

Working Together

- Briscoe has a very active **PTO**. This dedicated group of parents is responsible for all major fundraising. The PTO provides money for enrichment programs for all students, as well as financial support for field trips and resources to supplement classroom supplies for teachers.
- Communication with families is done through a PTO newsletter as well as a bi-weekly newsletter from the school, “**Homeward Bound**”.
- The PTO also works closely with the School Council to support the academic goals of the school.
- Our **School Council** meets monthly to discuss the academic interests within our school.
- This year, the Council will be concentrating on ways to improve our MCAS mathematics scores. Briscoe has created a specialized MCAS math class as one way to address this issue.
- The second goal is to continue to build a safe and caring school environment for all students.
- We have established a partnership with the Beverly YMCA to offer a variety of after-school programs within our building throughout the 2007-08 school year.

Briscoe encourages parents to get involved and to offer their suggestions!

All programs, activities, and employment opportunities in the Beverly Public Schools are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, and any other class or characteristic protected by law.

Briscoe's Focus

Briscoe's school-wide focus is to build a strong, challenging, academic program enhanced by interdisciplinary teaching while building a solid sense of self-responsibility and community awareness. Students are expected to demonstrate high levels of achievement while maximizing their many strengths and talents.

Any questions or comments about Briscoe?
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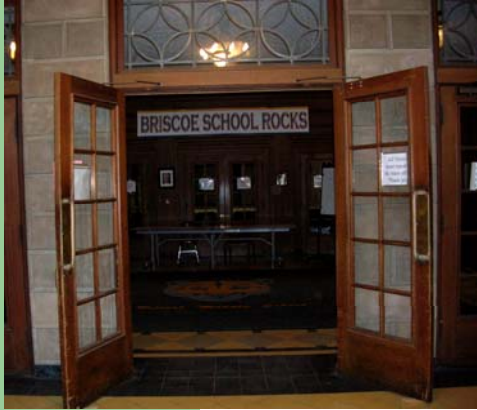
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Briscoe Middle School



**7 Sohier Road
Beverly MA 01915**

About Briscoe



The school building is rich in tradition and beautiful architecture, unmatched in recent construction. Particularly striking are the grand foyer and auditorium, which was modeled after Boston Symphony Hall! Briscoe has a student body of about 1,000 in grade levels 6-8.



Briscoe Middle School Features

- All grade levels divided into **3 teams** for the academic subjects of math, science, social studies, and English.
- **French, German, and Spanish** offered as world languages in grades 7 & 8.
- **Math 7, Pre-Algebra, and Algebra 1** offered as math options in grade 7.



- An **expressive arts program** which includes art, music, health, computers, physical education, and technology.
- **Band** and **chorus** programs at each grade level. Students in the band and chorus participate in a variety of programs in school, throughout the district, and in state competitions.
- A **library-media center** which is fully automated and contains sixteen computers with Internet access for student use.



- A state-of-the-art **computer lab** with 30 computers for teacher and student use. Another new computer lab is anticipated during the 2007-08 school year.
- Utilization of **Smart Boards** in six math classrooms.

- **57-minute** instructional blocks to maximize learning time.
- Implementation of **Everyday Math** program in grade 6 math classes.
- Development of a new **Reading Program** to address the instructional needs of all our students. In addition, we have formed a Literacy Committee to address reading across all our content areas.



- **Student support** programs and classes for students with learning disabilities, language-based disabilities, developmental delays, and behavioral disorders.
- The **Opportunity Program**, which helps students with anxiety, transition issues, or emotional concerns.
- A fully inclusive **ESL (English as a Second Language)** program.
- A variety of **activities** and **sports**, such as student government, yearbook, math team, the National Junior Honor Society, intramural sports, Chess Club, Creative Writing Club, and Homework Club.
- Community involvement through the "**Build a Better Briscoe**" club. Some activities include cleaning the grounds of Briscoe and planting flowers.