

**John D. O'Bryant High School of
Mathematics and Science
Boston Public Schools
Roxbury, Massachusetts**



An “exam” or choice college preparatory school for students in grades 7 – 12, the John D. O’Bryant High School of Mathematics and Science draws a diverse mix of students from across Boston. A “majority minority” school, O’Bryant serves students traditionally under-represented in science, technology, engineering, and math fields and facilitates strong and caring relationships between teachers and students.

With one of the most rigorous educational programs in Boston and a specific emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), O’Bryant requires students to complete at least four years of math (including pre-calculus) and four years of science (including biology, chemistry, and physics) to graduate. Promotion from grades 9 – 12 requires a literary research paper; the school emphasizes writing as a learning tool. Other key practices include “start-up” activities to maximize time on task, differentiated instruction, individual and group research projects, exposure to a range of multi-cultural literary and cultural experiences, and a hands-on, inquiry approach to science. O’Bryant also offers students strong athletic and arts programs—including drama and choral and instrumental music; Headmaster Steve Sullivan attributes the school’s appeal to students to its diversity of programs as much as its STEM focus.

Strong and supportive relationships between teachers and students help keep students motivated. Nearly 90 percent of O’Bryant students in the last graduating class went on to four-year or community college study; the remainder found employment or entered the military or vocational training.

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STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

1215 students, 7 – 12

Black or African American	38%
Hispanic or Latino	29%
Asian	21%
White	11%
Two or more races	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Student mobility rate during the past year	4%

Limited English proficient students	1%
Students eligible for subsidized meals	100%
Students receiving special education services	2%