

Grant High School

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The Community

Portland Public Schools is an urban school district in Portland, Oregon. With more than 49,000 students in 81 schools, it is the largest school district in the Pacific Northwest.

The School

U.S. Grant High School is one of seven comprehensive high schools in Portland Public Schools. We serve neighborhood students and many transfer students grades 9–12. The population is diverse ethnically and economically. 14% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Our student body is talented, energetic, and diverse, reflecting the strong extra-curricular programs at Grant, including a large and competitive athletic program, a strong Black Student Union that developed school-wide race talks, the Gold-Crown Award-Winning Grant Magazine, the nationally ranked U.S. Constitution Team, Model United Nations, and over 50 school clubs and associations.

ULYSSES S. GRANT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021



School Organization

- Grant offers four 93 minute classes 3 days per week and four 76 minute classes 2 days per week on an alternating A/B block schedule.
- Semester calendar, each semester lasting 18 weeks
- Each course can earn 0.5 credit per semester

PPS Grading Practices in Response to COVID-19

Portland Public Schools, in response to COVID school closures and Oregon Department of Education mandates, moved to distance learning and Passing (P) and Incomplete (INC) grades for all high school coursework beginning March 2020. This grading adjustment is reflected on the spring 2020 portion of student transcripts, as well as any credits earned during the summer of 2020.

Proficiency credit and Passing (P) grades were issued for coursework that met Oregon Department of Education guidelines for proficiency. These credits are noted on students transcripts with proficiency next to the course name (i.e. Eng 4- Proficiency) and a grade of P (Pass).

Students graduating with the class of 2021 are required to meet the Oregon Diploma graduation requirements, as opposed to the standard Portland Public Schools Diploma. Finally, PPS high schools shifted to a 4x4 schedule for the 2020-21 school year with students taking 4 classes per quarter (each class earning .50 credit) and the opportunity to earn up to 8 credits per year.

School Demographics 2020-2021

Enrollment	1981 students
Asian	2.7%
Black	5.7%
Hispanic	7.5%
Native American	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%
White	70%
Multiracial	13%

Grading Calculations (GPA)

The GPA, computed at the end of the sixth semester, includes all subjects in which a student has received a letter grade. The transcript reflects a standard and weighted GPA/Rank. Weighted GPA is calculated by adding one point for each AP course completed. Grant High School reports standard GPA and rank on the secondary school report. If a student repeats a course (R), the GPA on the transcript is reflective of the higher grade earned.

A	4.0	NG	No Credit*
B	3.0	WX	No Credit*
C	2.0	WF	0.0**
D	1.0	I	Incomplete*
F	0.0		Pass/No Pass*

*NG, WX, I, P, and NP designations are not calculated in the cumulative GPA.

**Students receiving a WF elected to drop the course after the first 3 weeks of the semester. WF designations are calculated in the cumulative GPA.

Academic Statistics Class of 2020

National Merit Finalist: 1
National Merit Semi-Finalists: 5
Students who took the SAT: 364
Mean Average Score: 1136
National Score: 1059

Advanced Placement Testing:

In May of 2019, Grant students took a total of 839 Advanced Placement exams in the following subjects:

Art History, 2D & 3D Studio Art, Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Chemistry, English and Language Composition, Computer Science, Environmental Science, European History, Japanese Language & Culture, Human Geography, Psychology, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanical and Electricity & Magnetism, Statistics, Spanish Language & Culture, U.S. Government & Politics, U.S. History, World History

- 69 AP Scholars
- 30 AP Scholars with Honors
- 19 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 2 National AP scholar

Graduation Requirements 2020-2021

Grant students are required to earn a minimum of 24 credits (0.5 credits for each semester course successfully passed), during grades 9 through 12. Courses required for graduation include:
Language Arts 4.0 credits
Social Studies 3.0 credits
Laboratory Science 3.0 credits
Mathematics 3.0 credits
World Language 2.0 credits
Physical Education 1.0 credit
Health Education 1.0 credit
Electives* 7.0 credits

*1.0 of elective credit must be earned in fine arts, a 3rd year of a world language, or career & technical education

Curriculum

Grant High School offers a comprehensive selection of courses in the areas of Business Education, Mathematics, Performing & Visual Arts, Science, Social Science, and World Languages. Students may challenge themselves by enrolling in Advanced Placement, PCC, and PSU Challenge courses in many subject areas. A variety of PSU and PCC courses are offered – see below. Limits are no longer imposed. Titles include those previously offered as well as current courses.

