



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS

Frequently Asked Questions

What is “Portland Public Schools 2025”?

Portland Public Schools (PPS) is in a period of rapid growth, and there are a number of decisions the district needs to make for the future as it continues to grow and pursue its priorities. Oregon’s Kitchen Table is hosting an online survey from April 1 – May 1, 2015 that asks a series of questions about its priorities – on boundaries, educational programs, equitable access to high quality schools, buildings, and middle grade placement - to determine what values and beliefs the community holds moving forward. PPS is also conducting broad outreach around the district to hear from as many families – particularly those whose voices are not typically heard – through the survey (both online and in paper). In addition, Oregon’s Kitchen Table has put together guidance for Community Gatherings, where neighbors, friends, community groups, and other small groups can gather and hold discussions around these questions. This effort makes up Portland Public Schools 2025.

How is the survey related to the boundary review?

Superintendent Carole Smith has formed the District-wide Boundary Review Advisory Committee (D-BRAC)—a committee of administrators, teachers, parents and professional experts—to help her and the school board make future school boundary decisions. The survey asks a number of questions specifically related to boundary review. Every student in PPS is assigned to a neighborhood school based on where the student lives, though some students may attend other schools for different reasons.

The district draws boundary lines in neighborhoods to make student assignments to schools. PPS has some schools with a small enrollment and some that have too many students for their buildings. The district has committed to look at all of the school boundaries and make changes for the 2016-17 school year and beyond

Where did the survey come from?

A committee made up of Oregon’s Kitchen Table staff, Portland State University representatives, PPS staff, and members of District-wide Boundary Review Advisory Committee (D-BRAC), created the survey.

Why should I take the survey or participate in a community gathering?

Portland Public Schools 2025 is a chance for PPS to hear from the whole community. Results will be shared with the community, PPS committees, PPS staff, Superintendent Carole Smith and the PPS Board. You may choose to take the survey (either online or on paper) or you may want to gather with friends, fellow parents, neighbors, or community members to discuss the questions.

Shape the future of our schools. • Vamos a diseñar el futuro de nuestras escuelas. • Kiến tạo tương lai của trường học chúng ta.

• Повлияйте на будущее наших школ. • 塑造了我們學校的未來。 • Qaabeynta mustaqbalka dambe ee dugsiyadeena.

Portland Public Schools is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer.

What is a community gathering?

A community gathering is an opportunity for neighbors, friends, community groups and other small groups to gather and hold discussions around the questions in the Portland Public Schools 2025 survey. If you would like to host a community gathering, go to <http://oregonskitchentable.org/portland-public-schools/> for the community gathering packet.

Who is should take the survey?

It is open to everyone who lives in the Portland Public Schools district, including PPS parents/guardians, students, and staff as well as residents who don't have children in PPS schools.

Why the whole community?

Portland is a city that embraces its public schools. The greater community – including current PPS families, former PPS families, future PPS families, neighborhoods, community groups and others – has an interest in high quality neighborhood schools for all students. Great schools help build a great city for all of us.

Why does PPS ask my neighborhood, education level, gender, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity in the survey?

We ask everyone responding to the survey to provide this information, which is always optional because we want to make sure we hear from the whole community and that all voices are heard.

What will you do with my answers?

Survey information will be used by school district to help inform decisions about school boundaries, educational programs, the enrollment and transfer system, buildings, and student placement. Your input will be essential to D-BRAC, which is working on potential boundary changes for the 2016-2017 school year. All answers will be confidential and will not be associated with your name or contact information as per [Oregon's Kitchen Table's privacy policy](#).

How do I take the survey and where do I get the survey?

You can participate in Portland Public Schools 2025 a few different ways from April 1–May 1, 2015:

- Take the survey online at www.oregonskitchentable.org
- Print the survey from <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/>. Return surveys at any PPS school.
- Pick up a paper copy from your neighborhood school's front office.
- If you – or a group of people – are interested in hosting a gathering and hold discussions around the survey questions (a community gathering), you can download materials at <http://oregonskitchentable.org/portland-public-schools/>

Who is Oregon's Kitchen Table and why do I have to use their website?

Oregon's Kitchen Table is part of Portland State University's Policy Consensus Center and is hosting Portland Public Schools 2025. Please visit www.oregonskitchentable.org for more information. Completing the survey online is preferable because you can take future PPS surveys through this site and online completion helps with tabulating survey responses.

What will Oregon's Kitchen Table do with the registration information I share?

When you participate in Oregon's Kitchen Table, the answers you provide will be reported by the National Policy Consensus Center at Portland State University to aggregate in an anonymous form. When you respond to a survey, your account is linked to your survey response via a system-generated identification number. Survey responses are never publicly or individually shared with account information attached to them, and your identifying information is never shared with survey responses. For more information about Oregon's Kitchen Table privacy policy please go to <http://oregonskitchentable.org/privacy-policy/>.

Why do I need to create an account with Oregon's Kitchen Table to take the Portland Public Schools 2025 Survey?

An account allows you direct access to the surveys relevant to you. By joining Oregon's Kitchen Table, you will be notified of future PPS surveys and the results of any surveys you take. You can stop taking the survey and resume taking it during the time the survey is open April 1–May 1. You can also change your contact information such as email or zip code, if either changes. This system also allows Oregon's Kitchen Table to ensure that so a person only participates in the survey once.

How secure is the survey information on Oregon's Kitchen Table?

Your registration information can only be accessed by an individual employed at the National Policy Consensus Center. PPS cannot access the information connected to individual accounts.

I do not have access to a computer or email address. How can I take the Portland Public Schools 2025 Survey?

Please visit your neighborhood school's office or one of the community organizations partnering with the district. They will have paper copies of the survey in English, Chinese, Spanish, Somali, Russian and Vietnamese.

I speak a language that is not one of the translated languages. Where can I find help?

The Portland Public Schools 2025 Survey is available in Chinese, Spanish, Somali, Russian and Vietnamese. For support in a language that is not available, please contact the PPS Language Line at (503) 916-3589.

Language Lines	Phone Numbers
中文 Chinese	(503) 916-3585
Español Spanish	(503) 916-3582
Soomaaliga Somali	(503) 916-3586
Русский Russian	(503) 916-3583
Tiếng Việt Vietnamese	(503) 916-3584
Other Languages	(503) 916-3589

I'm having trouble taking the survey online. Who do I call for help?

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