

SCHOOL PROFILE

2023-2024



B.M.C. Durfee High School

460 Elsbree Street
Fall River, MA 02720
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SAT/ACT School Code: 220785

Administrators

MS. MARIA PONTES – Superintendent
MR. MATTHEW DESMARAIS – Principal
MS. JESSICA VINACCO – Associate Principal
DR. JESSICA STEPHENS – Associate Principal
MR. ANDREW WOODWARD – Director of Guidance
MR. CICCHINELLI – Vice Principal
MR. JASON GRAY – Vice Principal
MR. TAYLOR BROWN – Vice Principal
MR. GERALD LIMA – Vice Principal

School

B.M.C. Durfee High School is a large comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of approximately 2,400 students in grades nine through twelve. The student population is ethnically, socio-economically, culturally and linguistically diverse. The staff consists of 200 teachers, a principal, a Director of Guidance, two Associate Principals, four Vice Principals, twelve counselors, and ten adjustment counselors. The school is fully accredited by the New England Assoc. of Schools and Colleges

School Counselors

MR. ANDREW WOODWARD – Director of Guidance
MS ASHLEY ALGARIN – School Counselor
MS. SANDY DASILVA – School Counselor
MS. RACHEL FELLOWS – School Counselor
MS. BETHANY GUIMOND – School Counselor
MS. JENNA LAGASSE – School Counselor
MS. TARA MANCINI – School Counselor
MS. MARIA MATOS – School Counselor
MS. DENISE MIGA – School Counselor
MS. JANET PACHECO – School Counselor
MS. JESSICA POWERS – School Counselor
MS. SILVANA RESENDES – School Counselor
MS. EMMA SANTORO – School Counselor

GPA and Class Rank

B.M.C. Durfee High School uses a weighted grade point average (GPA) and class rank system shown below. GPA and class rank is calculated from students' final grade(s) in his/her courses. Each course is assigned quality points based on the instructional level (College Preparation, Honors/Pre-AP, or AP/Dual Enrollment

Weighted GPA

Grade	College Prep	Honor/Pre AP	AP/Dual Enrollment
A+	4.3	4.8	5.3
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
D	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0	0	0

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	66-65	F	64 and below		

Core Values and Beliefs Statement

The B.M.C. Durfee High School community is dedicated to providing a safe, rigorous learning environment that is equitable, inclusive, and collaborative, empowering students to explore diverse paths and contribute to the global community.

All Hilltoppers have Durfee **PRIDE!**

- P PURPOSE:** Students will demonstrate academic achievement through the core academic pillars of higher order questioning, evidence based writing, academic conversation and close observation and analysis.
- R RESPONSIBILITY:** Students will demonstrate their ability to make caring and constructive choices through ownership of personal behavior, social interactions and dependability across diverse situations.
- I INNOVATION:** Students will demonstrate their ability to generate new ideas and demonstrate creative problem-solving.
- D DILIGENCE:** Students will demonstrate their ability to generate new ideas and demonstrate creative problem-solving.
- E EMPOWERMENT:** Students will demonstrate their ability to set goals for themselves and take realistic steps to achieve them using the Durfee Way.

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. The school district includes nine elementary schools, three middle schools, two K-8 schools, one alternative high school, and one traditional comprehensive high school.

Curriculum

Our multi-level curriculum utilizes High Quality Instructional Materials and is designed to meet the educational needs of all student ability levels, from college preparatory to advanced placement. In addition to passing the state required MCAS exams in ELA, Math and Science, students must earn 100 credits and pass core course requirements in order to receive a high school diploma.

Credits

Full Year classes are worth 5 credits, semester classes are worth 2.5 credits and Quarter-based classes are worth 1.25 credits

Core Graduation Requirements

English / ESL	4 courses
Mathematics	4 courses
Science	3 courses
Social Science	4 courses
Fine and Performing Arts	1 course
Physical Education / Health	4 courses
World Language	2 courses

Total Credits Needed: 100 Credits

Post-Secondary Plans of Class of 2023 Graduates

Percent furthering Education	65%
Percent in four-year Colleges	28%
Percent in two-year Colleges	37%
Percent in Military	3%
Percent in Work	32%

Educational Opportunities

B.M.C. Durfee offers various AP, Early College, Dual Enrollment and Career/Vocational options for students. In addition, Durfee is an **AP Capstone** participant

Advanced Placement courses options

- AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Language, and AP Literature
- AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I, AP Physics II, and AP Environmental Earth Science
- AP US History, AP European History, AP Human Geography, and AP Government, AP African American Studies, AP Psychology
- AP Spanish
- AP Studio Art 2D

Dual Enrollment/Early College

- Bristol Community College Early College
- Bridgewater State Early College
- UMASS Dartmouth Early College
- CTE Pathway Articulation Agreements
- CDEP Dual Enrollment opportunities

Project Lead the Way

- Engineering
- Biomedical Sciences
- Computer Science

Career & Technical Educational Programs

- Construction, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Education and Childcare, Engineering, Environmental Science and Technology, Health Assisting, Marketing, Visual Design, FRED TV Production, NJROTC Leadership

Fine and Performing Arts

- Theatre, Dance, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Art, Fashion Design, Music Production, Guitar, Piano, Drumming