



The mission of Jefferson High School is to create a collaborative and inclusive educational environment that actively promotes respect for diversity and requires cooperative and individual learning. Students of Jefferson will be well prepared to meet challenges, set and attain goals, contribute to their communities and continue the process of learning and developing throughout their lives.

Jefferson High School-MCAS

Jefferson High School-Middle College for Advanced Studies offers students a unique opportunity to participate fully in a high school experience and begin college-level coursework, preparing them for a variety of post-secondary experiences. Middle College builds academic knowledge, habits, and skills leading to the successful completion of college courses while in high school and prepares students for higher education and/or technical training after high school. All students who enroll at Jefferson are Middle College students. They are expected to complete the requirements of the Middle College diploma and earn at least twelve college credits.

Supports for High School and College Success begin in 9th grade with the Freshman Academy. Students take four of their eight courses with a class-sized cohort of peers sharing experiences in Science, Social Studies, English, and a College Readiness course. The focus during this year is on reading and writing skills, collaboration and successful completion of coursework so that students are ready for 10th grade and have room in their schedules in 11th and 12th grades to connect to PCC.

Some students earn up to one year of transferable college credit at PCC. At more than \$100 per credit for tuition, books and fees, Middle College can save students hundreds if not thousands of dollars in higher education costs. The class of 2015 was the first group of graduates to attend Jefferson HS-MCAS all four years. Altogether they earned nearly 1800 college credits.

Self Enhancement Inc., a Portland youth empowerment nonprofit, provides mentoring, tutoring and social supports to Jefferson students and their families to assist them in accessing and succeeding in college-level coursework.

Admission to Jefferson

Begin by visiting PPS' School Finder at www.pps.net/schoolchoice/Page/126 plug in your home address and find out your assigned high school.

- **If your address is in the Jefferson dual-assignment attendance area:** 8th graders are guaranteed entry at Jefferson but must submit a dual-assignment form to their school counselor before the end of the school choice lottery. Dual-assignment forms are posted at www.pps.net/Page/2343
- **If your address is outside the Jefferson dual-assignment attendance area:** Apply during the November school choice lottery. Review the lottery process and apply for transfer at www.pps.net/Page/2343
- **Direct questions to PPS Enrollment & Transfer Center,** 503-916-3205, enrollment-office@pps.net

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"PCC's partnership with Jefferson and SEI has been both a smart and rewarding investment in the future of this community. Seeing the hard work and dedication of Jefferson students in our lecture halls and classrooms speaks to the power of education to unlock a person's full potential."

—Dr. Karin Edwards, PCC-Cascade Campus President

Jefferson High School Highlights:

- **Health Science/Biotechnology:** A course of study including science, math, and career related education designed to prepare students for successful transition into post-secondary education.
- **Digital Media:** Students learn to produce digital photos, music, website elements, graphics and animation and make use of Jefferson's broadcast-quality video production facilities and studio to produce video for webcast and broadcast.
- **Dual Credit:** Dual Credit courses are offered in high school and approved to earn college credit based on the course level and content. At Jefferson, Junior English, Jefferson Dancers, Advanced Art, Pre-Calculus, Math 105 and Writing 121/122 are PCC dual-credit while Senior Inquiry offers an opportunity to earn PSU credit.
- **Art:** Studio Art Foundations, Darkroom and Digital Photography, Ceramics and Advanced Art/Dual Credit Art through PCC. Artist mentorship programs, community based art and visiting artists vary each year.

- **Dance:** Program includes the internationally known Jefferson Dancers. Professional dance instructors and choreographers teach dance technique classes. Advanced dance, including Jefferson Dancers, require prerequisites and a placement audition. The company toured in France in 2015 and 2017, Italy in 2011, and China in 2013. www.jeffersondancers.org
- **Athletics:** Basketball, football, soccer, softball, track and field, cheerleading, baseball, cross country, volleyball, wrestling, and swimming.
- **Leadership and Clubs:** National Honor Society, Black Student Union, Book Club, Women's Empowerment, Sun School Program, Robotics, Yearbook, Mock Trial, Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA), UNIDOS and more



"I've dreamed of college for so long. I'm so grateful that this opportunity is here at Jefferson. I'm going to be the first person in my family to graduate from college."

—Chanelle Crittenden, 2015 alumna, Willamette University

Path to Portland Community College

- **Grades 9 and 10:** Focus on core subjects at Jefferson and learn research and study skills to prepare to take college courses. Students move through classes in groups – called academies – with the same set of teachers, a proven strategy to support student achievement.
- **Upperclassmen:** As students are ready – as early as sophomore year - they add in courses at PCC-Cascade Campus. Students fill out an early admissions application and take a placement exam to determine appropriate classes.
- **PCC Offerings:** Students have access to most courses at PCC from core courses preparing students for a four-year degree to career or trade-oriented coursework including EMT, medical assistant, firefighter and heating, ventilation and cooling technician.
- **PCC support:** In addition to support from SEI mentors and Jefferson counselors, students are supported by a Middle College staff team at PCC.