



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Districtwide alternative and community-based programs, and charter schools



Students whose needs are not met effectively in traditional school settings have options in Portland Public Schools. Here is an overview of district-operated alternative programs, community-based programs and charter schools.

DISTRICTWIDE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

Learn more: www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/education-options, click on District-Operated Programs
For information on enrolling in these programs, contact Portland Public Schools Direction Services, 503-916-3956 or reconnect@pps.net

Alliance High School

- **Alliance @ Benson:** Addresses needs of students who have not been successful in a traditional school environment, day and night classes offer flexible scheduling, 546 N.E. 12th Ave., 503-916-6486, contact: Cathy Harvey, secretary, Lynn Buedefeldt, Vice Principal 503-916-2000 x77118
- **Alliance @ Meek Professional Technical:** Personalized environment focused on professional technical education and high school graduation, 4039 N.E. Alberta Court, 503-916-5747, contact: Luke Saporito, Counselor, A.J. Morrison, Principal

ACCESS @ Sabin (1-8)

Rigorous academic program that provides curriculum acceleration and enrichment for students who perform at the 99th percentile in one or more academic or intellectual area and who meet other alternative education criteria. In addition ACCESS focuses on the social emotional developments of our students while fostering their thirst for knowledge. 4013 NE 18th Ave., 503-916-6482, contact: Eryn Bagby, Assistant Principal.

Metropolitan Learning Center (K-12)

Unique academic program, rich with tradition and adaptive to the changing needs of students and their families, and focused on experiential learning, character development, service to its community and the pleasures of life and learning. 2033 N.W. Glisan St., Portland, 503-916-5737, www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/mlc, contact: Jeff Spalding, Assistant Principal.

Learning and Credit Options: Programs that offer credit for proficiency, credit by exam, credit for work/work volunteer experiences, online and blended options to recover credit and face-to-face programs to earn or recover credit.

- **Learning & Credit Options:** Credit for proficiency, credit by exam, credit for work/volunteer experiences, 503-916-6130 x71730, contact: Diane Berthoin-Hernández, Assistant Director
- **Portland Evening Scholars @ Benson:** Tuition-based program for students wanting to earn or recover credit, or improve a grade, 546 N.E. 12th Ave., 503-916-2000 x77112, contact: Ginger Taylor, Vice Principal, gtaylor1@pps.net
- **Portland Summer Scholars:** Tuition-based summer program for students wanting to earn or recover credit, or improve a grade, 503-916-5439, contact: Ginger Taylor, Vice Principal, gtaylor1@pps.net
- **Portland Virtual Scholars Program:** Online and blended learning options to recover credit, 503-916-6130 x71730 contact: Diane Berthoin-Hernández, Assistant Director

Other Alternative Programs

- **Teen Parent Services**, provides academic and personal support to pregnant and parenting students, 4039 N.E. Alberta Court, 503-916-5858, contact: Korinna Wolfe, Program Director
- **Reconnection Center**, short-term transition program for high school students who have left school and want to re-enter, 503-916-3956, reconnect@pps.net, contact: Carla Gay, Program Director

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Learn more: www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/education-options, click on Community-Based Programs
For information on enrolling in these programs, contact Portland Public Schools Direction Services, 503-916-3956 or reconnect@pps.net.

Program Director, Community-Based Programs: Carla Gay, 503-916-3812, cgay@pps.net

Middle School programs are designed to provide high structure and support for students who have academic or behavioral challenges in home middle school.

- **Mt. Scott Middle School (Gr 6-8)**, 6148 S.E. Holgate Blvd., 503-771-8880, contact: Michele Mei
mmei@mtscottlearningcenters.org
- **Open Meadow Middle School (Gr 6-8)**, 7602 N. Emerald, 503-978-0809, www.openmeadow.org, contact: Elizabeth Jensen, elizabethj@openmeadow.org

High school programs are designed to develop academic and social skills while students earn high school credit toward a diploma. Once students earn a diploma (or a GED for old and far students) they receive support in transitioning to a post-secondary education

High School To Post-Secondary Education: Serve youth ages 14-20 who have struggled academically and or behaviorally in a traditional school setting.

