

Welcome to Waltham Public Schools



**Information & Communication Packet
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Welcome to the Waltham Public Schools Parent Information Center

Dear Families,

The main goal of the Parent Information Center (PIC) is to connect families with the Waltham Public School system. We are a resource center for questions about the schools, and a central location for educational and community resources. We also handle new student registration for students entering Preschool to Grade 12. Our resources include information regarding our public schools, how to register your child for school, and school and community programming opportunities. We also provide support for any additional questions or concerns you may have.

It is our pleasure to serve the Waltham community. Your child's education is important to us and we look forward to hearing from you again soon. Our telephone number is 781-314-5672 and our website is www.walthampublicschools.org/pic.cfm.

Sincerely,

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Topics the PIC can help you with:

How to Register for Schools ?

For students in grades K-12, please call 781-314-5672 for more information.

After School Programs

There are after school programs available for each elementary school. These programs are managed by outside organization and applications are sent home in the first few weeks of school. After school programs contact numbers are listing in the Youth Activities Listing (Information below).

Youth Activities Listing

The Waltham Youth Activities Listing contains after school program information as well as other after school activities and resources for school aged children.

For a copy of the listing, please contact the PIC or view online at: www.walthampublicschools.org/picres.cfm

Early Childhood Education & Care

For parents with children under school enrollment age, there is an Early Childhood Education Resource Guide with information about programs and resources within Waltham.

For a copy of the guide, please contact the PIC or view online at: www.walthampublicschools.org/picres.cfm

Adult & Family Literacy Programs

For adults looking for educational opportunities, there is a resource listing of programs available in Waltham.

For a copy of the listing, please contact the PIC or view online at: www.walthampublicschools.org/picres.cfm

Community Resources

In addition to our resource listings mentioned above, the PIC keeps an updated "Community Events" bulletin board with local programming information.

Please contact us for more information: Parent Information Center (PIC), 30 Parmenter Road in the Whittemore Elementary School. The entrance to the PIC is located to the right side of the front entrance. Please look for the signs and arrows to the PIC. Walk down the ramp and ring the doorbell at Door #6.

Waltham Public Schools Information

School Hours

Elementary School

Arrival time: 8:25 am

Learning Time: 8:42 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Middle School

Learning Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Waltham Senior High School

Learning time: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For information regarding morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal procedures, please contact your child's school.

School Closings

When school is cancelled due to weather, please check the following:

- TV Channels ABC, CBS & NBC
- WE-TV (Educational Channel for Waltham Public Schools)
- Waltham Public Schools website: www.walthampublicschools.org

School Committee

The Waltham Public Schools School Committee meets twice a month on Wednesday nights at the Waltham High School, 617 Lexington Street.

For a schedule of meetings or more information, please visit:

www.walthampublicschools.org/sc.cfm

Parent and Teacher Conferences

If you would like to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher or school, please call the school directly.

If you would like to have a translator (in Spanish) present at your meeting, please contact the Parent Information Center at 781-314-5612 or 781-314-5662.

School Lunch

Lunch menus for elementary and middle schools are available at your school or online at: www.walthampublicschools.org/lunch.cfm

Lunch Prices: Grades K-5: \$2.00

Grades 6-12: \$2.25

Transportation

The school bus schedule is available online and at each school. Bus routes are updated each August and available to the public via the Waltham News Tribune, the school website: www.walthampublicschools.org/bus.cfm and at each school.

- Please contact your school for a copy of the current bus schedule.
- To request a change of bus stop or route, you must speak with your school principal.

State Testing

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was implemented in response to the Education Reform Law of 1993, which required that MCAS be designed to: test all public school students across the Commonwealth, including students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency; be administered annually in selected grades; measure performance based on the learning standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks; report on the performance of individual students, schools, and districts; serve as one basis of accountability for students, schools, and districts.

For more information or a testing schedule by grade level, please visit:

www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html

For answers to more of your school questions, please contact your school directly or call the PIC at 781-314-5672.



Waltham Public Schools Phone Directory

Main Number:**781-314-5440****Administration:**

Superintendent: Susan Nicholson, Ed. D.

