



An academically challenging International Baccalaureate (IB) program flourishes at Cleveland, where the student body reflects the composition of the city, drawing students who reflect the socioeconomic and ethnic diversity of Portland. Cleveland High School celebrates its 100th graduating class June 2016.

Cleveland High School offers the benefits of both a large comprehensive high school and the strong staff-student relationships found in smaller schools. Cleveland is renowned for its high academic standards in all content areas and its warm and accepting school climate.

Classes are held in a historic three-story building, bounded by Southeast Powell Boulevard between 26th and 28th Avenues, while the school's athletic Stadium, featuring new turf and track, is located nearby.

Academic highlights

- International Baccalaureate coursework leads to the opportunity to earn an IB diploma. The IB program encourages students across the globe to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who help to create a better world through intercultural understanding and respect. All juniors are required to take IB English.
- Mandarin Chinese language Immersion program
- Outstanding visual and performing arts programs
- Ninth-grade Academies. Freshmen transition into high school in smaller Academies with the same group of students and the same three teachers for English, science and social studies. Students in 9th grade Academies have the same counselor for all four years of high school.
- Career Technical Education (CTE) courses in computer science, culinary arts, media production, woods manufacturing and business.
- Special education, ESL, AVID college-prep, and a variety of other support classes for students with a wide range of needs.
- Yoga and Mindfulness classes
- Mentors with the College and Career Center who work alongside high school counselors to assist students with the college selection process including admission, financial aid and scholarship applications.

Mission: Cleveland High School offers opportunities that students find relevant, accessible and challenging. We encourage active, responsible citizens and provide a community where everyone is included. All students find learning that inspires their passion.



School facts

School colors: kelly green and lemon yellow

Unique traditions: Springtasia music celebration and art exhibit, Homecoming hall decoration and Spirit Award contest, all-school assemblies and community events





Athletic teams and activities

Full athletic program including: baseball, basketball, cheer, cross country, dance, football, golf, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, snow sports, softball, swim, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling.

Outstanding visual and performing arts programs including:

- Award-winning choir and band programs
- Active drama program that presents up to five productions a year
- Award winning speech and debate program
- Multiple student clubs focusing on everything from robotics to Model United Nations to environmental projects

“It’s easy for students to find where they belong at Cleveland. From our music and drama departments to our robotics team to our chess club, everyone has options. The academics are stellar. Cleveland offers IB classes in most departments. Our teachers guide and inspire us to find our passion through the use of interactive classes and motivating attitudes. Cleveland is a place that can feel like home for everyone.”

— Quinn Gonzales, Class of 2016

“Cleveland High School is dedicated to providing learning experiences that nurture creativity, expand perspectives, and develop lifelong learners.”

— Tammy O’Neill, Principal

Student services

The Cleveland student-based Health Center offers mental and physical treatment for students Monday through Friday. The Health Center helps reduce student absenteeism by offering a wide-range of services at school including: medical exams, sports physicals, immunizations, routine lab tests, mental health screenings and counseling and nutrition and health education. The Multnomah County Health Department and PPS sponsor the Cleveland Health Center.