



**THE  
ROXBURY LATIN  
SCHOOL**  
FOUNDED IN 1645

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**AT A GLANCE**

**Student body:** 308 boys

**Class of 2024:** 54 boys

**Students of color:** 39%

**Boys from City of Boston:** 33%

**Student-Teacher Ratio:** 6:1

**Students going on to four-year colleges:** 100%

**Students receiving financial aid:** 38%

**Average financial aid grant:** 67% of tuition

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**SCHOOL PROFILE**

2023–2024

**Overview:** In our 379th year, Roxbury Latin is the oldest school in continuous existence in North America. We are a small, independent day school for boys in grades 7–12. Our students commute from various neighborhoods within the City of Boston and from surrounding towns. The campus comprises 117 acres in West Roxbury, a residential neighborhood in the southwestern corner of Boston.

John Eliot founded the school in 1645 with the mission of preparing boys for lives of public service. The school remains deeply committed to its original ideals and classical heritage. We stress honesty, simplicity, humility, respect, and concern for others, focusing on readying young boys for lives of purpose and meaning. While we celebrate our students' academic achievements, our primary concern is the moral character of our boys.

**Our Students:** Roxbury Latin seeks and enrolls bright, energetic, talented students, committed to exploring and developing their many skills. Most boys attend Roxbury Latin for six years. In recent years, the school's admit rate has hovered around 17%; our yield is typically near 90%. Each year, the admit rate at Grade 9, our other major entry point (10–12 boys), is lower than that of Grade 7.

**Socio-Economics:** We cherish the socio-economic diversity of the school. Roxbury Latin is need-blind and meets the entirety of the demonstrated need of our families. To ensure accessibility to middle-income families, tuition at Roxbury Latin is approximately \$20,000 less than that of other Boston-area independent schools. The education of every student is subsidized by our endowment.

**Standards:** Rigorous academic standards and tough grading limit the number of A's on transcripts. For example, in the last ten graduating classes (approximately 500 students) about 50 boys (seven in the Class of 2023) graduated with a straight-A average on their high school transcripts, yet the median standardized testing of each class consistently hovers around 1500 (EBRW+M).

**Weighted GPA:** On the Secondary School Report you will find a weighted GPA for each applicant. We work on a 9-point scale (9 = A+, 8 = A, etc.) and include all major courses completed in Grades 9–11. We update the GPA at the conclusion of the first semester of the senior year. We add one "quality point" for all AP classes, all courses designated as Honors, and any classes taught at an accelerated rate (e.g., Latin 1–2, Latin 2–3, Geometry with Trigonometry, and Analysis). Using data from Grades 9–11, the highest weighted GPA achieved in the Class of 2023 was 9.33. We do not provide class rank.

**Academic Calendar and Course Load:** We operate on a traditional semester calendar. Students in Grades 11 and 12 are not allowed to take more than five major courses per semester.

**Requirements for Diploma:**

- **English:** Required every year.
- **Math:** Required through the end of the sophomore year and/or the completion of Geometry. Students complete Algebra in our eighth grade. Our Analysis with Trigonometry is a Pre-Calculus course.
- **Science:** Math-Science Investigations is required in Grade 9; two additional laboratory science courses (Physics, Chemistry, or Biology) are required in Grades 10-12.
- **Languages:** Latin and either French or Spanish through the third-year level. (Students can opt for Ancient Greek in place of a third year of modern language.) Anything beyond the third-year level of Latin, Spanish, or French reflects a deep commitment to languages and exceeds our requirements.
- **History:** Western Civilization is required in Grade 9; U.S. History is required in Grade 11 or 12.
- All freshmen take half-credit arts electives; sophomores take two one-semester arts electives.
- Seniors must complete a month-long Independent Study Project in the spring, including a written summation and an oral presentation.
- Involvement in team sports or independent physical education is mandated throughout a boy's time at the school.

