



Boston University Academy

MISSION

The mission of Boston University Academy is to educate talented students who are passionate about learning and who share the joy of inquiry. Engaging with dedicated teachers in a small and caring community, students first immerse themselves in a classically based curriculum and then continue to expand their intellectual interests in high school at Boston University, a major research institution.

VISION

By the year 2012, Boston University Academy will be nationally recognized for its classically based curriculum and its unique ties to Boston University. While retaining its small school character and high standards, it will grow moderately in enrollment and space, cultivate its core of master teachers, become a landmark on the Boston University campus, and provide wider access to and support of talented students and faculty from under-represented populations.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS FOR 2007-2012

I. FACULTY

BU Academy will empower its faculty to enhance the curriculum, develop a dynamic balance between Academy and University courses, and grow professionally in ways that enrich the students while cultivating a core of master teachers who make BU Academy their career choice.

II. BU/BUA CONNECTIONS

In collaboration with Boston University, BU Academy will enhance the connections and improve the flow of intellectual and cultural resources between the Academy and the University for students and teachers.

III. SIZE/FACILITY

BU Academy will set a goal to increase the student body from three sections of 13 each per grade, for a total of 156 students, to four sections of 12 each per grade, for a total of 192 students, building a strong sense of community with improved programs, while retaining high admissions standards and its small school culture, and will expand into the rest of the Academy building and block, creating an Academy campus that serves as an exciting landmark on the University campus and an attraction to strong applicants. This goal will be reviewed in 12 months, once more specific admissions and building data can be analyzed.

IV. DIVERSITY

In addition to its current constituents, BU Academy will attract and support talented students and faculty from under-represented populations in the city of Boston and its neighboring communities. BU Academy will also foster the spirit of people working well together from many different backgrounds.

V. CLASSICALLY BASED CURRICULUM

BU Academy will define and craft a curriculum across all disciplines that is rooted in the influence of ancient Greece and Rome, through the Renaissance and neoclassical periods, by continuing a focus on primary texts and critical thinking, while increasing attention to public speaking, the arts, citizenship, service, scientific method, writing, and philosophy.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS/REPUTATION

BU Academy will provide superior materials and information flow both internally and externally for the benefit of the Academy community, admissions and college placement, and will expand opportunities to share the Academy's unique strengths deserving national recognition.

VII. FUNDRAISING

BU Academy will significantly grow its Annual Fund and will launch its first capital campaign to found an endowment in support of the Strategic Plan.

MOTTO

Nil Doctis Arduum: "Nothing Daunts a Scholar"