Students who have exhausted curricular opportunities at Grant may apply for academic study through Reed College's Young Scholar Program or the LINK program at PSU. If selected, students attend class on the respective college's campus in their specified field of study.

Language Arts

English 1–2, English 3–4
Film & Literature

Mathematics

Algebra 1–2/Algebra Innovations
Geometry
Advanced Algebra 3–4
Pre-Calculus

Science

Anatomy & Physiology
Biology
Chemistry
Physics

World Language

Japanese 1st – 3rd year
Japanese Society: Immersion
Spanish 1st – 5th year

Social Science

Living in the U.S./U.S. History
History of the Middle East
Modern World History
Psychology
Vietnam/Amer. Way of War
U.S. Constitution Team*
U.S. Government & Economics

Upper Level Electives

Intermediate/Adv. Photo
Intermediate/Adv. Visual Art
Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band
Senior Theater
Advanced Dance
Student Leadership
Royal Blues
Sports & Entertainment Marketing
Intermediate/Adv. Graphic Design
Engineering & Design
Android Innovation Lab
Robotics Team

Advanced Placement & College-Level Courses

Grant High School encourages students to take advanced courses when they feel prepared for the rigor and challenges these courses offer. Dual credit opportunities are identified as PSU, PCC, and/or College in the course title.

AP Art Studio
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Human Geography
AP Physics Algebra-Based

AP European History
AP Language & Composition
AP Spanish

PCC Library Asst. Internship
PCC Senior Theatre: Page to Prod
PCC Advanced Biology
PCC Library Assist. Internship
PCC Film & Literature
PCC Feminism & Gender Studies
PCC Intermediate Art
PCC Latin American Literature
PCC Math in Society

PSU Spanish 9-10
PSU Global City
PSU Newswriting*
PSU Probability & Statistics
PSU World Civilizations
PSU African American Literature

*Nationally-recognized

The Japanese Language & Cultural Studies Program

awards credit based on students' demonstrated language and cultural skills determined by national standards. The program offers learning opportunities ranging from no prior Japanese language learning to immersion, heritage, and significant in-country living experiences. Placement is based on student's proficiency level in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Students at Beginners to Novice level enroll in *KISO Course* offerings; Intermediate to Advanced levels enroll in *SOGO*.

Recent Graduating Classes 2018–2019

- Approximately 81% of graduates have continued their education.
- 61% enrolled at 4-year institutions
- 21% enrolled at 2-year institutions

Post-Secondary Acceptance 2008-2018

American University
Arizona State University
Azusa Pacific University
Bangor University
Barnard College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Baylor University
Beloit College
Bethel University
Boston University
Bowdoin College

Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California Polytechnic State University, San Louis Obispo
California State University: Chico,
Long Beach, Humbolt
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll College
Chapman University
Chapman University
City College of New York
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
College of William and Mary
College of Wooster
Colorado College
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell College
Cornish College of the Arts
Cotley College
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Drexel University
Earlham College
Emerson College
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franklin College, Switzerland
Franklin Pierce University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Grinnell College
Guilford College
Hamilton College
Hamline University
Hampshire College
Harvey Mudd College
Howard University
Ithaca College
Johnson C. Smith University
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lawrence University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mills College
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pacific Lutheran University

Pacific NW College of Art
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queen's University
Quest University
Reed College
Rhodes College
Sarah Lawrence College
Scripps College
Seattle University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist
Spelman College
St. John's College
St. Mary's College of CA
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Texas Southern University
The Evergreen State College
The Juilliard School
The New School
Tulane University
United States Marine Corps
University of Alaska
University of Arizona
University of British Columbia
University of California: Berkeley,
Davis, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Hawaii
University of Idaho
University of Kansas
University of Montana
University of Nevada
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Vermont
University of Victoria Canada
University of Washington
University of York
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
Whitman College
Willamette University
Williams College
Yale University
Yeshiva University