

BOSTON
CoaHCORPS



ONE YEAR FROM YOU



A LIFETIME FOR THEM

WHAT IS CITY ON A HILL (CoaH)?

City on a Hill Charter Public School* is a Boston high school determined to give each and every one of its students the academic skills they need to succeed in college. Our school leaders, faculty, and students are strongly committed and ready to dedicate their time, energy, and hard work in order to achieve the school's mission. At CoaH, as with all charter schools, students are admitted by a random lottery. For the March 2009 lottery, we received 5.4 applicants for each available spot. Small by design, City on a Hill only admits students entering into the 9th grade and allows for a maximum enrollment of 280 students in grades 9 through 12. City on a Hill is tuition-free, independent of Boston Public Schools, and open to all students in the city of Boston without an entrance exam.

OUR MISSION

City on a Hill Charter Public School, a public high school in urban Boston, emphasizes academic achievement, citizenship, teacher leadership, and public accountability. We seek to graduate responsible, resourceful, and respectful democratic citizens prepared to advance community, culture and commerce, and to compete in the 21st century.

* Charter schools are independent public schools of choice that operate with freedom from many of the regulations that apply to traditional public schools. The "charter" is a performance contract with the state detailing the school's mission, program, goals, students served, and methods of assessment. Every five years, the state reviews the school's contract. Charter schools are accountable for both academic results and fiscal practices to several groups: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the parents who choose them, and the public that funds them.

since 1998, 100% of graduates have been accepted into college.



72% come from families living at or below the poverty line. Most are from single-parent households.

13.5% receive Special Education support.

59% female

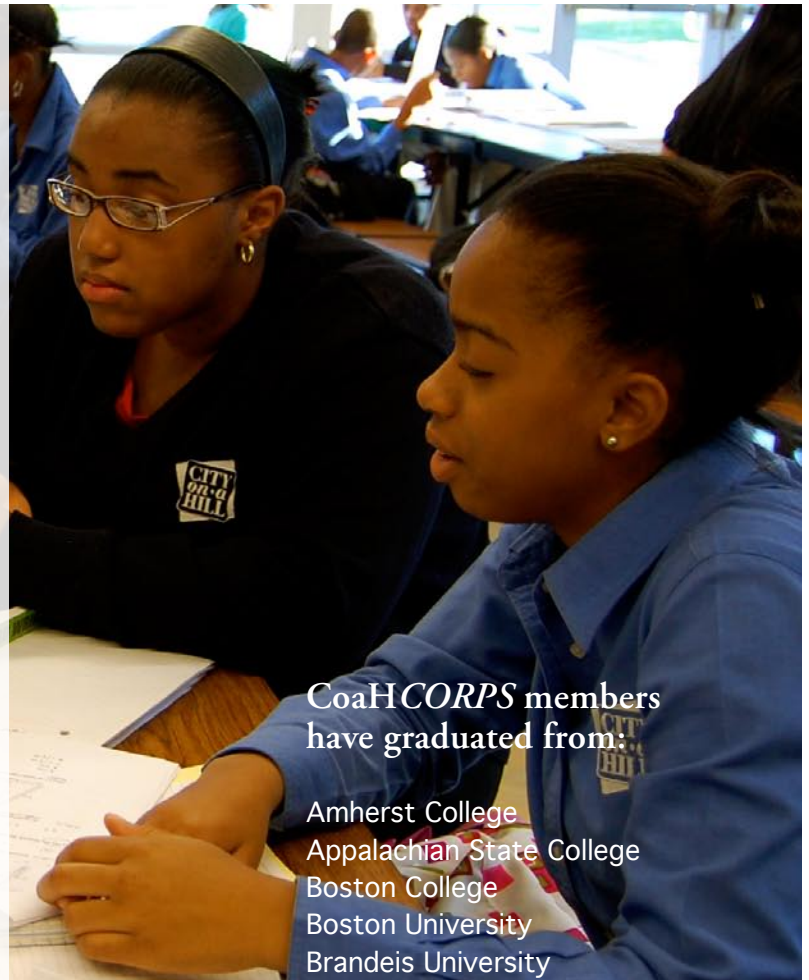
41% male

image courtesy of Arrowstreet and Ed Wonssek

CoaHCORPS : YEAR 3!

