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# Project REACH Talent Search at UMass Boston

Partners: University of Massachusetts Boston, Jeremiah E. Burke High School, Dorchester Academy, Madison Park High School, Dearborn Middle School and McCormack Middle School

## Summary/Abstract

### **Project REACH** **Realizing Educational And Career Hopes**

#### **Mission Statement**

REACH identifies and serves disadvantaged young people who have the potential for education at the post-secondary level and encourages them to continue and graduate from secondary school and enroll in programs of post-secondary education. High school and post-secondary dropouts are also encouraged and assisted in returning to school.

#### **History**

Project REACH was first funded by the U.S. Department of Education in September 1985 and at the time became the first Educational Talent Search Program in the nation to serve low-income, first generation college bound, urban youth with disabilities. Today, REACH remains a national model for successful inclusion of youth with disabilities in TRIO programs. The program serves students who are in General Education or Special Education classes.



## Goals and Objectives

- Assist participants in persisting in and completing secondary education.
- Support participants in the completion of a rigorous high school program of study.
- Encourage persons who have not completed programs of study at the secondary level to re-enter them.
- Inform persons with disabilities of the existing community resources.
- Support program participants in the enrollment in and completion of programs of post-secondary education.

## Approaches and Methods

REACH is a school-year program that works with 825 students at partner schools to provide support and assistance during and after school. This includes workshops and individual counseling around academic preparation and college access, classroom and after-school tutoring, college fairs or campus visits.

## Results/Impacts

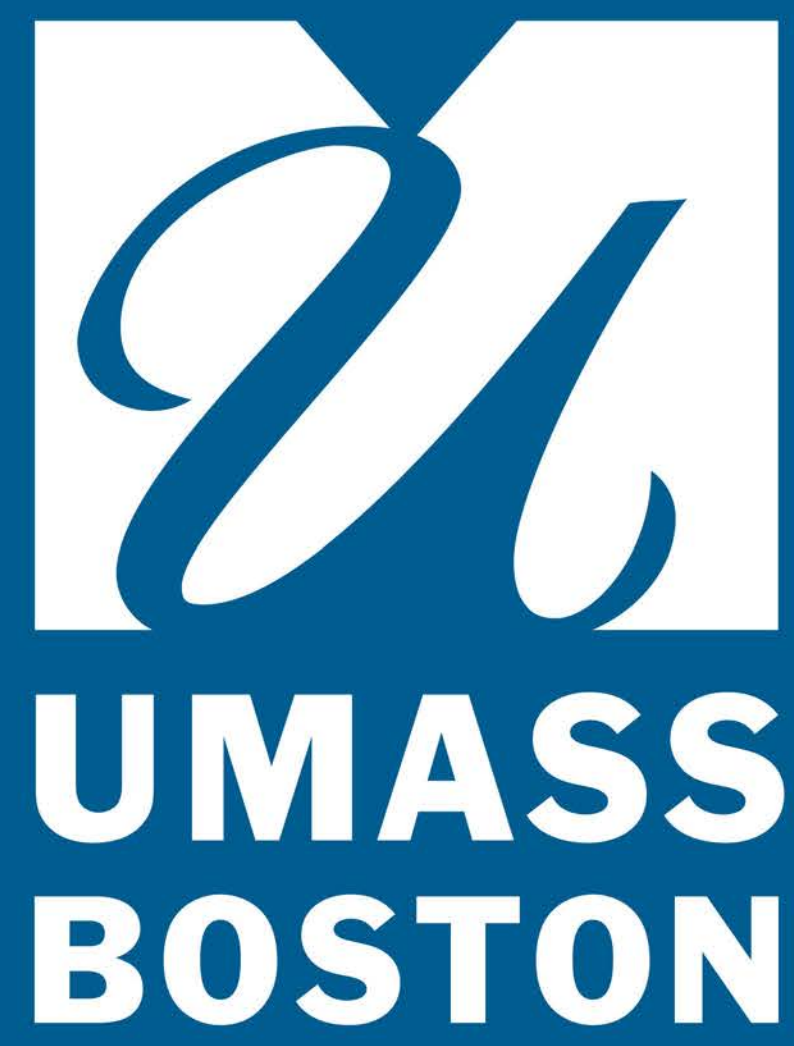
Since 1985, REACH has served thousands of Boston Public School students at its partner schools and has assisted many BPS graduates to realize their dreams of going to college. In School Year 2010-2011, 114 seniors completed the program. Over the years, REACH graduates have enrolled at UMass Boston, Bridgewater State University, Framingham State College, Bunker Hill Community College, Mass Bay Community College, and Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology among other institutions.

## References and Resources

To enhance the program and services provided, REACH collaborates with other UMass Boston pre-collegiate programs, community-based organizations, and various departments at the university.

## Additional Partnerships, Information and/or Contacts

Project REACH is a federally funded program. To learn more about the program, contact the Project REACH Office at UMass Boston by sending an email to [projectreach@umb.edu](mailto:projectreach@umb.edu) or by calling 617.287.7390.



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