Boston Family Boat Building

Boston Family Boat Building brings real world experiences and academic skills together to excite students about learning in Boston Public Schools. We offer a year-round schedule of experiential learning opportunities. In the fall and spring we go sailing on the Schooner Roseway. Students learn how to chart a course and find their location while on the water to practice basic map and compass reading skills. In the fall and winter we build boats. Students learn math by drawing a boat full size on the floor from a scale drawing. Building the boat builds critical spatial thinking skills as we use the two-dimensional drawing to create a three-dimensional object. In the spring we interview descendants of African Americans who were involved in the maritime industry as part of an oral history project. Oral history interviews and primary source



research provide engaging material for reading and writing assignments. In the summer we partner with Courageous Sailing Center to offer Boston Public School students with enrichment opportunities. BFBB promotes the mission of offering experiential learning as an integrated part of student's education, bridging urban life and natural life to strengthen learning and community.

Program Statistics (Annually): (feel free to add more or alter statistics categories)

Number of Participants	200
Number Achieving Program Goal	200
Size of Budget	\$411,805
Number of Employees	4
Number of Volunteers	15

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