



Educational/Vocational Program Overview

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[Kathleen Burns Preparatory School](#)

The Kathleen Burns Preparatory School (KBPS) is a Department of Education Special Education approved school, grades 5-12. KBPS is one of two campuses of the Y.O.U., Inc. Educational Day Program. It is located at 280 May St., Worcester, MA. The Kathleen Burns Preparatory School is a therapeutic school that serves students with special education needs who are considered at-risk because of severe emotional and behavioral problems. Students are referred to KBPS for emotional, behavioral, and learning disabilities that have interfered with their ability to progress in a less restrictive setting.

Referral agencies include school districts, the Department of Youth Services, the Department of Social Services, or any other agency with the Local Education Authority approval.

The school's academic design includes classes with a low staff to student ratio for grades 5-12. Classroom instruction specializes in supporting students with specific and unique accommodations as part of their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). All instruction is individualized to the student's learning style. IEPs are developed in collaboration with the sending school district team and specify the student's disability, goals, and objectives for an educational placement. All academic courses are aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Doctoral and master level clinicians provide clinical services at KBPS. Therapeutic services include counseling supports, behavioral counseling, and diverse opportunities for creative and recreational experiences. Family counseling is scheduled as needed. Additional services provided at KBPS include case management, transition planning, MCAS preparation, learning and functional-behavioral assessments, adventure-based learning, and cultural enrichment activities.

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