

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Parents/guardians are invited to join district committees to help advise PPS on policies and practices.

Learn more: *Special Education Advisory Council*, 503-916-3723 • *House Bill 3499 Advisory Group*, 503-916-6525 • *TAG Advisory Council*, 503-916-3358 • *District Parent Involvement Committee*, 503-916-3087 • *Migrant Parent Advisory Council Title I-C*, 503-916-5777 • *District-wide Boundary Review Advisory Committee*, 503-916-2000 ext. 71168.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers provide invaluable assistance through classroom support, curriculum enrichment, service in parent organizations (PTA, booster clubs, etc.) and grounds upkeep.

Learn more: 503-916-3078.

LANGUAGE SERVICES for families

PPS Translation and Interpretation Services provides language support, free of charge to parents. Request assistance from your teacher or principal. To get assistance from a bilingual staff member, call the **PPS Language Line** at:

Spanish . . . 503 916-3582 Somali 503 916-3586
Vietnamese 503 916-3584 Other/More information
Chinese . . . 503 916-3585 503-916-3589
Russian . . . 503 916-3583

School-based HEALTH SERVICES

The Multnomah County Health Department offers school-based health centers for students at:

- Cleveland, Franklin, Grant, Jefferson, Madison and Roosevelt high schools
- Harrison Park and Cesar Chavez K-8 schools
- George and Lane middle schools

OHSU offers a school-based Student Wellness Center at Benson HS. Kaiser Permanente offers a school-based health center for students at Faubion K-8.

The centers accept insurance and can also assist uninsured families.

Learn more: multco.us/health/school-based-health-centers

Learn more about counseling, drug & alcohol education, student discipline, student health: studentservices@pps.net, 503-916-5460.

ATHLETICS

The Portland Interscholastic League offers a Youth Sports Program (6-8) and a High School Program (9-12).

Learn more: at your school, or 503-916-3223.

Learn more about these topics at www.pps.net. **Search the key words highlighted in BLUE.**

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HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Portland Public Schools is maintaining a Healthy and Safe Schools webpage to provide environmental health and safety information. Information includes water testing and radon monitoring results, as well as updates about the district's ongoing work to address health and safety issues in schools. PPS is contracting for bottled water service during the 2017-18 school year to ensure safe drinking water is available for students and staff while working on repairs.

Learn more: Risk Management, 503-916-3204.

CIVIC USE of Buildings

Individuals and community groups may schedule the use of PPS facilities during non-school hours by obtaining a permit.

Learn more: 503-916-3268.

ANNUAL NOTICES: Privacy and rights

Photo permission: Please notify your school office if your student should not be photographed or videotaped for use in PPS newsletters, websites, Facebook, news media and more.

Annual notices: PPS publishes important notices to families regarding: (1) distribution of "directory information" from student academic records; (2) student records; (3) release of information to military and college recruiters; (4) Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment; (5) teacher qualifications in Title I schools; (6) distribution of information from non-school groups; (7) annual restraint and seclusion report.

View notices: www.pps.net (Search "Annual Notices").

The District is committed to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in all its educational and employment activities. The District prohibits discrimination based on race; national or ethnic origin; color; sex; religion; age; sexual orientation; gender expression or identity; pregnancy; marital status; familial status; economic status or source of income; mental or physical disability or perceived disability; or military service.

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

What you need to know 2017-18



Portland Public Schools is a big place—around 90 schools and programs and nearly 50,000 students. This brochure highlights key information you'll need as your student moves through school. You'll find helpful information about student registration, emergency communication, transportation, school meals and more.

Getting URGENT NEWS - quickly

Weather-related delays. School emergencies. Special events.

- Opt-in to School Messenger by sending the text message **Yes** or **Y** to 68453. You will also receive auto-dialer calls.
- **Alerts** are posted at www.pps.net
- **Twitter:** @PPSConnect at www.twitter.com
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/pps.homepage
- **Phone call:** Auto-dialer calls go to the "primary" number on the student registration form in all supported languages. Remember to update contact information with your school if your phone number changes.

CALENDAR 2017-18

The school year runs Aug. 30-June 8. Kindergarten starts Sept. 5. The calendar includes important dates including parent-teacher conferences and school closures. Late starts for grades K-8 and early dismissals for high schools may be added to the calendar for staff training. Snow make-up days, if added due to inclement weather, will be June 11 and June 12. Please check the calendar online or at your school throughout the year for updates.

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Student TRANSPORTATION

PPS provides yellow bus service to students PK-8 depending on distance from school and safety considerations.

Learn more: [Bus Schedule](#) or [Routes](#), 503-916-6901.