781-314-5400

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction: Paul Maiorano

781-314-5404

Departments & Programs:

Attendance Office

781-314-5525

Business Office

781-314-5410

Early Childhood Education Center

781-314-5653

Facilities Department

781-314-5421

Parent Information Center (PIC)

781-314-5672

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

781-314-5428

Summer School

781-314-5610

Title I

781-314-5423

Waltham Family School

781-314-5696

K-12 Program Directors:

Athletics: William Foley

781-314-5472

Career and Technical Education: Linda Radzvilla

781-314-5519

Drama: Thomas O'Toole

781-314-5486

Educational Technology/Library Media: Sandra Roby

781-314-5477

English Language Learners (ELL): Katherine Earley

781-314-5498

English Language Arts K-5: Nancy Coppolino

781-314-5427

English Language Arts 6-12: Thomas O'Toole

781-314-5486

Fine Arts: Douglas Trudeau

781-314-5514

Foreign Language: Katherine Earley

781-314-5498

Health Education: Joanne Johnson

781-314-5416

Health Services: Marie DeSisto

781-314-5462

History and Social Science: Stephen Goodwin

781-314-5517

Mathematics: Mary Alice Murdoch

781-314-5513

Physical Education: William Foley

781-314-5472

Reading K-12: Nancy Coppolino

781-314-5427

Science: Joanne Johnson

781-314-5416

Special Education (Acting): Paula Alexander

781-314-5428

Student Support Services: TBD

781-314-5510

Schools:

Fitzgerald Elementary

781-314-5680

MacArthur Elementary

781-314-5720

Northeast Elementary

781-314-5740

Plympton Elementary

781-314-5760

Stanley Elementary

781-314-5620

Whittemore Elementary

781-314-5780

Kennedy Middle

781-314-5560

McDevitt Middle

781-314-5590

Waltham Senior High

781-314-5440

Pre-School Northeast

781-314-5654

Pre-School Stanley

781-314-5674

Voicemail for Teachers and School Staff:

781-314-3093

Waltham Public Schools Website: www.walthampublicschools.org

School Contact Information



Elementary Schools

Fitzgerald Elementary School
Robert LaRoche, Principal
Molly McMahon, Assistant Principal
140 Beal Road, 02453
781-314-5680
www.walthampublicschools.org/FitzGerald/index.cfm

Plympton Elementary School
Maureen Taddeo, Principal
Nancy Hurwitz, Assistant Principal
20 Farnsworth Street, 02451
781-314-5760
www.walthampublicschools.org/Plympton/index.cfm

MacArthur Elementary School
Anthony Colannino, Principal
Jane Gately, Assistant Principal
494 Lincoln Street, 02451
781-314-5720
www.walthampublicschools.org/MacArthur/index.cfm

Stanley Elementary School
Jennifer Hacker, Principal
Stephen Kanode, Assistant Principal
250 South Street, 02453
781-314-5620
www.walthampublicschools.org/Stanley/index.cfm

Northeast Elementary School
Nadene Stein, Principal
Rebecca Gordon, Assistant Principal
70 Putney Lane, 02452
781-314-5740
www.walthampublicschools.org/Northeast/index.cfm

Whittemore Elementary School
Deborah Butts, Principal
Ken Haynes, Assistant Principal
30 Parmenter Road, 02453
781-314-5780
www.walthampublicschools.org/Whittemore/index.cfm

Middle Schools

Kennedy Middle School
John Cawley, Principal
Kevin Gildea, Assistant Principal
Laura Mosman, Assistant Principal
655 Lexington Street, 02452
781-314-5560
www.walthampublicschools.org/JFK/index.cfm

McDevitt Middle School
Elizabeth Gavin, Principal
Meghan Branco, Assistant Principal
William Hart, Assistant Principal
75 Church Street, 02452
781-314-5590
www.walthampublicschools.org/McDevitt/index.cfm

High School

Waltham Senior High School
Greg Demeo, Principal
617 Lexington Street, 02452
781-314-5440
www.walthampublicschools.org/WHS/index.cfm

