

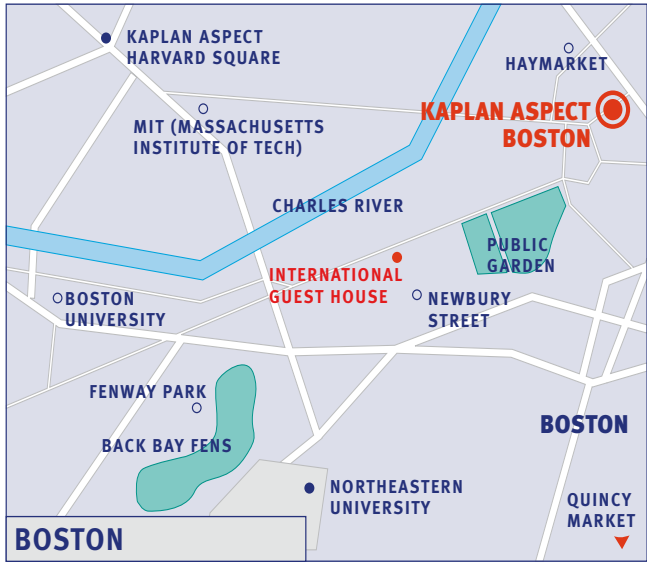
Kaplan Aspect Boston

Welcome to the Kaplan Aspect Boston! Our school is ideally situated in the heart of downtown's historic and quaint Haymarket Area, where the Financial District, the North End and Government Center all meet. Located on or near bus and subway lines, our center is easily accessible from all parts of the city.

The school offers modern, first-class facilities with access to the video lab with over 25 TVs and VCRs, to the two computer labs with over 20 computers and to a third computer lab with free internet access for international students. Students will also have an extensive library of structured study materials to be used in center, which includes practice iBT TOEFL exams, ESL practice tapes, and ELLIS, the premier pronunciation software package for English language learners.



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USA

Kaplan Aspect Educational Programmes in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.



Kaplan Aspect is a member of AAIEP (American Association of Intensive English Programs), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAFSA (Association for International Educators).

School Facilities

Classrooms

There are 15 classrooms, varying in size, the smallest able to accommodate an average sized class of 10 students and the largest able to accommodate a class of 50. Included in them are desk/chair combinations, whiteboard, and any electronic equipment the teacher might need for the lesson.

Multimedia and IT centre

There are two computer labs with over 20 PCs. Both labs able to connect students who come with laptops to the Kaplan network. Computers in our larger media lab are equipped with ELLIS the premier pronunciation software package for English language centres.

Library

Kaplan Aspect library houses various self-study materials, which focus on grammar, pronunciation, practice drills, skills and strategies, and American culture books for study. We also have a broad selection of classic American movies that students can borrow to watch in our media lab.

Student Lounge

The student lounge has a student microwave, refrigerator, and food and drink vending machines, along with tables that overlook wall-to-wall windows of the Boston's North End. Couches and chairs are placed sporadically around the centre for the convenience and comfort of the students between classes.

Cafeteria

Because of the school's convenient location near Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, students have a vast array of lunch options to choose from, including Indian, Italian, Greek, Japanese, Mexican, Thai and German cuisine, as well as many fresh bakeries and sandwich shops, all a 5-minute walk from the school.

Sports facilities

The Boston Commons is a 20-minute walk away where many Bostonians go to stroll the grounds, catch some sun, play a quick baseball game on the park's diamond, ice skate on the frog pond, or take a swan boat ride on the lake.

Gym facilities

The Boston Sports Club is a 5-minute walk from the school. It houses two floors of workout equipment along with regular classes on yoga, pilates, spinning, and cardio.

Activities/Social Programme

Because of Boston's rich cultural history, there are many specific events in Boston for our students to enjoy. In the summertime there are free classical music concerts outside at the Hatchshell and free Shakespearean plays on Boston Common, and no one can visit Boston and not see the Red Sox play at Fenway park. The Kaplan Aspect school also organises a varied social programme with activities such as movie nights, meals at American restaurants, reduced pricing or free tickets to museums, theatres, and shows, an international boat cruise, baseball, basketball and soccer games, book club, potluck dinner, conversation group and pizza parties.



