



## OISE Boston Juniors (14-17 years)



### Boston: A City of Education and Business

One of the oldest cities in the USA, Boston was founded by colonists from England in 1630 and has been the stage for many significant events in history. Boston is a city of great cultural merit, boasting stunning architecture and a host of world renowned museums and art galleries. With over 100 colleges and universities, including Harvard University and M.I.T, Boston is a well-respected academic city.

### OISE Mission

Founded in 1973, the OISE Language Masterclass offers an unrivaled depth and dynamism in language learning that considers every detail of the participant's learning experience to achieve the required results. OISE's uncompromising standards and constant innovation in every area of the learner's experience make OISE a clear choice for serious and ambitious language learners.

OISE prides itself on small classes and intensive courses using an innovative and dynamic approach to learning that embraces interaction. Classes never exceed 8 students to 1 tutor. The learner's goals are at the heart of the program, and courses are designed to meet these needs using a range of activities to sustain engagement and focus. The OISE Academic Board ensures that instruction is rigorous and taught at a fast, consistent pace.

### The American English Program

17.5 tuition hours per week + 10 hours of cultural immersion. This program is accessible with a tourist visa (ESTA).

Based on 45 years of experience, The American English program at OISE Boston has been specifically designed for teenagers aged 14-17 who want to lay the foundation for an academic and professional future using American English. It is a rigorous course that encourages fluent communication and effective self-expression. Through examining the specifics/idiosyncrasies of American English, including the pronunciation, the spelling, the vocabulary and the formation of the American discourse, students appreciate language as a living, evolving tool that is shaped by social and historical factors.

The day combines formal language coaching in the morning with an afternoon program of workshops, research, self-study and field trips. Students are immersed in American English and the local culture which allows them to gain a mature perspective on both the language and global context in which it is practiced. Morning classes are dedicated to controlled practice in language structures and lexis development to achieve a good command of grammar structures, idioms and vocabulary. Instructors set activities to sharpen understanding of written text through reading and listening exercises, which are based on a wide range of authentic materials. In the afternoons, fluency in English is encouraged through presentations, team projects and field trips to places of cultural and historical significance.

\*One-to-one tutorials may be added to the program at an additional cost. Individual coaching for the following exams are available; TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, FCE, BULATS, GMAT, SAT, AGT



## Learning Spaces

OISE Boston English language school comprises bright and airy classrooms, a computer lab and a student lounge area. OISE's signature modern furniture is featured throughout the school along with WIFI and flat screen computers in all classrooms. The school has facilities for tea and coffee, and fresh bagels with peanut butter, jam, Nutella and cream cheese are available at break times.

## A Typical Day at OISE Boston

Morning:

8.30 **News review and presentation** - Students review and discuss current news. One of the students will give a ten minute presentation that is followed by a Question and Answer session. An OISE instructor will give the student personalized feedback.

9.00 **Comprehension & Expressions** (8 in a class) - This Octorial lesson is designed to build students' vocabulary and improve their speaking and listening skills. Students discuss different academic and daily topics depending on their ages and interests.

10.30 **Brunch** - Students socialize with each other and the teachers while enjoying a variety of fruits, bagels and different spreads provided by the school.

10.45 **Accuracy** (8 in a class) - This lesson examines language structures and lexis development to achieve an accurate use of the grammar, idioms, and vocabulary. It is complemented with work on a wide range of materials to sharpen the learner's understanding of written documents.

Afternoon:

12.30 **Project Workshop** (8 in a class) - Students are assigned a topic and a vocabulary list for the week. They work on projects in teams of four (e.g. presentations or drama skits) to present on Fridays to the whole school.

13.00 **Lunch** - Students have lunch in or around the building.

14.00 **Cultural Studies** - Boston is a popular tourist destination because of its rich and vibrant culture and history. Students prepare for a field trip by discussing facts about the place they are going to visit. A typical field trip includes a visit to Harvard University or MIT; Cambridge; Boston Public Library; Boston Historic North End (Little Italy); Quincy Market; Freedom Train (Bunker Hill; USS Constitution, etc.); Beacon Hill; Boston Public Garden/Boston Common and City Hall; Waterworks Museum; Boston Harbor; Boston Museum of Fine Arts; Museum of Contemporary Art; Charles River Esplanade, etc. In addition, students may enjoy various pubic festivals, performances and exhibitions organized in Boston.

Evening:

Dinner with host family.

Students will be given approximately one hours' homework per night. Three evenings per week the students are offered the opportunity to participate in social activities organized by the school. The student can pick which activities they would like to attend based on their interests and needs.





## Accommodation

Accommodation is with a carefully selected host family. Integration into family life is essential to make the student's stay enjoyable and to make the learning process complete. Living with a family gives students the opportunity to practice what they have learned during the lessons. All host families are thoroughly inspected and their credentials checked. Their houses are comfortable, the hosts are welcoming and, above all, are genuinely interested in receiving young guests and helping them develop fluency in the English language. There will be no other students of the same mother tongue in the house.

Boston is a large city so most students will take the Boston Metro to school. On average the journey to school will take from 30-45 minutes. Students are provided with a complimentary travel pass and they are shown exactly how to get to/from school by their host family.

## Excursions

For students staying for 2 weeks or longer there are full-day excursions outside of Boston every Saturday.

## Travel

Complimentary transfers from/to Boston Logan Airport are provided. Students should arrive on Sunday and depart on Saturday.



**This is a Visa Waiver Program (18 Course hours per week maximum)**

## Course Dates

Courses begin every Monday of the year from 1 to 52 weeks, with an arrival in Boston on Sunday evening and departure on Saturday morning.

American English in Boston	
	Price per week
1 week	\$2,118
2-3 weeks	\$1,998
4-7 weeks	\$1,959
8-12 weeks	\$1,920
13 weeks +	\$1,885

## Included in the Course Price

- All tuition (maximum 8 students per class), workshops and cultural excursions
- Loan of all teaching materials
- Course certificate
- Full-board homestay accommodation
- All leisure activities and Saturday excursions
- Two-way standard airport transfers