

Metropolitan Learning Center
2019-2020 SCHOOL PROFILE
CEEB Code: 380904

2033 NW Glisan St. Portland, OR 97209
503-916-5737

<https://www.pps.net/Domain/142>

Principal: Mark Van Hoomissen
Assistant Principal: Margarita Wilson
Counselor: Jeanette Scantling

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

The Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC) is an alternative school provided by Portland Public School District. The school serves kindergarten through twelfth grade students. MLC began in 1968 as a challenge to the notion that educational rewards must be extrinsic and maintains the belief that personal relationships between staff and students are paramount. MLC emphasizes a positive and humanistic environment where students learn independence and responsible decision-making in a supportive educational setting. MLC believes that good character development stems from values of responsibility and trust. MLC fosters creativity and adapts to students' diverse needs. Experiential education and project based learning is also a cornerstone for student learning. Students are involved in many community and regional activities.

Current enrollment is 390 students and our ethnic breakdown is as follows: Black .78% Asian 3.38%, Latino 12.99%, White 75.06%, Native American .52%, Multiple 7.27%

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

Students collect their work in portfolios where they showcase significant pieces of work from each class and reflect on field trip experiences, community service, internships and various educational extension opportunities. At the end of the year, students present their portfolio of work to a panel of community members for authentic feedback.

MLC has met State of Oregon Standardization criteria and is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. Students earn credit in all required and elective areas to satisfy requirements for a standard high school diploma in the State of Oregon. MLC is on a quarter schedule with students taking between 4-8 classes per term. Our classes are organized in a traditional schedule. Some classes are double blocked and last 90 minutes while others are only 45 minutes. Once per week students participate in Metro class that covers a variety of topics including social emotional lessons, support of school activities and post high school planning. In addition to this student participate in weekly community service or internships.

GRADING

The 2018-2019 school year marked the first time that MLC issued A-F grades on transcripts. This years senior will have a combination of A-F grades and the below grades on their transcripts. In the past MLC did not issue grades on its transcripts. Instead students received the ratings listed below.

A grade point average range is accompanied with the ratings to better explain what the ratings will translate to on a 4.0 scale. Due to our non-traditional grading policy we do not rank students.

2017-2018	2010-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highly Proficient (HP) - exceeding the benchmark standards 4.0 ● Proficient (PR) - demonstrates proficiency at the benchmark level 3.0 ● Close to Proficient (CP) - nearly meeting the proficiency level 2.0 ● Developing Proficiency (DP) 1.0 ● Incomplete (INC) student has 6 weeks to earn credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exceeds (EXC) - exceeding the benchmark standards with at least a 90% on coursework:3.5-4.0 score range ● Proficient (PRO) work at the benchmark level with at least a 70% on coursework: 2.50-3.49 score range ● Developing (DEV) work at the benchmark level with at least a 69% or lower on coursework: 1.5-2.4 score range ● Does Not Meet (DM) for not meeting benchmark scores. 0.0- 1.49 score range

COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR PREVIOUS CLASSES:

Brandeis University – MA	Marlboro College – VT
California College of Arts – CA	Nova Southeastern University – FL
Cornish College of the Arts – WA	Oregon State Univ – OR
Eastern Michigan University - MI	Pacific Northwest College of Arts – OR
Evergreen State College – WA	Portland State University – OR
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising – CA	Reed College - OR
Goucher College – MD	Regis University – CO
Grinnell College - IA	Sarah Lawrence College – NY
Hampshire College – MA	Southern Oregon University – OR
Lane College – TN	South Plains College – TX
Linfield College --OR	University of Puget Sound – WA
Loyola University New Orleans –LA	University of Oregon – OR
Macalester College – MN	Western Oregon University – OR
Willamette University – OR	Western Washington University – WA