

Name of Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Boston Public Schools Class of 2009 Graduate Survey**

Hello, may I speak with (**name of Graduate**)? This is (**interviewer’s name**) from the (**name of the high school**). We are calling to find out how you are doing since you graduated in June. We are contacting all students who graduated in 2009 and would like to ask you some questions that should only take about five minutes. The information we collect from you and other BPS graduates will be kept confidential and will only be used to help schools prepare students for life after graduation.

**INTERVIEWER CHECKLIST**

The information on this survey form was provided by:

- Graduate..... 1
- Parent of Graduate ..... 2
- Other Family Member ..... 3
- Other (*please specify*)..... 4
- No Information Obtained..... 5 (**Complete the section below.**)

**IF NO INTERVIEW COMPLETED**

Reasons for Inability to Complete Survey: (Circle **all** that apply.)

- No valid phone number/phone disconnected..... 1
- Moved from area, no forwarding phone number ..... 2
- No response to phone messages ..... 3
- Family members unable to provide information..... 4
- Student refused to participate .... 5
- Family members refused to provide information ..... 6
- Deceased..... 7
- Incarcerated ..... 8
- Language difficulty (*please specify*)..... 9
- Other (*please specify*)..... 10

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1. What are you doing now?

*(Circle the appropriate number(s) and only answer questions on the pages indicated.)*

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|---|---|---|
| School & Work .....                     | 1 | Answer questions on pages 2-3, 5-6, 10-13 |
| Work Only .....                         | 2 | Answer questions on pages 5-6, 10-13      |
| School/Training Only .....              | 3 | Answer questions on pages 2-4, 10-13      |
| Military .....                          | 4 | Answer questions on pages 7, 10-13        |
| Not employed but looking for work ..... | 5 | Answer questions on pages 8, 10-13        |
| None of the above .....                 | 6 | Answer questions on pages 9, 10-13        |
- (i.e. in home taking care of family; does not want to work at this time)

**IN SCHOOL OR TRAINING:**

2. Name of school or training program \_\_\_\_\_

Location (state) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What type of school are you attending?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| College (4 or more years) .....             | 1 |
| Junior/Community College (2 years).....     | 2 |
| One Year Business School.....               | 3 |
| Vocational/Technical Training Program ..... | 4 |
| Prep School.....                            | 5 |
| Other (please describe) _____               | 6 |

4. What is your major? \_\_\_\_\_

4a. Is your current major related to your high school's theme or focus of career and technical training?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Yes (It is directly or closely related.).....        | 1 |
| No (It is related very little or not at all.).....   | 2 |
| N/A (Received no career and technical training.....) | 0 |

5. Are you attending school full-time or part-time? In other words, did you apply and get accepted to this school, or are you merely taking one or more courses.

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|---------------------|---|
| Full-time .....     | 1 |
| Part-time .....     | 2 |
| Taking courses..... | 0 |

5a. Did you take any developmental or remedial classes in your first semester?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_\_\_

- If yes, for which courses: English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_
- If no, skip to **Question 6**
- If not sure:

What is the name or course number of your English class in your first semester? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name or course number of your math class in your first semester? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Who, if anyone, helped you select and apply to this school? (Circle **all** that apply.)

- H.S. Teacher..... 1
- Guidance Counselor..... 2
- College and Career Center Staff at High School..... 3
- Parent..... 4
- Friend or Relative..... 5
- PIC Staff..... 6
- Higher Ed Center Staff at Boston Public Library..... 7
- Applied on Your Own..... 8
- Other (please specify)..... 9

7a. Are you receiving any scholarships, loans, grants or other financial aid? (For example, an academic scholarship, a Pell grant, a student loan, work-study)

- Yes..... 1 (Go to # **7b** and continue)
- No..... 0 (Go to # **7c** and continue)

7b. **If yes**, what type of financial aid are you receiving? (Circle **all** that apply.)

- Scholarships..... 1
- Loans..... 2
- Grants..... 3
- Work-Study..... 4
- Other (please specify)..... 5

**GO TO #8 and CONTINUE**

7c. **If no**, did you apply for any scholarships, loans, grants or other financial aid?

