

Sturgis Charter Public School

Hyannis, Massachusetts

Location type: Small city

District enrollment: 739 students

School enrollment: 739 students

Percentage of students eligible for free and reduced price meals: 6

Key Takeaways

Often recognized as one of the highest-performing high schools in the nation, Sturgis Charter Public School has a longstanding commitment to high expectations and rigorous instruction, most notably through its requirement that all students participate in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. Sturgis participated in the 2014 OECD Test for Schools to truly assess how well it is preparing students for success in the modern, globally-competitive world. Although its results were impressive—Sturgis students outperformed the average score in Finland, a top-performing nation on PISA—school leaders nevertheless analyzed the data to identify areas for improvement. The assessment has served as an external accountability tool on both academic and school climate measures, and the results have provided valuable information that informed the school's plans for how to further improve student outcomes.

Actions Taken

- ✓ The school shared its results with a wide variety of stakeholders, including not only teachers, families, and students but also the Massachusetts Department of Education and local media outlets.
 - ✓ School leaders and teachers compared the OECD Test for Schools results with results from IB tests to uncover gaps in student performance that had previously gone undetected.
 - ✓ The school increased the critical thinking demands of its formative assessment system by incorporating sample questions from the OECD Test for Schools.
 - ✓ Sturgis has also formulated action plans in response to the student survey results, placing a particular focus on initiatives designed to improve school climate and increase student engagement.
- ✓ Sturgis participated in a 2014 Global Learning Network virtual convening that summarized the findings of an American Institutes of Research study of GLN performance on the OECD Test for Schools and also attended the 2014 Convening of World-Leading Schools.

Those wishing to learn more about the practices at Sturgis Charter Public School may visit the school's website [here](#).