**On- and Off-Campus Extracurriculars:** Students spend dedicated time each afternoon committed to a range of pursuits. Throughout the year, boys commit themselves to many service opportunities, either elective or as a class, extending long-standing and meaningful connections around the City of Boston. The majority of boys take advantage of school-sponsored opportunities to travel abroad for cultural and linguistic immersion.

**Our Response to COVID-19:** Although the COVID-19 pandemic dramatically affected our usual academic routine,

disrupted extracurricular offerings, and severely impacted the social lives of our students, we worked diligently to maintain our rigorous curricular demands, preserved our traditional grading system, and continued to prioritize our care for the personal well-being of the boys in our charge.

Roxbury Latin completed the 2019-2020 school year online. We adopted a hybrid learning environment for the first half of the 2020-2021 school year. In the spring, we happily welcomed all students back to school for in-person learning, and have been entirely in-person since that time.

Throughout the entirety of their academic careers, our students maintained a full academic schedule and met the same curricular expectations as in any other year. We are proud of their adaptability, resilience, cooperation, and dedication through that challenging time.

**Discipline:** The school's fundamental precept is: "Honesty is expected in all dealings." Our students, therefore, are required to be forthright in explaining any suspension that occurs during grades 9-12 in their applications to colleges that request such information. Our office will also engage in dialogue regarding suspensions with admissions representatives whenever they wish to discuss the matter over the phone or via Zoom. In every case, if a student was not asked to leave the school, he has earned our full and unwavering support.

**Advanced Placement:** While virtually every course is taught at an advanced level, often using college textbooks, we offer AP courses only in those subject areas in which the curriculum meets our academic goals and philosophy. Because of the logistical constraints of our schedule and the nature of our curriculum, it is highly unusual for a student's transcript to contain more than five AP classes.

**AP Courses Offered in Recent Years:**

Art History	Calculus AB	Calculus BC
Computer Science	Economics (macro & micro)	French Language
Latin	Modern European History	Music Theory
Politics & Government	Spanish Language	Statistics

**AP Highlights:**

- A boy in an AP class is required to sit for the exam.
- AP courses are *not* offered by our English or Science Departments, but a number of students sit for AP exams in these disciplines each year; boys have also been known to prepare for AP exams in courses we do not offer. In the Class of 2024, 22 students took the English Literature exam without the benefit of a course.
- 87% of the boys in the Class of 2024 have generated 166 AP examinations by the end of their junior year; 78% of the exams received a 4 or 5.

**National Merit Competition:** The Class of 2024 (54 boys) includes 9 National Merit Semifinalists and 8 Commended Students. 31% of the class earned distinction in this competition.

**SAT Results for the Class of 2023:** Middle 50% SAT scores: 680-760 (EBRW), and 660-790 (M)

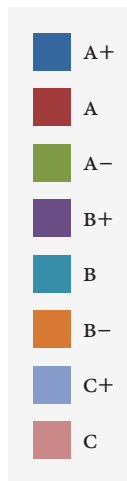
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- If a student “doubles” in languages, he has a hard time fitting in three years of laboratory science.
- Recent curricular additions: Race and Gender in America, Post-WWII American Foreign Policy, Current Events, Ancient Religions, Three Caribbean Islands, Contemporary Global Issues, and History of the Civil Rights Movement.
- Students are permitted to take no more than five major courses per semester. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- Annually several boys undertake semester- or year-long tutorials, focusing on topics of interest across the disciplines.
- The Applied Art course includes both art history and studio art components. Applied Art is a full course, which we consider on par with classes in all other disciplines; Applied Art students have taken the AP Art History exam in the past. We also now offer a half course in Studio Art.