- Yes..... 1 (Go to # 8 and continue)
- No..... 0 (Go to page 4 if **not** working or page 5 if working)

8. Who, if anyone, helped you select and apply for financial aid at this school? (Circle **all** that apply.)

- H.S. Teacher..... 1
- Guidance Counselor..... 2
- College and Career Center Staff at H. S..... 3
- Parent..... 4
- Friend or Relative..... 5
- PIC Staff..... 6
- Higher Ed Center Staff at Boston Public Library..... 7
- Applied on Your Own..... 8
- Other (please specify)..... 9
- Didn't Apply for Financial Aid..... 10

**Go to the Top of Page 4 if Not Currently Working  
Or  
Go to the Top of Page 5 if Currently Working**

**IN SCHOOL OR TRAINING, BUT NOT CURRENTLY WORKING:**

9. Even though you are not working now, do you want a job, either part-time or full-time?

- Yes.....1 (**Go to # 10 and continue**)
- No.....0 (**Go to # 13a and continue**)

10. How many continuous weeks have you been looking for a job? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you seeking full-time or part-time work?

- Full-time (*35 or more hours per week*)..... 1
- Part-time (*34 or less hours per week*)..... 2
- Either.....0

12. What have you done in the past 4 weeks to find a job? (Circle **all** that apply.)

- Talked or wrote to an employer..... 1
- Filed job applications..... 2
- Met in person with an employer..... 3
- Checked the help wanted ads..... 4
- Checked with public/private employment agencies..... 5
- Checked with friends/relatives..... 6
- Internet search.....7
- Other (*please describe*).....8
- Nothing..... 9

13a. If you were offered a job last week, could you have taken it?

- Yes.....1 (**Go to # 33a at the top of page 10 and continue**)
- No.....0 (**Go to # 13b and continue**)

13b. **If no**, what would have prevented you from taking a job last week? (Circle **all** that apply.)

- School..... 1
- On vacation..... 2
- Illness, disability..... 3
- Pregnancy..... 4
- Child care, family responsibility..... 5
- Lack transportation..... 6
- Not interested in working last week..... 7
- Parents would not allow..... 8
- Immigration problems (not a citizen or permanent resident – do not have a green card) 9
- All other (*please specify*)..... 10

**Go to Question # 33a at the Top of Page 10.**

**CURRENTLY WORKING (Whether In School or Not):**

14. For whom are you working?

Name of company: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

15. What is your employer's main activity? *(For example, a grocery store, a hospital, a department store, a financial services firm, a construction firm, etc.)*

\_\_\_\_\_

16. What is your job title? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Briefly describe your major responsibilities at work.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. Currently, how many hours a week do you usually work? \_\_\_\_\_ (01-70)

18a. Are you working full-time or part-time?

Full-time ..... 1

Part-time .....2

19. What is your hourly wage? *(Before taxes and payroll deductions, **include tips**, bonuses and commissions)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(If the respondent refuses to give a precise hourly wage, please probe by offering very narrow wage ranges and report that range as selected by the respondent.)*

20. Who, if anyone, helped you obtain this job? *(Circle **all** that apply.)*

- PIC Staff..... 1
- H.S. Teacher.....2
- Guidance Counselor..... 3
- College and Career Center Staff at H. S..... 4
- Parent.....5
- Friend or Relative.....6
- Current School Advisor.....7
- Public/Private Employment Agency..... 8
- Obtained on Your Own..... 9
- Other *(please specify)*..... 10

21. Is your current job related to your high school's theme or focus of career and technical training?

- Yes (It is directly or closely related.)..... 1
- No (It is related very little or not at all.).....0
- N/A (Received no career and technical training.....2

22. Did you ever work with your present employer while you were in high school?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 0

23a. Have you received any training from your present employer?

- Yes.....1 (Go to # 23b and continue)
- No.....0 (Go to # 24 and continue)

23b. **If yes**, what type of training have you received? (Circle all that apply.)

