



Too often, the city's students start grade school already behind. The city's four-year-olds need better early education, while teachers need more training.

That's where Boston Ready comes in.

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Boston Ready

maximizing learning experiences in K-1



**Sending
Boston
children to
kindergarten
primed for
success**

A partnership between Boston Public Schools, the Institute for Community Inclusion and Graduate College of Education at UMass Boston, and WCW, Wellesley Center for Women.

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Reaching All Students

Boston Ready infuses city preschools with new curriculum that places both students' cognitive and social-emotional development at the forefront. The \$3.5 million project also evaluates the effectiveness of these pilot solutions.

Activities

Students learn

- ◎ Literacy—OWL
- ◎ Mathematical concepts—Building Blocks

Teachers and paraprofessionals gain

- ◎ Support to adapt teaching for a wide range of learners, especially children with special needs and English-language learners
- ◎ Online courses to deepen their understanding of the curriculum
- ◎ Connections to UMass Boston and Roxbury Community College early childhood education programs
- ◎ Mentorship and career counseling

Families get

- ◎ Training to help them continue their children's education at home
- ◎ Support around issues such as homelessness, special needs, and social/emotional development



Learning disabilities often aren't diagnosed until grade school. Boston Ready promotes universal design techniques that help teachers educate everyone in the class. The Institute for Community Inclusion at UMass Boston (ICI) is proud to train educators on universal design for learning and inclusive education. For fifteen years, ICI has run statewide projects focusing on educating students with special learning needs in their own communities.

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