Waltham High School Housemasters:
Grade 9: Rosemary Neville 781-314-5447
Grade 10: Christopher Gelinis 781-314-5453
Grade 11: Amanda Brennan 781-314-5457
Grade 12: Stephen Duffy 781-314-5442

School Programs & Resources

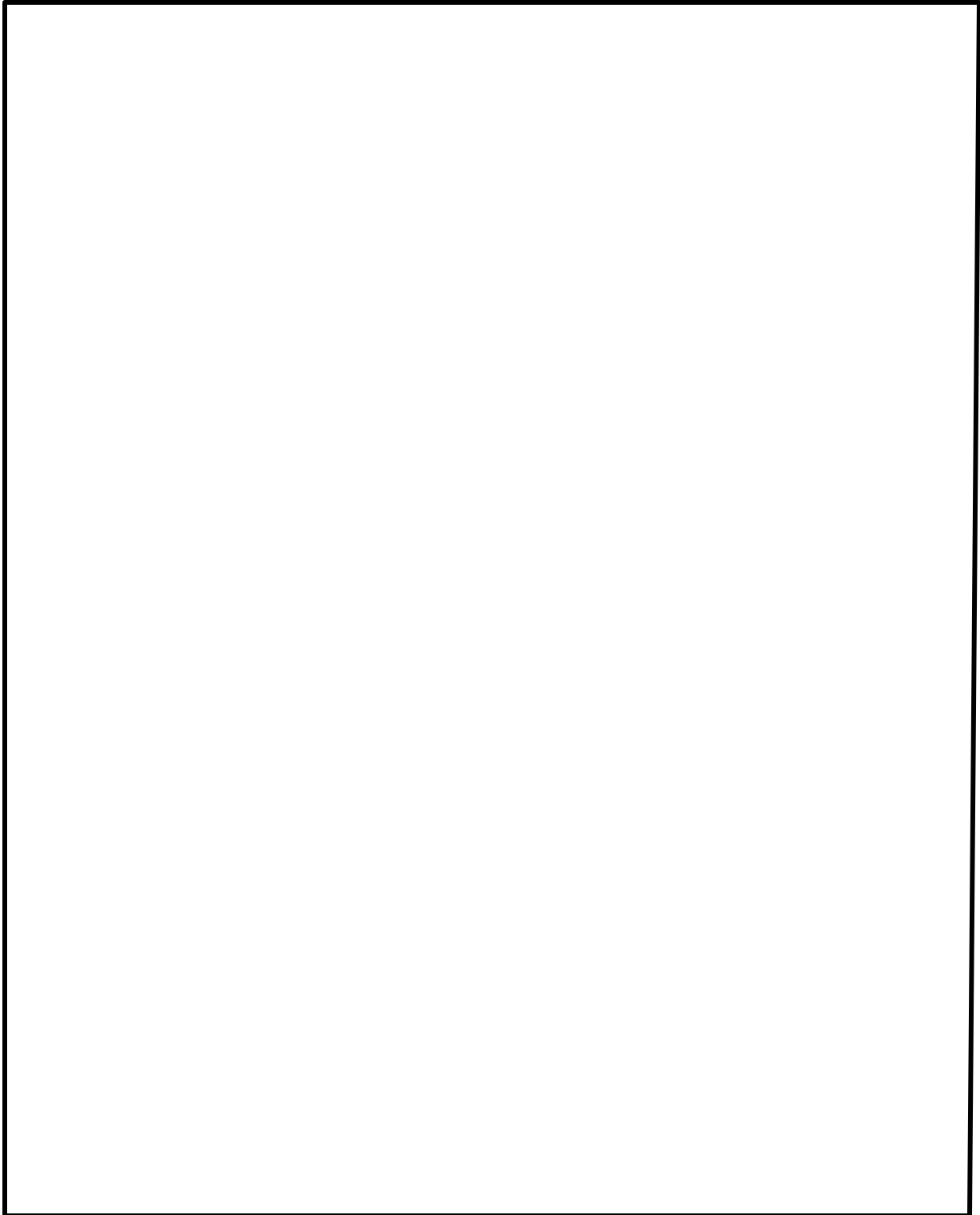
Parent Information Center (PIC)
Lisa Campana, PIC Coordinator
30 Parmenter Rd 02453
781-314-5672
www.walthampublicschools.org/pic.cfm