- Computer Training**..... 1  
(On-site or off-site computer training targeted to use different types of computers and different computer software programs)
- Basic Skills Training**..... 2  
(Training to improve basic math and/or English reading/writing skills)
- Informal On-the-Job Training** ..... 3  
(Informal training while on the job or by fellow workers)
- Formal Training** ..... 4  
(Structured training on-site or off-site in a classroom)
- Apprenticeship Training** ..... 5  
(Training for a particular trade or license, on-site or off-site in a classroom)

24. If you were to enroll in a training program or take a course at a university or a college, and if you met eligibility criteria, would your employer pay all or part of the tuition? *Excluding Work-Study. (Examples of eligibility criteria include: length of employment, course relation to job, etc.)*

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0
- Don't Know.....2

**Go to Question # 33a at the Top of Page 10.**

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

25. What branch of the service are you in?

- Army ..... 1
- Navy.....2
- Air Force..... 3
- Coast Guard ..... 4
- Marines ..... 5
- Other ..... 6

25a. What is your position or specialty? \_\_\_\_\_

25b. Is your position related to your field of high school career and technical training?

- Yes (it is directly or closely related).....1
- No (it is only remotely related or is not related at all).....0

26. Did you participate in Junior ROTC in high school?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0

**Go to Question # 33a at the Top of Page 10.**

**NOT EMPLOYED and NOT IN SCHOOL, BUT LOOKING FOR WORK:**

27. How many continuous weeks have you been looking for a job? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Are you seeking full-time or part-time work?

Full-time (35 or more hours per week)..... 1  
Part-time (34 or less hours per week)..... 2  
Either.....0

29. What have you done during the last 4 weeks to find work? (Circle **all** that apply.)

Talked or wrote to an employer..... 1  
Filed job applications..... 2  
Met in person with an employer ..... 3  
Checked the help wanted ads..... 4  
Checked with public/private employment agencies ..... 5  
Checked with friends/relatives ..... 6  
Internet search..... 7  
Other (please describe)..... 8  
Nothing..... 9

30a. If you were offered a job last week, could you have taken it?

Yes..... 1 (Go to # 33a at the top of page 10 and continue)  
No..... 0 (Go to # 30b and continue)

30b. **If no**, what would have prevented you from taking a job last week? (Circle **all** that apply.)

On vacation..... 1  
Illness, disability..... 2  
Pregnancy..... 3  
Child care, family responsibility..... 4  
Lack transportation..... 5  
Not interested in working last week..... 6  
Parents would not allow..... 7  
Immigration problems (not a citizen or permanent resident – do not have a green card) 8  
All other (please specify)..... 9

**Go to Question # 33a at the Top of Page 10.**

**NOT EMPLOYED, NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK**

31. Why are you not currently looking for work? (Circle ***all*** that apply.)

- Family responsibilities, child care problems ..... 1
- Illness or disability ..... 2
- Discouraged (looked for work but could not find a job) ..... 3
- Lack necessary schooling or training ..... 4
- Waiting to report to a new job or an old job ..... 5
- Waiting to report to military ..... 6
- Waiting to report to school ..... 7
- Do not want to work at this time ..... 8
- Other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_ 9

32. Do you intend to look for work during the next three months?

- Yes ..... 1
- Maybe ..... 2
- No ..... 3

**Go to Question # 33a at the Top of Page 10.**

**TRANSFERRED OR LEFT A COLLEGE OR TRAINING PROGRAM:**

**33a.** Prior to what you are doing now, have you ever planned to enroll or been enrolled in a college, business or vocational school and then left?

Yes.....1

Planned \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled/Attended \_\_\_\_\_ (Go to # 33b below and continue)

No.....0 (Go to # 36 at the top of page 12 and continue)

**DO NOT ANSWER # 33b to # 35b IF THE RESPONSE TO # 33a is NO!**

**33b.** **If yes**, which school or college? \_\_\_\_\_

**33c.** Why did you not attend or leave this school? (Circle **all** that apply.)

- Did not have enough money..... 1
- Lost interest..... 2
- Wanted to work..... 3
- Did not like school..... 4
- Pregnancy..... 5
- Illness..... 6
- Academic reasons..... 7
- Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_ 8

**33d.** Did you take any developmental or remedial classes in your first semester?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_\_\_

- If yes, for which courses: English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_
- If no, **skip to Q34**
- If not sure,

what is the name or course number of your English class in your first semester? \_\_\_\_\_

what is the name or course number of your math class in your first semester? \_\_\_\_\_

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34. Who, if anyone, helped you select and apply to this school? (Circle all that apply.)