- **Helensview/Trellis**, 8678 N.E. Sumner, 503-262-4150, www.mesd.k12.or.us/ae/Helensview, contact: Michelle Leeper, mleeper@mesd.k12.or.us
- **Mt. Scott High School**, 6148 S.E. Holgate Blvd., 503-771-8880, www.mtscottlearningcenters.org, contact: Michele Mei - mmei@mtscottlearningcenters.org
- **NAYA Early College Academy**, 5135 N.E. Columbia Blvd., 503-972-2461, www.nayapdx.org, contact: Patrick Eaglestaff - patrickes@nayapdx.org
- **Open Meadow High School**, 7654 N. Crawford, 503-285-0508, www.openmeadow.org, contact: Kelli Clark, kelli.clark@openmeadow.org
- **Rosemary Anderson High School/Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (RAHS/POIC)**, 717 N. Killingsworth Court, 503-797-7222, www.portlandoic.org, contact: Rich Chapin, rchapin@portlandoic.org. Provides ELL services, teen parent services, GED preparation and employment training

Post Secondary Transition for older students: Serve youth ages 17-21 who are too old and far to attain a high school diploma before turning 21.

- **New Avenues for Youth**, 314 S.W. 9th Ave., 503-517-3918, www.newavenues.org, contact: Susan Hays – shays@newavenues.org. Serve homeless youths; provide pregnancy and parenting, drug/alcohol, mental health, employment and transitional housing services
- **Outside In**, 1132 S.W. 13th Ave. (school address: 1195 S.W. 11th Ave.), 503-445-0973, www.outsidein.org, contact: Matt Eide, matthew@outsidein.org. Serves homeless youths ages 18-20
- **Pathfinders Academy**, 7528 N. Charleston Ave., 503-307-2270, contact: Ely Sanders, esanders@pathfindersoforegon.org. Serves pregnant and parenting youths
- **Portland Youth Builders**, 4816 S.E. 92nd Ave., 503-286-9350, www.pybpdx.org, contact: Jill Walters, jill_w@pybpdx.org. Serves students ages 17-20: education, leadership development, vocational training in construction or computer technology, and postsecondary support
- **SE Works**, 7916 S.E. Foster Road, Suite 104, 503-772-2300, www.seworks.org, contact: Kenny Sparks, ksparks@seworks.org
- **Youth Employment Institute** 1704 N.E. 26th Ave., 503-280-1058, www.yei.org, contact: Bennie Boggan, benniebogg@yei.org

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Portland Community College Prep Alternative Programs: Serve youth ages 16-20 who have struggled academically/behaviorally or who are too old and far to attain a high school diploma before turning 21.

www.pcc.edu/pccprep

- **Youth Empowered to Succeed! (YES):** Support services leading to GED completion and exploration of academic opportunities. Cascade: Tracie Memmott, 971-722-5372, Rock Creek: Sam Schroetke, 971-722-7129, Southeast: Chris Hamreus, 971-722-6294, Sylvania: Marlo Urbina, 971-722-4751
- **Multi-Cultural Academic Program (MAP):** English language development and academic skills preparation for non-native-English-speaking students. Southeast: Esperanza Beck (Spanish), 971-722-6231, Emma Zwaschka (Russian), 971-722-6029, Mathilda Lee (Chinese), 971-722-6110, Willow Creek: Vanessa Hernandez (Spanish), 971-722-2915
- **Gateway to College:** High school completion program. Info line: 971-722-6225. Contact: Jana Daugherty, 971-722-6213, jana.daugherty15@pcc.edu

Residential Programs: Serve students ages 10-20 who are referred from the state for residential treatment.

- **DePaul Alternative High School,** 4310 NE Killingsworth St., Portland, OR 97218, (503) 535-1150 x1105, cblair@depaultreatmentcenters.org contact: Chris Blair. Provides residential drug and alcohol treatment.
- **Youth Progress Association (YPA),** 2020 SE Powell Blvd., Portland, OR 97202, (503) 233-6121, Contact: Mary Kate Freeston, Program Manager 503-233-6121 x341.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Senior Program Manager, Charter Schools: Kristen Miles, 503-916-3359, kmiles@pps.net. Families should contact schools directly to find out about application deadlines. Learn more: www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/education-options, click on Charter Schools

Charter schools provide innovative programs with specific educational philosophies and/or delivery models that offer additional options for students and families within the Portland Public Schools system.

Portland Arthur Academy (K-5)

7507 SE Yamhill St., 503-257-3936, www.arthuracademy.org,

Contact: Susan McCool, smccool@arthuracademy.org

Portland Arthur Academy seeks to accelerate achievement and learning for all students. The program achieves success through a highly organized incremental mastery program. Using a highly researched direct instruction program gives teachers the best tools possible to clearly communicate the academic message. This entails the students mastering their tasks daily before moving on to the next skill. Through positive structured expectations, Portland Arthur Academy creates a safe, thriving learning environment for all students.

