

SCHOOL PROFILE 2010-2011

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Mission Statement

The mission of B.M.C. Durfee High School is to promote opportunities for students to develop skills, enabling them to think, communicate, and solve problems effectively. Durfee provides students with a cooperative and rigorous learning environment, utilizing diversified strategies to meet their individual needs. Our goals are to:

- Provide a safe, secure and clean facility.
- Guide students to become contributing members of a competitive, diverse, and evolving society.
- Promote collaboration among schools, students, parents and the community.
- Encourage positive work habits and punctuality and attendance.

Community

Fall River is centrally located 15 miles from Providence and Newport, Rhode Island, 60 miles south of Boston and 35 miles from Cape Cod. The Fall River school district is economically diverse as well as racially, culturally, and ethnically varied. Fall River is an urban city with a population of approximately 93,000 residents and a median income of \$36,000. The school district includes nine elementary schools, four middle schools, one alternative high school, and one traditional comprehensive high school.

School

B.M.C. Durfee High School is a large comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of approximately 2,300 students in grades nine through twelve. The student population is ethnically, racially, culturally and linguistically diverse. The staff consists of 209 teachers, a principal, an associate principal, three vice principals, eleven guidance counselors, and three adjustment counselors. The school is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Curriculum

Our multi-level curriculum is designed to meet the educational needs of all student ability levels, from basic skill development to advanced placement. The school also offers a number of educational alternatives for students with special needs. In addition to passing the MCAS exam, students must earn 22 credits to graduate and receive a high school diploma.

Grouping and Class Rank

There are three levels of instruction, advanced placement (AP), honors (H), college preparatory (CP), and electives (el). In determining class rank given a specific letter grade, AP courses carry more weight than honors, college prep, and electives level in that order.

Weighted GPA

Grade	Numerical Equivalent	College Preparation	Honors	Advanced Placement
A+	4.3	4.3	4.8	5.3
A	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	3.3	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	2.3	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	1.3	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0
D-	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.7

CORE COURSES + other Yr. Long
 COURSES = 1 Credit
 Electives (1/2 Year Courses) = .5 Credit

Graduation Requirements

English, 4 Years 4.0 credits
 Mathematics, 3 Years 3.0 credits
 Science, 3 Years 3.0 credits
 Social Science, 3 Years 3.0 credits
 Physical Education & Health, 2 years 1.5 credits
 7.5 additional elective credits 7.5 credits
Total Credits to Graduate 22 credits

In addition students MUST Pass the MCAS

Grading System

A+ 100-97	A 96-93	A- 92-90
B+ 89-87	B 86-83	B- 82-80
C+ 79-77	C 76-73	C- 72-70
D+ 69-67	D 66-63	D- 62-60

Class Placement Information from 2010

Number of Graduates	506
Percent Furthering Education	79.6%
Percent in four-year Colleges and Universities	26.5%
Percent in two-year Colleges	50.8%
Percent in Technical Schools	2.37%
Percent in Military	2.37%
Percent in Work	15.8%

Educational Options

B.M.C. Durfee High School is a School Committee approved school of choice

Advanced placement in the areas of

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Language

Tech Prep

Dual Enrollment

- Bristol Community College
- UMass Dartmouth