

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES - Highest & Lowest 2006 as Compared to 40B Percentage

West Boylston Continues to Push for 10% Plateau. For What?

The highest graduation rates in the state were recorded in Weston, Norwell, Cohasset, Dover-Sherborn, Chelmsford, Sharon, Ashland, Natick and Hingham, where more than 95 percent of pupils graduated.

The lowest graduation rates were in Lawrence, with 41 percent graduating; Chelsea (45.8 percent); Holyoke (49.4 percent); Springfield (51.2 percent); Fall River (54.2 percent); New Bedford (57.4 percent) and Boston (59.1 percent).

† The Department of Education reported that 79.9 percent of the 74,380 freshmen who made up the class of 2006 graduated in four years. Of the remainder, 6.4 percent are still in school, 1 percent completed high school without earning their competency determination, 0.8 percent earned a GED, 11.7 percent dropped out and 0.2 percent were expelled.

<u>Highest Rates</u>	<u>40B %</u>
Weston	3.3
Norwell	4.1
Cohasset	3.2
Dover	0.9
Sherborn	2.3
Chelmsford	5.8
Sharon	3.7
Ashland	4.2
Natick	5.4
Hingham	4.9
<u>Lowest Rates</u>	<u>40B %</u>
Lawrence	14.8
Chelsea	17.2
Holyoke	21.2
Springfield	17.3
Fall River	11.3
New Bedford	12.1
Boston	19.3

NOTE: Natick has previously tried to invoke the 1.5% clause of 40B

NOTE: West Boylston town administrator was previously the chairman of his political party in Springfield