



# Community Report

January 2018

## VISION

The Foxborough Public Schools will inspire our students to succeed in and contribute to an ever-changing global society by fostering dynamic and integrated learning experiences.

## MISSION

The mission of the Foxborough Public Schools, guided by its core values, and in collaboration with the community, is to engage students in rich, intellectual, artistic, and character building educational experiences which empower them to become healthy, productive, and responsible citizens, leaders, and innovators.



## Foxborough School Committee

Mr. Bruce Gardner, Chair  
Ms. Tina Belanger, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Beverley Lord  
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Mr. Christopher Connolly

## VALUES

Challenging and innovative educational experiences promote academic excellence by meeting the needs of students in ways that engage them in their learning.

A safe, supportive, and collaborative environment fosters positive attitudes among students and school staff.

Respect for the diversity and dignity of individuals and cultures enriches learning and supports the development of responsible citizenship.

Ensuring a quality education, cultivated by ongoing communication and shared resources among parents, teachers, town organizations, and residents, is the responsibility of the entire community.

## School Administration

60 South Street  
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### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Amy A. Berdos, Ed.D.

### Assistant Superintendent

Alison J. Mello

### Director of Special Education

Sandra C. Einsel, Ph.D.

### Director of Technology

Aaron F. Hyre

### School Business Administrator

William F. Yukna

## Schools

### Foxborough High School

Diana M. Myers-Pachla, Principal  
David D. Pierce, Assistant Principal  
Beth A. Sylvia, Assistant Principal  
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### John J. Ahern Middle School

Susan E. Abrams, Principal  
Mark P. Crehan, Assistant Principal  
Kerryn Frazier, Assistant Principal  
111 Mechanic Street  
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### Burrell Elementary School

Michele L. McCarthy, Principal  
16 Morse Street  
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### Igo Elementary School

Michael J. Stanton, Principal  
70 Carpenter Street  
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### Taylor Elementary School

Moira Rodgers, Ed.D. Principal  
196 South Street  
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## Strategic Plan Objectives:

Objective 1: *To develop responsible global citizens by providing dynamic learning experiences within a rigorous curriculum that fosters high levels of achievement for all students.*

Objective 2: *To continue to strengthen school culture, ensuring that students, staff, parents and all stakeholders feel valued, safe, and have a voice.*

Objective 3: *To enhance district infrastructure and technological capabilities to provide an increasingly safe and supportive physical and innovative academic school environment.*

Objective 4: *To maintain strong support for public education within the town of Foxborough.*



