

City Connects Services & Supports at Your Son or Daughter's School

The City Connects Coordinator works closely with school personnel and community agencies to learn about a wide range of programs, services, and enrichments that can benefit students. He or she also works with school staff to develop creative ways to provide in-school support for students. Some examples of the types of services that the Coordinator can help connect your son/daughter to include:

- Academic support and/or tutoring
- Enrichment opportunities in sports, music, art, or drama
- Vacation and summer programs
- Counseling
- Mentoring
- Social skills groups
- Health care & education
- College and career services and resources



How can I get my son or daughter connected?

City Connects staff are always available to meet with families and share resources that can help support your son/daughter and your family. The Coordinator in your son or daughter's school is available to talk to you about options to ensure that your son/daughter is receiving what he or she needs to excel.



Questions?

Talk with your City Connects Coordinator.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

The high school years are a critical time for young adults as they prepare for college and career success. Your son/daughter's high school participates in a comprehensive student support program called City Connects. The aim of City Connects is to ensure that each and every student receives the services and resources he or she needs to be academically successful and healthy.

A City Connects Coordinator reviews the strengths and needs of each student through conversations with teachers, school staff, and the students themselves.

Students are then connected to a unique set of enrichment activities and supports in the school or community addressing their particular strengths and needs. These can include sports, drama, or music programs, after-school activities, mentoring, health education, or tutoring. These services can ultimately help your son/daughter prepare for college and career success.

City Connects was developed in 2001 at Boston College in collaboration with Boston Public and Catholic schools and community-based organizations. By leveraging the resources of the city's community agencies, City Connects can offer many different types of opportunities to your son or daughter. If you have any questions or would like to initiate services, please contact the City Connects Coordinator.

How City Connects Works

The City Connects Coordinator follows a three-step student support process:

Assessment: The Coordinator leads a comprehensive discussion with teachers and school staff about every student's strengths and needs across five areas: academics, social/emotional/behavioral, health, family, and college/career development.

Referral: After your son or daughter's strengths and needs are identified, the Coordinator recommends a tailored set of services and enrichment activities. A core aspect of the Coordinator's role is to develop and maintain relationships with community-based organizations that provide an array of services.

Follow-Up: To evaluate the effectiveness of referrals, the Coordinator communicates regularly with parents/caregivers, teachers, school staff, the students, and service providers.

Throughout these steps, they collaborate closely with families. In addition, Coordinators:

- Help families through transitions and facilitate visits to the school
- Respond to urgent family needs
- Provide information on school processes and service options

