

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AT PISA



PISA strongly encourages the meaningful participation of parents and families in their child's education. PISA provides opportunities throughout the year for parents and the community to learn about PISA programs and share their multicultural perspectives on education.

Student field trips



PISA students have opportunities throughout the school year to visit museums, businesses and colleges. Students are able to utilize their language skills and classroom knowledge in real world settings.



Welcome

In response to the increasing need to provide greater educational options for Portland's growing Emergent Bilingual population, PPS has established the Portland International Scholars Academy (PISA). Our goal is to create a supportive learning environment that encourages and enables each student to look beyond high school and develop the linguistic and academic foundation needed for college and career.

Testimonials from PISA students

"PISA is a place to make friends

"Great teachers!"

"At PISA, I can come and learn about celebrations from other countries"

"PISA is a place where diversity is celebrated!"



Portland International Scholars Academy

For class and enrollment information, contact:

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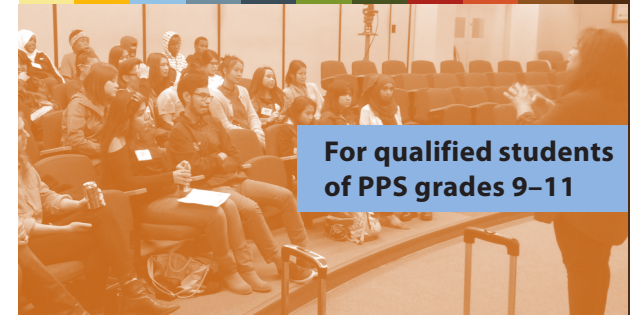
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PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Portland
International
Scholars
Academy



For qualified students
of PPS grades 9-11



Classes scheduled to
begin August 30, 2017



Designed to provide extensive language development and meaningful access to content classes for newly arrived emergent bilinguals at PPS.

OUR MISSION

Students newly arrived to the U.S. with limited English language skills often have difficulty adjusting to the US education system. Students attending PISA are provided four value-added components:

- Intensive language training to accelerate English language development
- Orientation to the US educational system
- Targeted development of foundational educational skills
- Multilingual academic support



Student Eligibility

- Students who have been in the United States for two calendar years or less
- Score A or B on English Oral Language Proficiency Test (IPT) and/or an Emerging Level on the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA 21)
- Current grade 9-11 students

Program Length

- Students remain at PISA until they reach a Progressing Level on the ELPA21 assessment.
- Students who successfully complete the PISA program, will be counseled about how to successfully transition to their neighborhood high school.

PISA CLASS SCHEDULES



- Every student at PISA has a full schedule of classes. PISA students spend their entire school day at the Benson High School campus.
- PISA students undergo intensive English language development in a full range of class subjects, including math, science, Language Arts and enrichment classes. All classes are taught in English. Some native language support may be provided.



Transportation to PISA

As part of their curriculum all PISA students are given instruction on how to fully understand and navigate the free city transportation services afforded to all PPS high school students.



TEACHERS, STAFF & ADMINISTRATORS

PISA has taken great care to have Highly Qualified certified teaching staff that is multilingual and culturally competent. Our staff and administrators are dedicated to our mission and trained to serve the academic and cultural needs of our student population. Our student/ teacher ratio provides for a nurturing environment where students can develop as English speakers and apply their new language skills in their daily learning.



Access to technology in the classroom

All PISA students have access to the latest computer hardware and software, as well as current educational materials utilized in most comprehensive high schools.