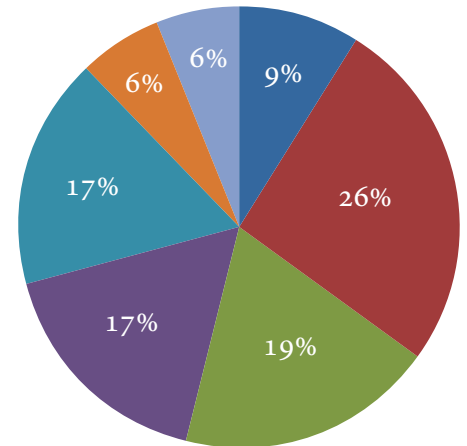
**Grade Distribution:** The Class of 2024 has amassed the following grades throughout their high school career:

**Grade Scale:**

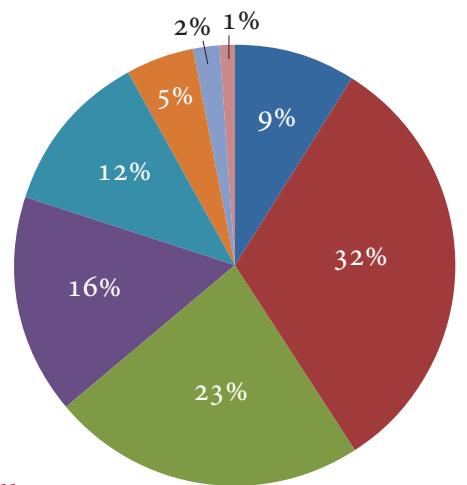
- A High Honors
- B Honors
- C Acceptable Work
- C- Low Pass
- D Failure



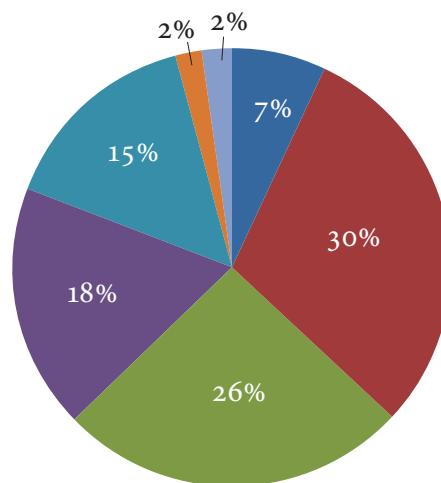
**GRADE 9**



**GRADE 10**



**GRADE 11**



**Matriculation:** Graduates from the last five classes (2019–2023) have matriculated at the following institutions:

American University	1	George Washington University	1	Tulane University	3
Amherst College	2	Georgetown University	18	Union College	4
Assumption University	1	Hamilton College	1	University of Arizona	1
Babson College	3	Harvard College	38	University of California, Los Angeles	1
Bates College	3	Howard University	2	University of Chicago	4
Baylor University	1	Johns Hopkins University	2	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	7
Belmont University	1	Marquette University	1	University of Massachusetts, Boston	1
Boston College	7	Middlebury College	3	University of Miami	1
Boston University	4	New York University	1	University of	
Bowdoin College	5	Northeastern University	1	North Carolina, Wilmington	1
Brandeis University	2	Northwestern University	3	University of Notre Dame	3
Brown University	18	Oberlin College	1	University of Pennsylvania	3
Bucknell University	1	Olin College of Engineering	1	University of Rochester	1
Cal Polytechnic, SLO	1	Princeton University	5	University of San Diego	2
Case Western Reserve University	1	Providence College	1	University of Southern California	2
Colby College	7	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	University of Virginia	1
Colgate University	1	Roger Williams University	2	University of Wisconsin	1
College of the Holy Cross	9	Salve Regina University	1	Vanderbilt University	1
College of William and Mary	1	Santa Clara University	1	Wake Forest University	3
Columbia University	2	Seattle University	1	Washington University in St. Louis	2
Connecticut College	2	Skidmore College	1	Wesleyan University	4
Cornell University	3	Southern Methodist University	1	Wheaton College (IL)	1
Dartmouth College	7	St. Lawrence University	1	Williams College	2
Davidson College	1	Stonehill College	1	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	2
Duke University	1	Syracuse University	2	Yale University	8
Elon University	1	Trinity College	5		
Emory University	1	Tufts University	14		