



## Mission Statement:

To provide a safe, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment for our students in all stages of their recovery, enabling them to build upon their own strengths in which to develop the skills needed for personal growth and academic success.

Therefore, we promise:

- Students will be treated with respect.
- Students will be valued for their uniqueness.
- Students will be offered multiple opportunities and academic supports.
- Students will be provided with a safe, supportive environment in which to grow.
- Students will be recommended for recovery options that meet the individual student's needs.

## Who we are:

### About Us

Massachusetts Recovery High Schools are public schools where students can earn a high school diploma and are supported in their recovery from alcohol and drug use.

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**Non-Discrimination:** Liberty Prep does not discriminate against students based on race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.



### **LIBERTY PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

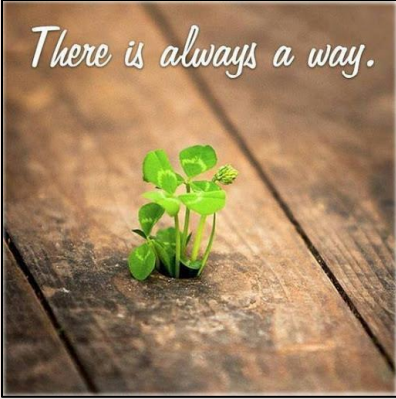
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*Information for all  
Massachusetts School  
Districts*

*There is always a way.*



## What we offer:

- A quality education following the Massachusetts Frameworks for eligible students who have been diagnosed with a substance use disorder and have chosen to attend a recovery high school.
- Therapeutic supports for students working through an action-based recovery plan.
- Collaboration with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regarding academic and health (recovery) data.
- Collaboration with student's sending district regarding academic, behavioral, and all relevant student data.

## Districts of residence must:

- Transfer the state average foundation budget per pupil to the Recovery High School\*
- Transfer the student's education record to the Recovery High School no later than ten (10) business days after the date on which it receives notice of a student's acceptance at the Recovery High School.
- Not obstruct or discourage the enrollment or attendance including students with IEPs in a Recovery High School
- Collaborate with the Recovery School to ensure special education services described in a student's IEP are provided in a manner that minimizes disruption of the student's recovery program.
- Collaborate with the Recovery School to determine who will award the diploma upon completion of all district and state-mandated graduation requirements.

\* Failure by a school district to transfer funds to a Recovery High School shall result in a deduction of the amount therein from the home school district's chapter 70 per pupil allotment (Massachusetts General Laws Part 1, Title XII, Chapter 71, Section 91)

## Other information:

**District of Residence:** The Massachusetts city, town, or regional school district in which a Recovery High School student currently resides and would otherwise attend public school, unless the student is living in a DPH or DMH funded program in which the parents' district of residence remains financially and programmatically responsible.

### Important DESE links:

[603 CMR 28.10.](#)

[603 CMR 54.00](#)

[G.L. c. 71, §91](#)

**Recovery High School Student:** A student who resides in Massachusetts and who attends a Recovery High School.

A Recovery High School student must meet both of the following criteria:

- Eligible to enroll in high school grades 9-12
- Have a diagnosed Substance Use Disorder according to DSM-V