Kaplan Aspect students in the classroom



Multimedia room

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to One Congress Street where the Kaplan Aspect offices are located, at 9am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday. Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

Monday:

- Check-in and Breakfast
- Welcome/Introduction; Meet the English Programs Staff
- Kaplan Aspect English Placement Test
- Break
- Activities and School Tour
- F-1 Visa Talk (collect papers, receive I.D.)
- Housing Talk

Tuesday:

- Academic Talk (receive Books, Schedules, Teachers)
- iGRE/iGMAT Orientation

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (given to you at US Immigration)
- Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility)
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- Proof of Health Insurance (if you did not purchase Kaplan Aspect insurance)
- Your USA address
- Pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

On the second day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

The MBTA (commonly referred to as the "T") is the oldest subway system in America. The "T" encompasses the subway (green, red, blue, orange and red lines), buses and commuter rail (larger, faster trains that travel above ground to the suburbs surrounding Boston). Daily subway rides are \$1.75 each way and buses are \$1.25. The MBTA's website (www.mbta.com) is a great resource to for additional information about transportation in Boston.

Banks and Post Office

The closest bank is Bank of America which is a 5-minute walk from the school, followed by Sovereign Bank, Citibank and Citizen's Bank which are all a 7-minute walk from the school. The nearest post office is located on Hanover St. in the North End, a 6-minute walk from the school.

Restaurants and cafés

Dunkin' Donuts is right next door to the school and Starbucks is about 5 minutes away. The North End hosts Jake's Beantown Cafe, which is great for salads, Mike's Pastry for freshly made tiramisu or biscotti, and a delicious assortment of Italian eateries.

Department stores and supermarkets

One stop on the subway will put you in the heart of Boston's shopping district- Downtown Crossing. This area is perfect for bargain hunting. For higher priced fashion, students need only go a few more stops to the Prudential Mall and Copley Place Mall. Linked by a footbridge that spans busy Huntington Ave., both malls host designer stores for a complete brand-name shopping experience.

Telephone and Internet Café

Close to the school both Jake's Beantown Cafe and Starbucks have wireless internet that students can connect to for a fee, and the Boston Public Library in the North End has internet computers.

Church / Mosque

St. Joseph's Catholic Church near Beacon Hill is a 15-minute walk from the school, and the historic Old West Church nearer to the Boston Commons is a 10 minute walk. Muhammad's Mosque is right in Government Center, a 7-minute walk from the school, and the Islamic Society of Boston is a 25 minute train ride away in Cambridge.

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

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| Sandwich | \$5 |
| Lunch | \$7- \$8 |
| Hamburger | \$4 |
| Meal in restaurant | \$10 - \$20 |
| Tea/Coffee | \$1.50 |

Tickets:

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| Movie | \$8 |
| Bus | \$1.25 |
| Weekly T (subway) pass | \$15 |
| Monthly T (subway) pass | \$59 |



Reception



Bus in Boston



Boston city

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.kaplanaspect.com

Week one

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| Monday | Welcome new students! |
| Tuesday | Visit to the museum |
| Wednesday | Movie night |
| Thursday | International boat cruise |
| Friday | Soccer games between students |

Week two

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| Monday | Barbeque night |
| Tuesday | Free pizza party |
| Wednesday | Shopping |
| Thursday | Visit to the book club |
| Friday | Trip to Six Flag New England amusement park |

The Team

Kaplan Aspect Boston



Student Services Coordinator:
Denyse Phillips
Denyse's responsibilities are housing, airport pickup, and activities. She is the person who helps students make their stay in Boston warm, fun, exciting and comfortable!



International Student Advisor:
Kimberley Cossey
Students can come to Kimberley for questions about their visas, I-20s, vacations, and anything else they might need help with!



Academic Manager:
Emily Pierre
Emily is responsible for the academics at Kaplan Aspect school.



Operations Manager in Harvard Square:
Emily Daniels
Emily helps students to achieve their TOEFL and academic goals. She has been with the International team for 3 years working to help students navigate through difficult and sometimes confusing immigration laws to study successfully on F-1 visas in the U.S.



Academic Coordinator in Harvard Square:
Jeff Gibbs
Jeff has been helping students with the TOEFL test for over three years now, and all of that time he has spent at the Kaplan Aspect school.

Course Information

Courses and Services

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- iGMAT/iGRE
- iSAT
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester
- University Placement
- Internship

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect transfers

Airport Transportation Company

The nearest airport is Logan International Airport.

Where to wait for airport transportation pick-up?

There will be someone from New England Coach waiting for you outside, after you have claimed your luggage. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it.

What to do in case you cannot find the airport transportation company?

Please call the Kaplan Emergency Contact Person

Emergency Contact Information

Name: Denyse Phillips

Telephone Number: +1-617-835-0945

Independent Transfers

The distance from the airport to the center: 15 minutes (by pick up service), 30 minutes (by public transportation).

New England Coach, 1-800-609-1402



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