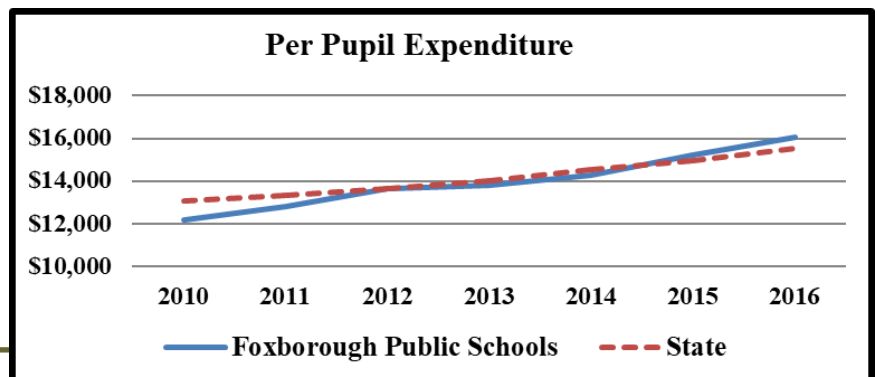
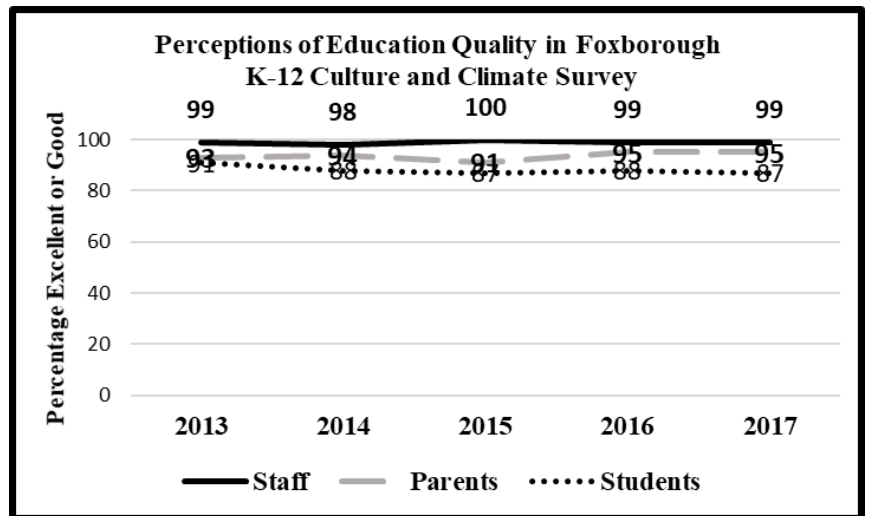
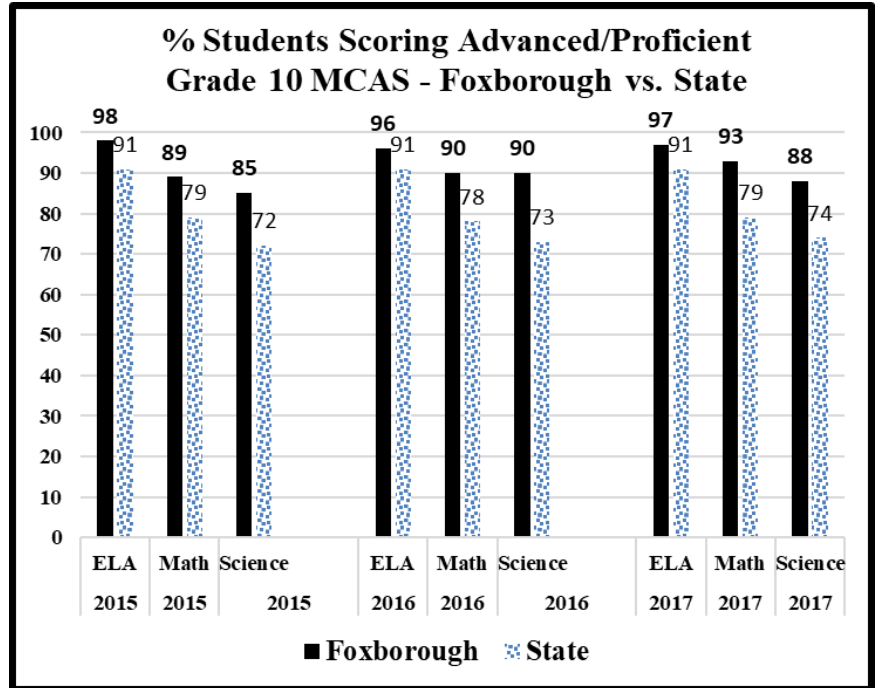
*Foxborough High School*

**DISTRICT OVERVIEW**

Enrollment	Fall 2017
District-Wide	2,625
Foxborough High School	808
Ahern Middle School	842
Burrell Elementary School	319
Igo Elementary School	393
Taylor Elementary School	237
Out-of-District	27

Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	Fall 2017
District-Wide	20.57%
Foxborough High School	21.29%
Ahern Middle School	21.97%
Burrell Elementary School (excludes preschool)	12.24%
Igo Elementary School	24.68%
Taylor Elementary School	14.77%

Special Education Population	Fall 2017
District-Wide	16.99%
Foxborough High School	15.22%
Ahern Middle School	20.67%
Burrell Elementary School (excludes preschool)	12.66%
Igo Elementary School	16.54%
Taylor Elementary School	11.39%



## Foxborough High School

### WHAT'S NEW?

#### CLASS OF 2017

From the class of 2017, 93% of Foxborough High School students pursued continuing education, 2% enlisted in the military and 5% entered the workforce.

#### SAT TESTING FOR 2017

83% of the class of 2017 took the SAT exam. Foxborough's mean SAT scores for 2017 were Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 574; and Evidence-based Math: 561.