- H.S. Teacher..... 1
- Guidance Counselor..... 2
- College and Career Center Staff at High School.....3
- Parent..... 4
- Friend or Relative..... 5
- PIC Staff.....6
- Higher Ed Center Staff at Boston Public Library..... 7
- Applied on Your Own..... 8
- Other (*please specify*)\_\_\_\_\_

35. Who, if anyone, helped you select and apply for financial aid at this school? (Circle all that apply.)

- H.S. Teacher..... 1
- Guidance Counselor..... 2
- College and Career Center Staff at High School.....3
- Parent..... 4
- Friend or Relative..... 5
- PIC Staff.....6
- Higher Ed Center Staff at Boston Public Library..... 7
- Applied on Your Own..... 8
- Other (*please specify*)\_\_\_\_\_ 9
- Didn't Apply for Financial Aid..... 10

**HIGH SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCES:**

36. How many years did you attend high school? \_\_\_\_\_

36a. Did you have a summer job at any time during your high school years?

Yes.....1 (Go to # 36b and continue)  
No.....0 (Go to # 37 and continue)

36b. **If yes**, during how many different summers did you work? \_\_\_\_\_ (1-4)

37. Did you have an after school job at any time during your high school years? (*Including weekends but excluding summer jobs*)

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 0

38a. Did you work at any time during your senior year? (*Including after school and weekend jobs, but excluding summer jobs*)

Yes.....1 (Go to # 38b and continue)  
No.....0 (Go to # 39 and continue)

38b. **If yes**, how long did you work during your senior year?  
(One quarter = 13 weeks, One month = 4.3 weeks) (Maximum = 39 weeks)

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarters  
\_\_\_\_\_ Months  
\_\_\_\_\_ Weeks

38c. How many hours per week did you work on average during your senior year? \_\_\_\_\_

39. If you had summer, after school or senior year jobs, were any of them obtained with the help of a PIC counselor/ staff person?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 0  
N/A.....9 (*Never had a summer, after school or senior year job.*)

**40a.** During high school, did you participate in any of the following programs?

- Academy of Travel and Tourism (*only at East Boston*) ..... 1
- ProTech/School to Work (*only at East Boston, Brighton, Charlestown, Madison*) ..... 2  
(*Health Care, Financial Services*)
- TechBoston..... 3
- Other SLC/Career Pathway/Vocation (*please specify*)\_\_\_\_\_ 4  
(*Ex: Health, TeachBoston, Business, Law, Media, Hospitality, Entrepreneurship, etc.*)
- None of the above.....5 (**Go to # 42**)

**40b.** How many years did you participate in such a program? \_\_\_\_\_ (1-4)

**41.** If you had summer, after school or senior year jobs, were any of them related to your school's theme or career pathway/program (*identified in # 40a*)?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 0
- N/A..... 9 (*Did not have summer, after school or senior year jobs.*)

**42.** When you filled out the Boston Public School exit survey at the end of senior year, you did not provide a social security number. Your social security number is important because it allows us to research college and career success among Boston Public School graduates as compared to other students across the country. We never identify individuals or share these numbers with organizations not involved in this research.

Would you be willing to give us your social security now? (Perhaps you did not know the number back then or did not know why we needed it.)

- Yes (*please specify*)\_\_\_\_\_ (**Go to #43**)
- No..... (**Go to #43**)

(Last question☺)

**43.** In your opinion, how well did high school prepare you for college and/or work?  
(*For males who are not working **and** not in school or training, guide questioning towards what are the reasons they are in that situation*)

This concludes our questions. Thank you very much for participating. We appreciate your time. Your responses will help the Boston Public Schools prepare other students for life after graduation.