

***Metropolitan Learning Center***  
**2017-2018 SCHOOL PROFILE**  
**CEEB Code: 380904**



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## **SCHOOL & COMMUNITY**

The Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC) is a liberal arts educational focus option for students provided by the 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 is also a cornerstone for student learning. Students are involved in many community and regional activities.

Current enrollment is 392 students and our ethnic breakdown is as follows: Black 8.8%, Asian 3.3%, Latino 14.3%, White 86.8%, Native America 8.8%, Pacific Islander 2.2%

## **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 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 semester schedule with students taking up to 8 classes per term. Our classes are organized in a block schedule, rotating A and B days. Students take 4 classes on A days and 4 classes on B days. Each block class is 90 minutes with the exception of one day a week (Metro). In Metro, all high school students participate in a 60 minute class that covers a variety of topics including social emotional lessons, support of school activities and post high school planning.

## **GRADING**

MLC does not issue grades on its transcripts. Instead students receive 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.

EXC (Exceeds) score range of 3.5-4.0

PRO (Proficient) score range of 2.5 -3.49

DEV (Developing) score range of 1.5-2.49 (no credit earned)

DNM (Does Not Meet) score range of 0.0- 1.49 (no credit earned)

**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