Boston Talent Search locations & advisors
To apply, students and parents should talk to a Talent Search Education Advisor at their school:

Brighton High School
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Community Academy of Science and Health (CASH)
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English High School
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American Student Assistance® (ASA) provides Talent Search, a federally funded TRIO program, to help students in Massachusetts discover and reach their educational and career dreams in and out of school.

Navigating the road to college and career after high school can be hard, especially if you are just beginning your journey or are unsure where to seek assistance. Boston Talent Search can give you a head start on planning your next step, from exploring different careers, to choosing the right education to achieve your goals, to figuring out how to pay for it.

For partnership opportunities, please contact: Grace Ajayi, Boston Talent Search Program Manager, at 617_521_6286 or gajayi@asa.org, or Luis Cabral, Boston Talent Search Program Supervisor, at 617_833_1685 or lcabral@asa.org.

Due to federal guidelines, household income and parental information is required for the completed application. Eligibility criteria is established by the U.S. Department of Education.

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How we work with you

Talent Search participants receive one-on-one advising to help them succeed in school and plan for college and career. Program participants can take advantage of services including:

**Academic advising and support:**
- Choosing a major and applying to college
- Financial aid application assistance
- Interactive workshops and skill building activities
- College tours and information sessions
- Scholarship referrals

**Career advising:**
- Explore majors and career paths
- Resume workshops and mock interviews

Who may participate?

High school students at participating sites are eligible to apply to the Talent Search program. Students may be referred by counselors, teachers, or community agencies.

**The application process includes:**
1. Meeting with a Talent Search Advisor
2. Completing the Talent Search application with a family member

When your application is complete, you and your advisor will meet throughout the school year to discuss your goals, action steps, and opportunities such as field trips and internships.

Get in on the fun!

We host multiple events each year designed to help bring students together. Some of our previous events include:

- TRIO Day across all six New England states
- Summer trips to Washington, D.C., New York, & Pennsylvania
- College Fairs
- Boston National College Fair (Boston Convention Center)
- Parent financial aid nights
- Financial Literacy Fair
- Thompson’s Island Outward Bound event
- College tours: Salem State, UMass Amherst, UNH, Holy Cross, Worcester State, Framingham State, and many more
- Senior transition events

Families get involved too!

Students and their families can learn together. Attend workshops to receive assistance in completing college and financial aid applications, help in choosing a school, and access to resources.

“**I would tell students today that the TS program is a great complement to your regular teachers and counselors, in that it gives you practical, hands-on advice for college applications and financial aid. TS will give you to-do lists and take you step-by-step through the process.”**

— Student, Boston Talent Search alumna & class valedictorian

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**WHAT IS THE BENEFIT TO YOU?**

92% of our students successfully graduated high school or progressed to the next grade level.

Our job is to make sure YOU have every opportunity to succeed in life.