

W H A B

BC-126
June 1973

EDUCATIONAL-FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed OCTOBER 31, 1979

Call letters WHAB

Station location Acton, Massachusetts

Name of licensee ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transmitter location Acton-Boxborough Regional High School 96 Hayward Rd, Acton, Massachusetts (PED-2669 3-21-79)

Main studio location 96 Hayward Road, Acton, Massachusetts (PED-2669 3-21-79)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPED-2669 HAAT: 26' (H&V) (L)	3-21-79	89.1mhz	ERP: 0.0084kW (H&V)		3-21-80
			CLASS D SECONDARY	ch.#206	
			CP FOR NEW EDUCATIONAL-FM		
BPED-2669 (1)	5/21/79				CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED & EBSA ISSUED
BLER-790720AI (L)	10-31-79	89.1mhz	ERP: 8.4watts(H&V)		4-1-81
			HAAT: 26 ft.(H&V)CLASS D		
			SECONDARY		
			License to cover (BPED-2669)		
			for a new station.		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WHAB**
NEW EDUC FM

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name **Acton, Massachusetts (PO 16 Charter Rd., Acton, Massachusetts 01720)**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action		
			Nature	Date	
BPEL-2669 R&F PN FILED PRESS:	3-9-78	Construction permit for new Educ FM on: Frequency: 89.1MHz#206 TPO: 10 watts ERP:8.25 watts HAAT: plus 26' trans LPB, INC. Ant: Phelps-Dodge ECFM-2,2 sections TL-SL-RC: 96 Hayward Road, Acton, Massachusetts 42 28 48 71 27 28 ATTY:----- ENGR: Kathleen Lynch (Duxbury, Massachusetts)	SECTION 73.509(c) WAIVED AND APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING	GRANTED	3-21-79
	3-30-78				
	5-8-78				
	5-8-78				
	NOV 17 1978				
AMENDED AMENDED	5-8-78 7-13-78	financial V-B correct coordinates			
BLED-790720AI PTA: PRESS:	7-27-79 SEP 18 1979	License to cover (BPEL-2669) for NEW STATION Atty: ----	GRANTED	10-31-79	

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W H A B

Name: ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Station Location: ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
801128AO		Construction permit to change frequency to: 88.7 MHz.; #204D, incr. ERP: 0.0266 kW H&V; HAATr - +66' H&V and make "cls." in ant. system.	
BRED-801128WH PRESS	DEC 23 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	<p><i>KL 3-30-81</i></p> <p>ISSUED</p>

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

