

Roxbury Weston Programs

Facts and Benefits of High Quality Early Education

- Research has found that children who receive high quality early education are less likely to drop out of high school, are less likely to be dependent on welfare or arrested for criminal activity. Studies also show higher rates of college entrance and graduation.
- In Massachusetts, high quality early education programs are not available to all children. However, there is a three to one return on every dollar invested in early learning programs, the economic impact of which would be seen in the increase of the quantity and quality of the future labor supply with engaged citizens and taxpayers.
- The Roxbury Weston Programs' successful model can be replicated in other communities. By combining enhanced academic success through aligned high quality early education and an inclusive setting of race, culture and class, programs like Roxbury Weston's will ultimately do more to close the achievement gap, enhance our democracy and succeed in fulfilling Martin Luther King's dream.
- According to early childhood research, children develop language, social-emotional capital, physical and cognitive skills during the first five years of life. Children in high quality early learning programs, like Roxbury Weston's, will develop the basic learning skills to carry them throughout their entire school career.
- Children in these types of programs develop better language and social skills and have fewer behavioral problems.
- Children are better prepared in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, math reasoning and problem solving, and they outperform those who do not receive high-quality early education on achievement tests.
- Research also shows that high quality after-school programs, like Roxbury Weston's CATCH (Children Achieving Through Community Hope) further aid in closing the achievement gap because of the educational support and enrichment they provide.
- The Roxbury Weston Programs' unique mission of intentionally creating a diverse and inclusive community of race, class and culture delivers the best education for each individual child's development. Children learn and understand diversity, which transforms their behavior and learning.
- When high quality early education guidelines are aligned with kindergarten and primary grade experiences, a child is prepared for the best educational success. Addressing the whole child at the very beginning of their education can significantly close the achievement gap.