TRIMET PASSES for high school students

The YouthPass Program provides TriMet passes at no cost to high school students. Students receive a free TriMet pass thanks to the City of Portland, TriMet and Portland Public Schools. TriMet schedules: www.trimet.org

School MEALS

- Pay for school meals at www.schoolcafe.com or bring a check to your school office or cafeteria.
- All students eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits must complete a new application annually. Applications are available online or at school.
- All students at the following schools receive free meals regardless of income: Alliance @ Meek, Boise Eliot/ Humboldt, Cesar Chavez, George MS, Harrison Park, Martin Luther King Jr., Lent, Pioneer @ Youngson, Rigler, Rosa Parks, Scott, Sitton and Woodmere.

Grades	Breakfast	Lunch
PK-5	\$1.50	\$2.80
6-8	\$1.50	\$3.05
9-12	\$1.50	\$3.30
Reduced*	\$0.00	\$0.00

* Funding provided by the Oregon Legislature to eliminate the reduced price payment for school meals.

Learn more: Contact your school cafeteria or PPS Nutrition Services, 503-916-3399.

Track academic progress: PARENTVUE

View student grades, attendance and assignments and email teachers through Synergy ParentVUE.

Learn more: Information Technology (IT), 503-916-3375.

College and career readiness: GET READY, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Get Ready: A PPS web tool for college and career planning including financial, admissions and job shadow guidance.

Graduation requirements: Find out what you need to do to graduate from high school.

Learn more: 503-916-5114.

School-based concerns: OMBUDSMAN

The ombudsman serves as an independent, neutral and confidential resource, assisting parents and community members in addressing complaints, conflicts and other school-related issues: ombudsman@pps.net.

Learn more: Call Judi Martin, 503-916-3045

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REGISTERING for school

List of schools/contact info: [School Directory](#).

Learn more: Enrollment & Transfer Center, enrollment-office@pps.net, 503-916-3205.

New students:

- Find your neighborhood school: [School Locator](#).
- Registration forms available at your school or online: [Registration Form](#).
- Explore focus option schools, dual language immersion programs, alternative and charter schools, the school lottery process and more: [School Choice](#).

Returning students: Update registration forms annually at your school. Remember to update contact information with your school if your phone number changes during the school year.

Welcome to Kindergarten:

Full-day kindergarten is tuition-free for all families; Preschool and Head Start programs are also offered.

Before- and after-school [Childcare](#) information: 503-916-3230.

English as a Second Language:

We invest in inclusive quality instruction that honors students' racial, cultural and linguistic assets.

Learn more: ESL, 503-916-6525.

Special Education:

- PPS encourages families with concerns about their child's development under age 5 to get an assessment for special education services. Call the Multnomah Early Childhood Program, 503-261-5535, for a referral to the PPS Early Childhood Evaluation Team. Contact the PPS team directly if you have questions: 503-916-3426. (English/Spanish)
- Families concerned about their school-age child's development may also talk to their child's teacher about an assessment for services. If you have questions, contact your principal.

