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The Blanca Burgos Bilingual Writers' Room at the Rafael Hernández School



Address:

61 School Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

About the Rafael Hernández School

The Rafael Hernández School was founded in the 1970s, when many Puerto Ricans were migrating to Boston. At that time, no school was equipped to handle the special needs of children whose first language was not English. In response, community activists petitioned the school committee to establish a school where Latino students' educational needs could be met.

Public Transportation:

The Hernández is a 10-minute walk from Stony Brook on the Orange Line. It is less than a five-minute walk from the 22, 29, 42, and 44 buses.

Parking:

A two-hour parking lot is across from 826 Boston's Tutoring Center at 3035 Washington Street, about a five-minute walk from the Hernández. Limited non-metered street parking is available on Washington Street.

Accessibility:

The Hernández's main entrance is up a flight of stairs and does not have a wheelchair ramp. The Writers' Room is located down a flight of stairs. There is no elevator in the building.

A unisex/gender-neutral restroom is located up a flight of stairs on the second floor.

A water fountain, refrigerator, and microwave are available for volunteers to use.



Check-In Procedure:

Enter the Hernández using the main set of doors on School Street. The doorbell is located to the left of the doors. Visitors must sign in using the guest binder on the small table down the entry hallway and to the right once you enter the building.

The Writers' Room is located on the first floor. After signing in, continue to the right through the double doors toward the staircase. The Writers' Room is the first door on your right.



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Local Favorites for Coffee or Lunch:

Egleston House of Pizza serves pizza, sandwiches, and salad. It's located on the corner of Washington Street and Columbus Avenue at 3080 Washington Street.

Pikalox serves empanadas, sandwiches, and smoothies. It's located at 3160 Washington Street.

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