Student Support Services
Located at Waltham High School
617 Lexington Street, 02452
781-314-5510
www.walthampublicschools.org/sss.cfm

Early Childhood Education Center
Joyce Kidd, Coordinator
70 Putney Lane, 02452
781-314-5653
www.walthampublicschools.org/PreK.cfm

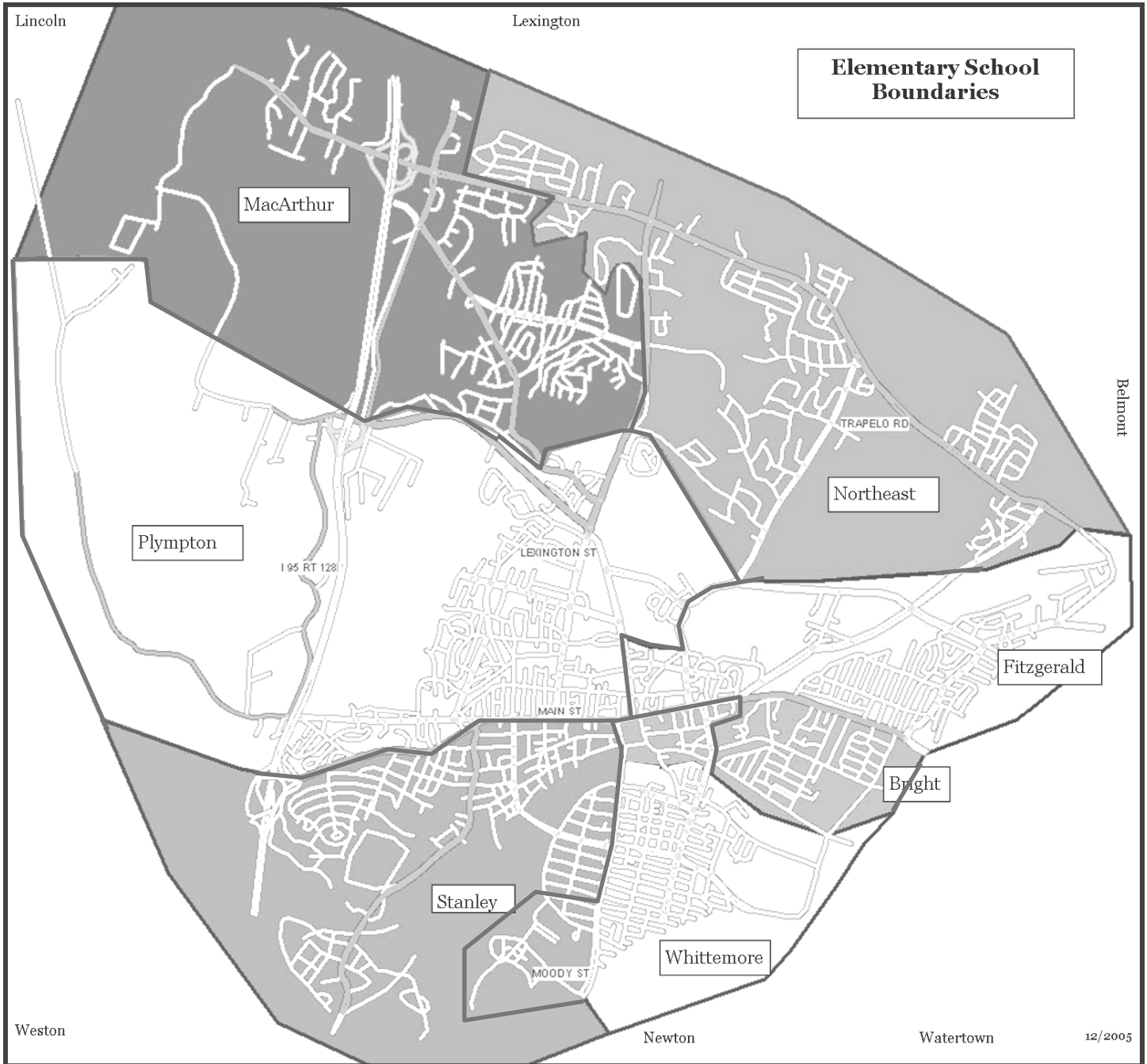
Waltham Family School
Britta McNemar, Program Coordinator
510 Moody Street, 02453
781-314-5696
www.walthampublicschools.org/fam.cfm

