



# WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

### OUR COMMUNITY

Westwood is a suburban community located 13 miles southwest of Boston, at the junction of two major arteries, Routes 95/128 and Route 1. The town is easily accessible by car or public transportation. The Westwood community is proud of its attractive landscape, its recreational and cultural facilities, and its fine schools.



### OUR STAFF

Approximately 300 professional staff and 100 support personnel make up our school system. The majority of our teachers have earned a master's degree. We offer a collegial New Teacher Induction Program, as well as a staff development program that supports new initiatives, encourages teacher action research, and provides avenues for teacher input.



### OUR SCHOOLS

The Westwood Public Schools has a student population of approximately 3,000. The system includes five K-5 elementary schools, one middle school for grades 6-8, and one high school for grades 9-12. The average class size is 21 pupils. In addition to a comprehensive academic program, there is an extensive extracurricular program which includes inter and intra-scholastic athletic teams, academic teams, clubs and student publications. All staff is encouraged to become involved with the students outside the school day.



### OUR STUDENTS



The curriculum at all levels is aligned with state frameworks and makes use of innovative new programs. Our students gain recognition in many fields. More than 98% of graduating seniors have entered colleges and universities to further their education. Many students take Advanced

Placement exams in American History, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Foreign Languages. Our high school students are involved in school affairs



and community services of all kinds: school governance, club activities, scholarship programs, and a variety of sports. Our elementary and middle school students are offered activities such as school plays, chorus, orchestra, band, science fairs and sports.



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# WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS/LESLEY UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

an intensive, field-based M.Ed. program for Lesley students seeking initial licensure in special needs education

Lesley University's School of Education is partnering with the Westwood Public Schools to provide students with an opportunity to **connect theory with practice** in a 15-month intensive Master's degree program leading to Massachusetts initial licensure in the following areas:

*moderate special needs (K-9)*

*moderate special needs (5-12)*

*severe/intensive special needs (all levels)*

Westwood has **six slots for interns** who are enrolled at Lesley University in the graduate special education program and pursuing one of these certifications. Beginning in June, accepted students take courses at Lesley's Cambridge campus. In the fall semester, students begin interning in the Westwood district and take graduate courses in the afternoons and evenings. Students take some courses on site in Westwood, and some at Lesley's campus. Interns will be paid a **\$10,000 stipend** while gaining an entire year of teaching experience.



For more information on the Lesley University Collaborative Internship Program, please visit:

[www.lesley.edu/soe/collaboratives.html](http://www.lesley.edu/soe/collaboratives.html)

## WHY CHOOSE WESTWOOD?

- ★ We are one of the **top-ranked** districts in the state (*see reverse for details on our town and schools*)
- ★ We will match you with one of our master teacher **mentors** who holds the same certification that you seek
- ★ We offer the only Lesley internship program in **severe special needs**
- ★ We will place you directly into our **hiring pool** at the completion of the program



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*"Although it is an intensive [program], students profit greatly from the coursework and the daily, supervised experiences with children. I often tell prospective students that if I were beginning my own teaching career all over again this is the type of program I would choose."*



Dr. Susan Gurry, Associate Professor, Lesley University



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