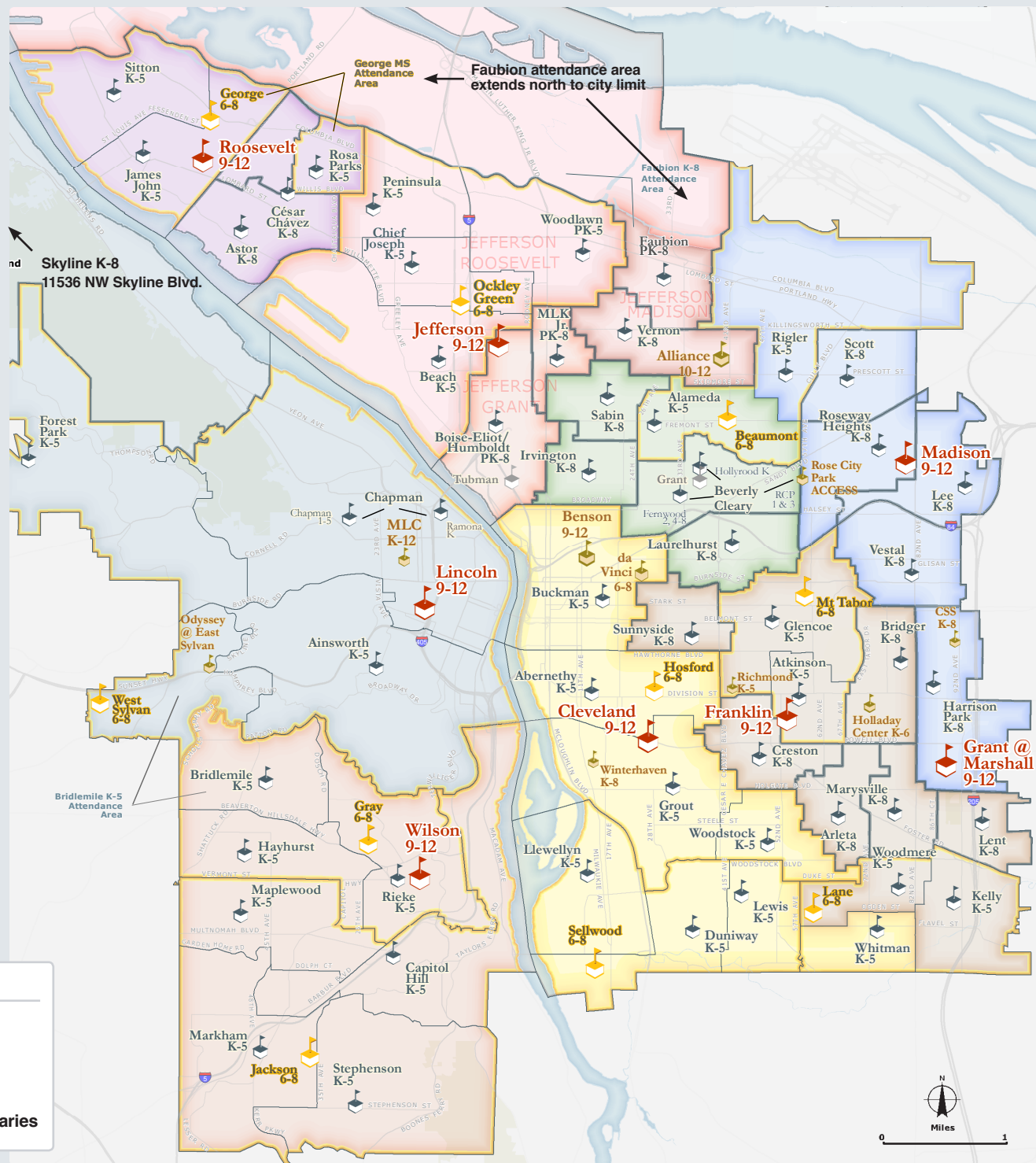
Learn More: 503-916-3152.

Talented and Gifted:

- Students K-12 are first nominated by their teacher or parent/guardian and then assessed by PPS.

Learn more: 503-916-3358.

2017-18 DISTRICT MAP



Families are guaranteed a spot in their neighborhood school assigned by address. PPS is divided into eight clusters with K-5/ K-8 and middle schools that feed into the neighborhood high school. PPS is reconfiguring many K-8s into K-5s and middle schools over several years to strengthen programming.

Other options

Focus schools: Specialize in such areas as science or the arts. Apply in the November lottery for HS options or February lottery for K-8 options. **Learn more:** 503-916-3205.

- Buckman Arts K-5
- Creative Science School K-8
- daVinci Arts Middle School
- Odyssey @ East Sylvan K-8
- Sunnyside Environmental K-8
- Winterhaven Math and Science K-8
- Benson Polytechnic High School
- Jefferson High School – Middle College for Advanced Studies

Dual language immersion (DLI): Apply in the February lottery at the kindergarten level. A language assessment may be required for students entering after Kindergarten.

Learn more: 503-916-3151.

Open to neighborhood families only

Spanish Immersion:

- James John K-5 (George MS)
- Rigler K-5 (Beaumont MS)
- Harrison Park K-8
- Scott K-8
- Sitton K-5 (George MS)

Open to families district-wide

Spanish Immersion:

- Ainsworth K-5 (West Sylvan MS)
- Atkinson K-5 (Mt. Tabor MS)
- Beach K-5 (Ockley Green MS)
- Bridger K-8
- Cesar Chavez K-8
- Lent K-8

Vietnamese Immersion:

Roseway Heights (K-3 growing to K-8)

Chinese Mandarin Immersion:

- Martin Luther King Jr. (K-4)
- Woodstock K-5 (Hosford MS)

Russian Immersion: Kelly K-5 (Lane MS)

Japanese Immersion: Richmond K-5 (Mt. Tabor MS)

Multiple Pathways to Graduation: Some students benefit from an alternative setting including alternative schools, drop-out prevention programs or charter schools

Learn more: 503-916-5437.

Left school without graduating? Call the PPS [Reconnection Center](#) for help getting back in school: 503-916-3956.

LEGEND

- High School
- Middle School
- K-5/K-8
- Special Programs
- K-5/K-8 Boundaries
- Middle School Boundaries

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