



Blueprint Parents Info Sheet

<http://blueprint.hackmit.org>

Blueprint is a 14-hour workshop where high school students work together in teams to design, build, and pitch their own apps and websites. It will be held at Google's Cambridge headquarters on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014. At Blueprint, we will teach students the basics of computer science through mentor-guided workshops and pair them with the best undergraduate and industry mentors in the area.

Who are we?

We are a group of MIT students known for organizing [HackMIT](#), now working to put on Boston's first Pilot event. [Pilot](#) is a national organization driven by a belief in learning by doing that hosts hands-on educational events across the country.

What is our goal?

Our goal is to inspire students to take control of their own education. We believe the social and competitive atmosphere of events like Blueprint inspires students who have never had the power to build their ideas. Pilot events tend to have almost double the percentage of females as similar programs and a significant number of lower income students (generally ~30% of attendees).

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I come to the event?

Unfortunately, we do not have enough space to accommodate parents during the day. We will broadcast our closing ceremony online on our website—we'll send out the link beforehand.

What should my child bring?

Laptop and charger. All attendees are required to bring a valid photo ID for admission (name must match registration).

How should my child prepare?

Students may not begin working on apps prior to this event. However, they are allowed to begin brainstorming and learning about the tools they hope to develop or use during the hackathon. Otherwise, just get ready for 12 hours of out-of-this-world awesome!

What if we don't live in the Boston area?

You can still come to Blueprint, and we encourage you to do so! However, given the event's focus on local schools, we will not be reimbursing students for travel.

Will my child have to be there the entire time?

For security reasons, your student must stay in the building for the duration of the event. If you need to pick your student up before the end, they will need to notify event staff and you will need check them out with a photo ID.

What food will be provided at the event?

We will provide a variety of healthy food throughout the event. We will also ensure to cater to your child's food allergies and dietary restrictions, as specified during registration.

What will my child be doing throughout the day?

Your child will learn a variety of development skills and use them to build a useful project they design. They will also get to meet top entrepreneurs and creatives in academia and the industry. A detailed schedule will be emailed out and posted on our website a few weeks before the event.

How can I contact event staff?

We will have a team member dedicated as a parent contact. You can reach us email (blueprint@hackmit.org) or by phone (our hotline number will be sent in an email soon).

If you have any questions, please email us at blueprint@hackmit.org.