



BENSON POLYTECHNIC

High School

546 NE 12th Ave | Portland, OR 97232
(503) 916-5100 | www.pps.net/schools/benson



**Application Window:
Nov. 13 - Dec. 16**



“Benson Polytechnic students are students that are prepared for real world situations in the workforce. A Benson High School diploma opens the door for students to begin their lifelong journey as they embark on a path for their future.”

**Curtis Wilson Jr.
Principal**

Let your skills soar at Benson. Benson Polytechnic High School is Portland’s premier four-year Career Technical Education (CTE) focus high school, founded in 1917. **Benson offers the academic rigor and the practical training that prepares students for college and the highly skilled, highly paid 21st-century work force.**

Mission Statement

Within an environment that fosters diversity, Benson's mission is to integrate hands-on career technical education and core academics today for the innovations of tomorrow.

Our goals

The Benson staff believes that students should:

- Apply academic concepts to real-world situations.
- Integrate technical and academic content in their studies.
- Explore career and technical fields, then choose an academy.
- Experience learning in the classroom and in the workplace.
- Graduate with advanced career and college skills.
- Serve as volunteers, using their career and technical skills.

School Facts

Nickname:

Astros

Colors:

Royal Blue and Blaze Orange

Mascot:

Astronaut

Logo:

Gear

**Modernization completed
fall of 2024**





Athletics and Activities



Benson offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities including athletics: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Soccer, Football, Dance Team, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, and Golf.

Leadership and Career Tech organizations: National Honor Society, Skills USA, and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Over 35 student clubs: Robotics, Diversity, Key, MEChA, Black Student Union, GSA and more.

Student Support Programs: Escalera, AVID, Beyond Benson College Mentors, Aspire Career Mentors, PSU Near Peer Mentors in AP/AVID courses, Math/Science Tutoring, OHSU-Richmond Clinic Student Health Center Services.



College and Career Readiness

Benson's academies offer a rigorous course of study, skill building and internships or apprenticeships in three high-demand careers areas.

Communications And Design Academy

- Photography/Video Technology
- Web Design/Video for the Web
- Radio Broadcasting KBPS (student-run public radio station)
- Computer Science Engineering

Health Science Academy

- Medical Assistant/Professions
- Nursing/Certified Nursing Assistant
- Dental Assistant

Tech Skills Academy

- Automotive Technology
- Building Construction Technology
- Electrical Technology
- Manufacturing Technology



Student Support



Benson students are:

Diverse - Benson is among the most diverse high schools in the Northwest, with white, Latinx, African-American, Native American and Asian American students. Benson fosters an environment of mutual respect and understanding that prepares students to excel in a global society.

College-and career-focused - Students can earn college credit in AP and Dual-credit classes in both academic and Career Tech classes through PCC and MHCC. More than two thirds of Benson students enter a two-year or four-year college or university immediately upon graduating. Another 15 percent attend career/technical trade schools, while some enter the work force or pursue other options.