placement status for 2020-2021 academic year
- Conduct new family orientation.

New to Sudbury Public Schools

The 2019-2020 academic year marks the first time that the SPS METCO Program has welcomed kindergarten students due to a policy change made by the SPS School Committee. Six new kindergarten students have joined the SPS METCO Program and the class of 2032; four at Nixon and two at Haynes Elementary Schools.

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**New students across four
schools**

Enrollment by School

	Haynes (12)	Nixon (17)	Loring (10)	Noyes (5)
Grade K	2	4		
Grade 1	1		2	1
Grade 2	2	5		
Grade 3	4	3	2	2
Grade 4	1	3	1	2
Grade 5	2	2	5	

Enrollment by School

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
8	9	10

Loring Students



Noyes Students



Nixon Students



Haynes Students



Curtis Students



Loring Siblings



Nixon Siblings



Haynes Siblings



Nixon and Curtis Siblings



Noyes and Curtis Siblings



Nixon and Curtis Siblings



Noyes and Curtis Siblings



Noyes and Curtis Siblings



Elementary School – Year in Review

- Stay and Play at the Wayside Inn
- Hayride & Apple Picking at Honey Pot Orchard
- 4 weeks of Summer Learning and Enrichment GT Steam Academy for students in grade 5 (4 students)
- 6 weeks of Summer Learning and Enrichment with St. Stephens Church for students in Grade 1-4 (16 students)





Middle School Year in Review

- Tenacity Challenge - second place finish
- DC Chorus Ensemble
- Summer Learning - 4 weeks of Summer Learning and Enrichment GT Steam Academy for students in grade 6-8 (12 students)

Middle School Year in Review

IDEAS Conference—Students shared their experiences and learned from one another; recognized, challenged stereotypes and ways in which school experiences are shaped by students' racial/ethnic identities. Students were empowered to be self-advocates and allies for others.

Anti Defamation League Annual Youth Congress—students engaged in conversations about what can be done to actively promote a climate of safety and inclusion in schools and communities with other students from across the state.

METCO Awards—students were recognized for their commitment to academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and for creating strong social connections within the Sudbury community

Tenacity Challenge: Leadership Project













Supporting Students: Action Steps Update

MCAS Bootcamp in Boston: February and April Vacation

- Several students attended a 4-day intensive small group Reading and Math Skills Boot Camp. Students spent **3 hours of academic study, 1.25 hours of enrichment activities** aimed to support grade-appropriate reading & math concepts.

Summer Learning

- **Boston GT Steam Academy**

The SPS METCO Program partnered with The GT STEAM Academy. 16 rising 5th-8th graders participated in 4 academic classes and 4 selected electives during a week long summer learning. Special events included field trips, community meetings/celebrations



Summer Learning

St Stephens B-SAFE Program (The Bishop's Summer Academic & Enrichment Program)

- five-week, full-day academic and enrichment program for 1st-5th graders
- academic classes-reading, writing and math
- elective classes-visual and performing art, science recreational activities and field trips.
- healthy breakfast and lunch served each day, along with an end of day snack.
- programs were based in Episcopal churches and schools with no required religious component.



Supporting Families

Educational Workshops - Curriculum Expo Night

College Savings Workshop - collaboration with Belmont METCO Program

Wellness/Mindfulness Workshop - collaboration with Belmont METCO Program

Extracurricular - Bowling, Potluck

Parent Engagement





Culturally Responsive

- SPS staff attendance at the annual Educators Conference
- SPS staff attendance at the IDEAS Spring Conference
- SALT Cultural Competency workshop on August 14
- Cultural Competency workshop with Lincoln & Sudbury METCO staff on August 22
- Focus group with middle school students to better understand their experiences, connections and barriers (if any) to the school community

Supporting Students and Families: Next Steps

- Increase membership to the METCO Parent Advisory Board – (representation from each school)
- Increase Community Building Events
- Increase Tri -District Collaboration
- Continue to partner with organizations in Boston to provide summer learning
- Provide enrichment opportunities for our elementary students through our collaboration with SED
- Continue to partner with other METCO districts to provide workshops to support families
- Continue to offer MCAS support courses for qualifying students
- Sustaining supports for programming beyond 1-2 years

School Start Time

- SPS School Committee voted unanimously to implement developmentally appropriate start times for SPS students effective September 2020
- Elementary schools start time - 7:55-2:25
- Middle school start - 8:30-3:10
- These times are developmentally appropriate as determined by American Academy of Pediatrics and top medical professionals in their fields.

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- METCO Parent Advisory Board
- METCO Staff
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METCO Staff

METCO Director - Sandra Walters

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Elementary Program Coordinator - Olivia Jones

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Elementary Bus Driver - Mitch Valbriun

Middle School Bus Driver - Ralf Joseph

Parent Advisory Board

Tara Harris - Curtis Parent

Sheila Gayden - Curtis Parent

Yeny Garcia - Curtis Parent

Sandra Cortes - Loring Parent

Jessica Romero - Haynes Parent

Yasmine Guerrier - Nixon Parent

Hawa Biayemi - Haynes Parent