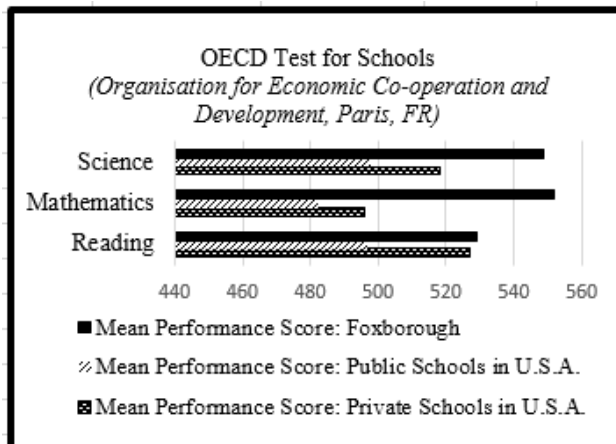
#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

Foxborough High School offers the following Advanced Placement Courses:

- English Language
- Literature
- Statistics
- Calculus
- European History
- U.S. History
- Government & Politics
- Spanish
- French
- Psychology
- Studio Art 2D
- Studio Art 3D
- Studio Art Drawing
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics C
- Other AP Courses that can be taken through Virtual High School

**341 Foxborough High School students** took AP courses last year; **432 exams** were administered. **In 2017, 77% of tests were scored 3 or better.**

In 2017, Foxborough High School voluntarily participated in the *OECD Test for Schools (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, FR)* an international benchmarking tool allowing schools to compare their performance in science, math and reading to other schools around the nation and the world. **Foxborough scored significantly above the nation across all three cognitive tests:** in math scored above the top 10%, in science scored close to the top 10% and in reading scored in the top 25% of the students in the United States.



Foxborough High School's **Engineering** course and **Senior Project**, an internship/externship opportunity for students to work with professionals in the community to gain "real-world" experience, continue to grow.

**Exploring Computer Science, a full-year course**, is offered at Foxborough High School to enhance Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) offerings. **Introduction to Entrepreneurship, a new half-year course** introduces students to the concepts and skills necessary to become an entrepreneur.

The **Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program** is offered at Foxborough High School. AP Capstone is designed to complement and enhance current AP offerings with independent research projects. **AP Seminar** and **AP Research** provide unique research opportunities for current AP students with eligible students receiving an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board. For three consecutive years, the College Board named Foxborough to the **Annual AP District Honor Roll**.

Foxborough offers Universal **Free Full Day Kindergarten**.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Average class sizes** range from 18-20 students at the elementary level and 22-24 at the secondary level.

**Foxborough charges no fees** for athletics, transportation, parking or extracurricular clubs and activities. A **wide range of extracurricular** clubs and activities is offered at all levels.

Foxborough **owns and operates** its own buses and transportation service.

Foxborough's **Extended Day Programs** offer childcare both before and after school at all 3 Elementary Schools and after school at the Ahern Middle School for a reasonable rate.

Foxborough's **award winning music program** consistently ranks among the country's top high school music programs. In **2017**, Foxborough High School's Jazz Ensemble was selected once again as a finalist at the prestigious competition in New York City at Lincoln Center's 22nd Annual Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival.

Foxborough students were awarded **24 Scholastic Art and 4 Writing Awards** at the prestigious *Boston Globe* sponsored competition in 2017.

FHS students in the **DECA** program, a student organization that **prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management** continues to be competitive at the district and State level.

FHS iSchool Advocates and Project Contemporary Competitiveness (a summer enrichment program at Stonehill College) illustrate Foxborough's ongoing commitment to **student leadership and challenge**.

Foxborough enjoys **strong and vibrant partnerships** with several local businesses and community agencies. These include generous parent groups (PTOs/PACs/Athletic and Music Boosters), Schneider Electric, the Kraft Organization, the Hockomock Area YMCA, Foxborough Cable Access, and Stop & Shop, along with many others.



## **RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES**

Amherst College  
Assumption College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bridgewater State University  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Emmanuel College  
Endicott College  
Fordham University  
George Washington University  
Harvard University  
Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales University  
Massachusetts College of Art  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Merrimac College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Providence College  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Roger Williams University  
Saint Anselm College  
Simmons College  
Stanford University  
Stonehill College  
Suffolk University  
Tulane University  
Tufts University

University of Connecticut  
University of Mass @ Amherst  
University of Mass @ Dartmouth  
University of Mass @ Lowell  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
US Naval Academy  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Wellesley College  
Wheaton College  
West Point Academy  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Yale University