Map of Waltham Schools



School Boundaries

Elementary School Boundary Map

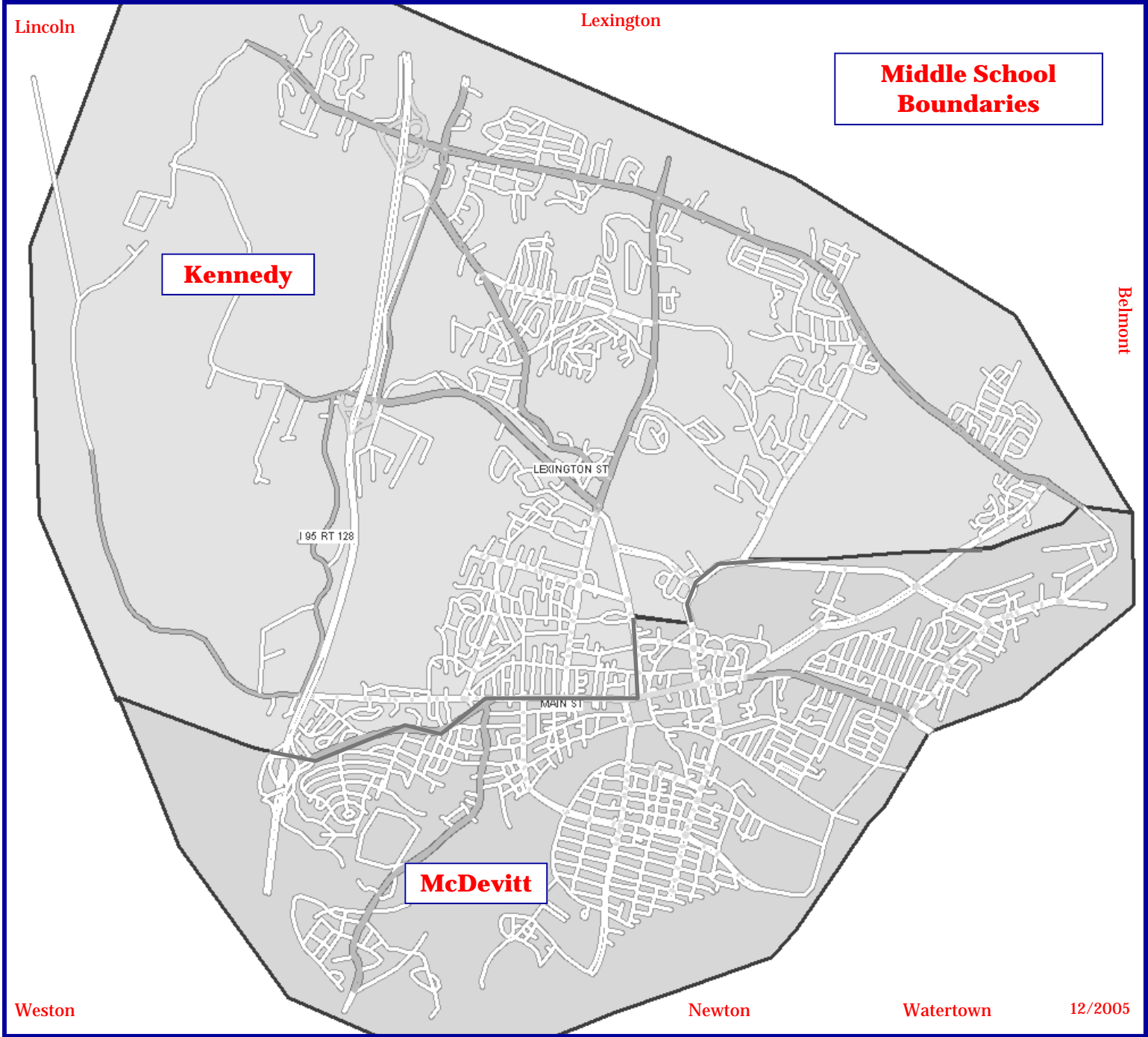


School assignments are determined by address.