Emerson Public Charter School (K-5)

105 N.W. Park, 503-525-6124, www.emersonschool.org,

Contact: Tara O'Neil, info@emersonschool.org

Parents play a key role in the Emerson community. Families come from all quadrants of the city, creating a school culture that honors and celebrates individual and community diversity. The integrated, project-based curriculum continually builds on students' previous learning and experiences. Real-world problem solving, purposeful field studies and student interest are combined with direct instruction in reading, writing, and math to create a strong and comprehensive curriculum. The Emerson School is a national model for Positive Discipline.

Le Monde French Immersion Public Charter School (Growing to K-8, opening in 2012 as a K-1)

1010 SW 13th Ave., 97205, 503-208-3198, www.lemondeimmersion.org,

Contact: Dr. Lynn Prince— Head of School

Le Monde French Immersion educates children in a full French-immersion environment using curriculum that incorporates successful and innovative education practices from around the world. The mission of Le Monde French Immersion is to educate children in a way that honors the best international academic traditions and develops open-minded students who value intellectual curiosity, personal integrity, and public service.

CHARTER SCHOOLS CONTINUED

Opal Charter School of the Portland Children's Museum (K-5)

4015 S.W. Canyon Road, 503-471-9902, www.portlandcm.org,
Contact: Tara Papandrew, tpapandrew@portlandcm.org

Opal School believes that the purpose of education is to provide opportunities for all children to participate fully in creating and shaping their own lives, and to contribute to the quality of life around them. Opal supports children in developing their own voices by providing access to the many forms of communication found in the languages of the arts and sciences. Instructional approaches are shaped and influenced by the work of early childhood educators in Reggio Emilia, Italy, research in neuroscience, and the constructivist research and practices of educators in the U.S. and beyond.

Portland Village Public Charter School (K-8)

7654 N. Delaware Ave., 503-445-0056, www.portlandvillageschool.org, Contact: Paul Berg,
info@portlandvillageschool.org

Portland Village School teaches to the whole child by teaching to the “head, heart, and hands” — nurturing students’ intellectual, physical, and emotional growth. Core academic material is enlivened by music and singing, art, drama, second language, life skills and handwork. This comprehensive curriculum prepares students to meet the challenges of school and of life as productive and integrated human beings. Portland Village School is pleased to offer Portland’s diverse range of children and families this proven, holistic Waldorf-based educational alternative.

Self Enhancement Inc. Academy Public Charter School (6-8)

3920 N. Kerby Ave., 503-249-1721, x327, www.selfenhancement.org/sei_academy.html
Contact: Andre Goodlow, andreg@selfenhancement.org

The SEI Academy is a grade 6-8 public charter school dedicated to helping all students realize their full academic and personal potential. SEI’s goal is for its graduates to be well prepared for high school and college by achieving high academic standards. The program prepares students to be successful young people who will lead healthy lives and who will make worthwhile contributions to their communities.

Trillium Public Charter School (K-12)

5420 N. Interstate Ave., 503-285-3833, www.trilliumcharterschool.org
Contact: Kieran Connolly, info@trilliumcharterschool.org

Trillium’s goal is to educate the whole child with an integrated curriculum that instills a desire for lifelong learning. The curriculum includes community, urban, and global studies. Trillium emphasizes independent, project-based learning within a small class and a small school environment. As part of a commitment to build a true community of learners, Trillium employs mixed-age classes building courses around interests and abilities rather than age or grade level. Trillium offers different learning styles and uses democratic processes to help students grow fully as human beings and contribute to and enhance the world.

Leadership and Entrepreneurship Public Charter High School (9-12)

2044 E. Burnside, 503-254-2537, www.lephigh.org

Contact: Lorna Fast Buffalo Horse, lorna.fbh@lephigh.org

The Leadership and Entrepreneurship High School (LEP) focuses on engaging students in their learning experience and making school an exciting place to learn. Through the study of leadership and entrepreneurship, students develop a strong sense of self-efficacy, social responsibility and an entrepreneurial spirit. The school design also provides a rigorous college prep curriculum. Teachers use project-based, interdisciplinary learning, and students gain real world experience through internships and service learning with businesses and community organizations.