CoaHCORPS is a paid year (Aug.-Aug.) of service. Members commit to a full year in order to meet the students at their entering achievement levels and advance them beyond grade level. City on a Hill offers a \$17,000 stipend as well as health and dental benefits. CORPS members deliver daily individualized instruction in literacy and numeracy to a fixed roster of students. On average, CORPS members meet with 15 students daily in a three-to-one setting and hold responsibilities including:

- Tutoring in both literacy and numeracy
- Mentoring
- Developing strong relationships with families
- Tracking and reporting student results
- Helping with homework, teaching good study habits, and reviewing course content
- Facilitating extracurricular activities for an additional stipend (including Art Club, Drama Club, Creative Writing Club, Basketball, Yearbook, Cheerleading, etc.)
- Other administrative duties such as: lunch room coverage, Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) coverage, staff assistance, and substituting during lunch periods



CoaHCORPS members have graduated from:

Amherst College
Appalachian State College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bucknell University
Clark University
George Washington University
Gonzaga University
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
Harvard College
Northeastern University
Notre Dame University
Providence College
Rhode Island College
Scripps College
Simmons College
Smith College
Southern Illinois U., Edwardsville
Saint Francis University
Saint Mary's College of Maryland
Tufts University
University College London
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Kentucky
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of San Francisco
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Willamette University

Who is CoaHCORPS right for?

College graduates who:

- have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited University or College with a strong academic background.
- want to help inner-city students succeed in education.
- have a passion for working with urban youth.
- may want to teach. After a year of service, CoaH provides the opportunity for tutors to progress into the Fellowship program, helping them earn MA teacher licensure.
- can put forth maximum effort for one full year of service.
- are eager to reflect on and improve performance.
- can adhere to strict professional standards in preparation, attendance, dress, timeliness, etc.

CoaHCORPS members have gone on to:

- pursue graduate degrees in Education from Boston College, UCLA, Stanford, UMass Boston, Simmons College
- pursue graduate degrees in Nursing and Divinity
- serve as Program Manager for 'Volunteers in Providence Schools'
- work at an orphanage in Nepal
- work at a residential treatment facility for troubled girls
- teach full-time in Boston

20% have returned to work as CORPS members for a 2nd year!

“ The tutors created really positive relationships with the students that motivated both parties to do their best. ”

- 2008-2009 CORPS member

“ The tutorial staff really built a good community; I felt I could go to any tutor for help when I needed it and that we were all working together. Training was excellent - it really helped me to know the school, my fellow tutors, and learn about what we were teaching and how to handle issues. ”

- 2008-2009 CORPS member

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A CoaHCORPS MEMBER

Monday - Thursday

7:40 Arrive at CoaH to prepare
 8:00 Tutorial A (students 1/2/3)
 9:10 Tutorial B (students 4/5/6)
 10:20 SSR coverage
 10:50 Tutorial C (students 7/8/9)
 12:00 Lunch/Planning
 1:00 Tutorial D (students 10/11/12)
 2:10 Tutorial E (students 13/14/15)
 3:15 Break
 3:30 Academic Support A
 (students 1 & 6 - algebra)
 4:30 Extracurriculars/Planning Time

Friday

7:40 Arrive to prepare
 8:00 Shortened Schedule
 (five 45-min. blocks)
 12:10 Town Meeting
 1:05 Lunch
 1:30 Full Faculty Meeting
 2:00 Planning

Saturday (one per month)

9:00 Proctoring Exams
 12:00 Lunch
 12:30 Professional development for CORPS members

ONE YEAR FROM YOU



E-mail to: tutors@cityonahill.org

1. Cover letter describing interest in CoaHCORPS and how you heard about us.
2. Résumé with academic, extracurricular, professional and volunteer/community service experience, particularly in tutoring.
3. Copy of your undergraduate transcript.
(can be sent after cover letter & résumé)

Minimum requirements: A CoaHCORPS member must be a college graduate, a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident, and at least 17 years of age.

Applicants are NOT required to hold a teaching certificate.

Application timeline: rolling basis until filled. Telephone interview and on-campus interview for selected candidates.

Equal employment policy: CoaHCORPS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, CoaHCORPS is committed to equal opportunity to staff and applicants in all areas of employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status, or any other area protected by federal, state, or local law.

For more information: www.cityonahill.org

