

The Three Types of High Schools in Massachusetts

School Type	Description	Examples
Academic	An academic high school is one focused solely on core subjects such as English, Math, Science and Social Studies with electives narrowed around foreign languages, wellness and the fine and performing arts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon High School • AMSA (Charter School) • Maynard High School
Comprehensive High School	<p>A comprehensive high school is one that expands the electives beyond the core for a wider range of students needing career and vocational learning. Electives in a comprehensive high school might include business and finance, technology and engineering, home economics, and some vocational offerings such as early childhood education.</p> <p>Some comprehensive high schools actually have both an academic high school and a vocational high school within.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nashoba Regional High School • Acton Boxboro High School • Bedford High School • Leominster High School • Chicopee High School
Vocational High School	A vocational and technical high school has state approved (Chapter 74) courses in which students graduate with both a high school diploma and certificate in their approved vocational course of study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minuteman • Monty Tech • Assabet Valley Vocational Technical High School