If you are unsure of your home school district, please contact the Parent Information Center (PIC) at 781-314-5672 and we can look up your school by your current address.

School Boundaries

Middle School Boundary Map



School assignments are determined by address.

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City of Waltham Phone Directory

Waltham City Hall Main Number781-314-3000

Emergency Numbers

Ambulance Emergency Only**911**

Fire Department Emergency Only**911**

Police Department Emergency Only**911**

Emergency Management781-314-3198

Emergency Operations Center Under State Of Emergency Only781-314-3620

Departmental Numbers

Animal Control 781-314-3596
Assessors 781-314-3200
Auditors 781-314-3220

City Clerks 781-314-3120
City Councilors 781-314-3131
Civil Defense 781-314-3199
Conservation 781-314-3845
Conservation Commission 781-314-3846
Council on Aging 781-314-3499

Engineering 781-314-3830

Fire Department
-Main # 781-314-3700
-Prevention 781-314-3710
Forestry 781-314-3850

Health 781-314-3305
Housing 781-314-3380

Info. Tech. Services 781-314-3014

Law 781-314-3330
Library 781-314-3425
-Children's Desk 781-314-4430
License Commission 781-314-3420

Maintenance 781-314-3190
Mayors Office 781-314-3100
Middlesex Health
& Human Services 781-314-3158

Payroll 781-314-3270
Permits, Zoning and Inspections 781-314-3275
Personnel 781-314-3355
Planning 781-314-3370
Police Department-Business Only 781-314-3600
Police Dept., Community Services 781-314-3580
Public Vehicles 781-314-3860
Public Works 781-314-3800
Purchasing 781-314-3240

Recreation 781-314-3475
-Program Info. Line 781-314-3485
Recycling 781-314-3390
Retirement 781-314-3230

Signal Maintenance & Wires 781-314-3175
Snow Emergency 781-314-3840
Streets & Forestry 781-314-3855

Traffic (Transportation Dept.) 781-314-3400
Treasurers 781-314-3250

Veterans 781-314-3415

Waltham Partnership for Youth 781-314-3031
Water & Sewer (Billing) 781-314-3810
Water & Sewer (Emergency) 781-314-3820
Weights and Measures 781-314-3865

For more information, contact the department directly or visit the City of Waltham website at:

www.city.waltham.ma.us

Source: <http://www.city.waltham.ma.us/phone.htm> (10/2010).

Parent Information Center (PIC)

30 Parmenter Road, Waltham, MA 02453



Waltham Public Schools Parent Information Center (PIC)

30 Parmenter Road, located to the right of the main entrance, Door #6

PH: 781-314-5672 PH/Spanish: 781-314-5662

FAX: 781-314-5789 Email: pic@k12.waltham.ma.us

Website: www.walthampublicschools.org

Parking:

Parking is available in the Whittemore School parking lot as space permits. You may also use the on-street parking available on Alder Street, Myrtle Street or Ash Street.

Directions:

From Main Street in Waltham:

Turn onto Moody Street. At 3rd set of traffic lights, take a left onto High Street. Pass through 2 sets of traffic lights and take first right onto Parmenter Road. The PIC is located at Door #6. Please find parking in the building parking lot or on the side streets adjacent to Parmenter Road.

Public Transportation:

MBTA Bus Stops near the Parent Information Center include:

High St. at Parmenter Rd. on Route 556

Moody St. at Ash St. on Routes 505, 553 & 554

Moody St. at Maple St. on Routes 170, 505, 553 & 554

Detailed routes and schedules can be found online at www.mbta.com.