



COACH CORPS



TUTORING BOSTON

# WHAT IS CITY ON A HILL?

City on a Hill (CoaH) 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 2011 lottery, City on a Hill received 8 applicants for each available slot. Small by design, City on a Hill only admits students entering into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and allows for a maximum enrollment of 280 students in grades 9–12. 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.

## OUR STUDENTS

56% female

44% male

17.5% Receive Special Education support.

84.2% Qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

Daily Attendance = 95.8%



“ As a CoaHCORPS tutor I am impacting student success while learning crucial skills and structures needed to create an education system in which all children have the opportunity to achieve. CORPS member ”



“ Tutoring is one of the most challenging, relevant, worthwhile, and fun experiences I have ever had. CORPS member ”





## 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 their 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 their own performance.
- can adhere to strict professional standards in preparation, attendance, dress, and timeliness.

\* 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 CITY ON A HILL GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE.



## CoaHCORPS MEMBERS GRADUATED FROM...

Amherst College	Hamilton College	University of California
Boston College	Hampshire College	University of Colorado
Boston University	Harvard College	University of Kentucky
Brandeis University	Northeastern University	University of Massachusetts
Brown University	Oberlin College	University of New Hampshire
Bucknell University	Providence College	University of North Carolina
Clark University	Rhode Island College	University of Notre Dame
Colby College	Simmons College	University of Rhode Island
Dartmouth College	Smith College	Wellesley College
George Washington University	Tufts University	Wesleyan University



## AND WENT ON TO...

- pursue graduate degrees in Education from Boston College, UCLA, Stanford, UMass Boston, Simmons College, Tufts University and Harvard University
- pursue graduate degrees in Nursing, Divinity, Health Science, School Counseling, Urban & Environmental Policy and Planning, Law, and Medicine
- work at an orphanage in Nepal
- teach full-time in Boston, Brookline, Charlestown and at City on a Hill
- work full-time as a Boston Scholar Athlete Program Coordinator
- work full-time as an Austin Teaching Fellow and CoaH Urban Teaching Fellow

18% returned to work at City on a Hill!

# APPLY

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 3:1 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 study habits, and reviewing course content
- Facilitating extracurricular activities for an additional stipend (including Art Club, Drama Club, Creative Writing, Basketball, Yearbook, Cheerleading, etc.)
- Other administrative duties such as lunch room coverage, modeling Sustained Silent Reading (SSR), staff assistance, and substituting during lunch periods

## 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.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled. Telephone interview and required half-day on-campus interview for selected candidates.

## EMAIL TO: [tutors@cityonahill.org](mailto:tutors@cityonahill.org)

1. Cover letter describing interest in CoaHCORPS & 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.  
(may be sent after cover letter & résumé)

*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, CONTACT

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## A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF CoaHCORPS MEMBERS

MONDAY – THURSDAY

- 7:40 Arrive at CoaH
- 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 at CoaH
- 8:00 Shortened Schedule (five 45-minute blocks, where Tutorial A,B,C,D, and E meet)
- 12:10 Town Meeting
- 1:05 Lunch
- 1:30 Full Faculty Meeting
- 2:00 Planning/ Full CoaHCORPS meeting

SATURDAY \*

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

\* one Saturday per month