

# Sturgis Charter Public School

## Mission

Sturgis Charter Public School is dedicated to an “International Baccalaureate (IB) for All” philosophy, preparing high school students for higher education in a supportive learning environment. Sturgis provides each student a rigorous world-class educational program, encouraging academic achievement, intellectual confidence, and personal growth.

Highlights from a charter school that is at the “cutting edge of educational reform”:

- All students do all of their coursework in grades 11-12 in the IB—one of the few non-selective high schools in the U.S. to employ an “IB for All” program; all coursework for students in grades 9-10 is “IB prep”;
- Among the top schools in MA on the 2009 statewide MCAS assessments (#16 in English & #27 in Math out of 287 schools);
- Ranked #28 among the top 100 Best U.S. High Schools in June 2009 by *Newsweek*, up from #43 in 2008 and #55 in 2007; Highlighted in *Newsweek* article in 2007
- More than 260 students on the waiting lists for admission;
- The average senior in 2009 took 5.9 IB exams;
- 98% of seniors in 2009 took at least 3 IB exams & 88% of exam scores were at least a 3 out of 7;
- Hosted more than 60 school visits of teachers, administrators, and board members interested in “IB for All”;
- Consultant to two Boston Public Schools: Quincy Upper School and Snowden International School, in addition to Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Long Trail School, Smith Academy, Marblehead High School, and Merrimack Valley (NH) Public Schools;
- Selected to lead IB teacher and administrator workshops for diverse learners in North America in Winter 2010;
- Selected to give an “IB for All” presentations at the National Charter Schools Conferences in Albuquerque in 2007 and in New Orleans in 2008;
- Selected to give an “IB for All” presentations at the IB North America Regional Conferences in Chicago in 2007, in San Francisco in 2008, and in Quebec in 2009;
- Selected to give an “IB for All” presentations at the World Conference for IB School Heads in San Francisco in October 2007 and in Seville, Spain in October 2009;
- Selected to give an “IB for All” presentation at the High Schools of the Future Conference in MA in October 2006;