

Frequently Asked Questions about Sturgis Charter Public School:

1. Is Sturgis a public school? *Yes, Sturgis is a public school as it receives its funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Thus, attending Sturgis is free.*
2. How are students selected for admission to Sturgis? *Admission to Sturgis is by lottery with the first priority given to siblings of currently enrolled students. Second priority is given equally to residents of the following school districts: Barnstable, Bourne, Carver, Chatham, Dennis-Yarmouth, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Nauset, Plymouth, Provincetown, Sandwich, and Wareham.*
3. How do students from all of these towns travel to and from Sturgis? *A significant majority of students are transported to and from Sturgis via car pool and the Plymouth & Brockton, Cape Cod Regional Transit, and Barnstable school busses.*
4. What kind of educational services are available at Sturgis? *The services offered at Sturgis are similar to those offered by typical district public schools. They include but are not limited to: special education teachers and assistants; a free or reduced lunch program; college, academic, and personal counseling; and a full-time school nurse.*
5. What is the success rate of students who are low income or have special needs? *Virtually all students with special needs and those who are low income graduate from Sturgis and then become quite successful at college or university due to the outstanding preparation that they received while at Sturgis.*
6. To which campus, Sturgis East or Sturgis West, are accepted students assigned? *Students are asked for their campus preference during the application process. Students will be assigned to their preferred campus based upon their lottery number. Once one campus fills, then the remaining accepted students will be assigned to the other campus.*
7. What is the average class size at Sturgis? *The average class size at Sturgis is 17 students. If a class grows beyond 20 students, it is normally split it into two classes.*
8. What are the MCAS results for Sturgis? *Sturgis has consistently ranked among the top districts for its MCAS results. In 2012, Sturgis ranked #17 in English Language Arts and #35 in Math out of 289 Massachusetts school districts.*
9. How is Sturgis ranked by the *U.S. News & World Report* in MA and across the U.S.? *On its most recent report, the U.S. News & World Report ranked Sturgis as the #1 school in MA, #4 school in the Northeast, and #15 nationally when compared to more than 12,000 U.S. high schools.*
10. What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme that is offered at Sturgis? *The IB Mission Statement: “The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.”*
11. What is unique about a Sturgis IB education? *Sturgis offers students an “International Baccalaureate for All” experience where all courses taken in grades 11 & 12 are IB—no non-IB courses are offered. No other school in MA has adopted this exemplary program that results in college readiness for all graduates.*
12. What makes an IB education so desirable? *A recent national study concluded that the curriculum and assessment standards of IB Diploma Programme demonstrate a very high degree of alignment with the Knowledge and Skills for University Success standards in all subject areas. College readiness for all Sturgis students is the highest priority.*