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# The Talented And Gifted (TAG) Latino Program



*Providing holistic support to Boston students in grades 6-12 through programming focused on the development of academic skills, leadership skills and community building*

## Summary/Abstract

The Talented And Gifted (TAG) Latino Program has served the academic, personal and social needs of Boston Public Schools middle and high schools Latino students and English Language Learners since 1985. TAG offers holistic, year-round support to approximately 600 students annually.



## Our Work

TAG accomplishes its mission through various program components which provide comprehensive academic, personal and social support to Latino youth and English Language Learners.

**TAG Tutoring:** Free tutoring and homework help at UMass Boston Tuesday through Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**TAG Academies:** Enrichment classes and youth development activities at UMass Boston on Saturdays and during February/April Vacations from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Summer TAG:** Five-week summer program at UMass Boston that prepares 300 students for the following school year.

**TAG Clubs:** Student-led clubs that promote social support, leadership opportunities, and activism at Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science.

**TAG in Arts:** Student-led theatre production company that aims to develop student leadership through the arts.

## Visual of What We Do



## Goals and Objectives

The mission of the TAG Program is **to ensure that Boston Public School (BPS) Latino students and English Language Learners (ELL) excel academically, socially and personally, so as to improve their ability to succeed in high school and at the postsecondary level.** The goals are to

- Support the graduation of BPS Latino and ELL students and their enrollment into post-secondary education.
- Develop students' individual and collective ability to become leaders and engaged community members

Since its foundation in 1985 by Lucia Mayerson David, TAG has effectively worked with Latino and ELL youth, from those who are high-achieving and college-bound, to those who are at risk of dropping out of school, for it is the philosophy of the program that every student is talented and gifted and it is the responsibility of adults and educators to help students discover, develop and manifest their talents and gifts.

## Impacts

Over 8,000 students have been served by the TAG since 1985. TAG alumni can be found in every professional field, including law, medicine, education, arts, business, and public service.

At least 85% of TAG students demonstrate improved academic performance in Math or English and improved attitudes towards school. In the words of TAG student Jose Luis of Boston International High School, "When I first came to this country I didn't know English, and I'm really thankful to TAG because I learned English in a short time. I'm thankful because without this program I never would know how important it is to be professional."

## References and Resources

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