



Grover Cleveland High School is one of nine public high schools in Portland, Oregon serving approximately 1585 students from socio-economically mixed neighborhoods in inner southeast Portland. As a four-year comprehensive high school, