

## Classroom at the Workplace: MCAS Prep

Students who leave high school without a diploma **earn nearly \$500,000 less** over a lifetime than high school graduates.

### **The Stakes are High**

Each year, hundreds of Boston public high school students fail to meet the MCAS graduation requirement, placing them at risk to leave school without a diploma. Since 1999, the PIC, with the Boston Public Schools, has provided **Classroom at the Workplace: MCAS Prep** for students who have attempted and failed the MCAS. Students who participate in Classroom at the Workplace: MCAS Prep take an MCAS Prep class for **90 minutes each morning** as part of their workday. Each summer, more than one hundred students participate in Classroom at the Workplace, taught by Massachusetts certified teachers during **paid release time from work**.

### **Proven Results**

Over **1130 participants** in Classroom at the Workplace: MCAS Prep since 1999

More than **70% pass MCAS** and earn their high school diploma. An additional **20% pass the ELA or math test**.

Over **90%** say they **feel more prepared to take the MCAS** after completing the program.

Students demonstrate **increased confidence** and **insight** into the connections between academic and career success.

### **Get Involved**

Employers play the most vital role in this MCAS prep service for students. Fortunately, it's easy to support Classroom at the Workplace: MCAS Prep students through the PIC.

To expand your current summer program to include Classroom at the Workplace: MCAS Prep students:

- **Talk to your Employer Account Manager** contact at the PIC
- Reserve a **minimum of 6 jobs** for Classroom at the Workplace students
- Identify and **reserve class space** at the worksite from 9:00 to 10:30 Monday through Friday for the seven-week duration of your summer internship program
- Have supervisors **release students for a 90-minute class** from 9:00 to 10:30 each morning.

Play your part in supporting Boston's educational and workforce needs: add Classroom at the Workplace: MCAS Prep to your summer jobs internship program.