

# Sturgis Charter Public School

## Mission

Sturgis Charter Public School is dedicated to an “International Baccalaureate (IB) for All” philosophy, preparing high school students for higher education in a supportive learning environment. Sturgis provides each student a rigorous world-class educational program, encouraging academic achievement, intellectual confidence, and personal growth.

Highlights from a charter school that is at the “cutting edge of educational reform”:

- All students do all of their coursework in grades 11-12 in the IB—one of the few non-selective high schools in the U.S. to employ an “IB for All” program; all coursework for students in grades 9-10 is “IB prep”;
- One of the very top school districts in MA on the 2014 statewide MCAS assessments (#1 in English, #8 in Math, and #2 in Science out of 290 school districts);
- Ranked #1 in MA and #85 nationwide among the top 100 Best U.S. High Schools in April 2014 *Washington Post*;
- The average senior in 2014 took 5.8 IB exams;
- 98% of seniors in 2014 took at least 3 IB exams & 87% of exam scores were at least a 3 out of 7;
- Seventeen Sturgis faculty are IB examiners who mark assessments from students around the world;
- Hosted more than 80 school visits of teachers, administrators, and board members interested in “IB for All” in the past four years;
- Consultant to two Boston Public Schools: Quincy Upper School and Snowden International School, in addition to Quabbin Regional High School, North Middlesex High School, Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Long Trail School (VT), Smith Academy, Marblehead High School, Merrimack Valley (NH) Public Schools, Grand Island High School (NY), Bronx Early College Academy (NY), Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy (NJ), and Thornwood High School (IL);
- Selected to lead IB teacher and administrator workshops for diverse learners in North America in 2010, 2011, 2012, & 2014;
- Selected to give an “IB for All” presentations at the National Charter Schools Conferences in Albuquerque in 2007, New Orleans in 2008, and Las Vegas in 2014;
- Selected to give “IB for All” presentations at the IB North America Regional Conferences in Chicago in 2007, in San Francisco in 2008, in Quebec in 2009, in Miami in 2010, in San Antonio in 2011, in New Orleans in 2013, and in Washington, D.C. in 2014.
- Selected to give an “IB for All” presentations at the World Conference for IB School Heads in San Francisco in October 2007 and in Seville, Spain in October 2009;
- Selected to give an “IB for All” presentation at the High Schools of the Future Conference in MA in October 2006;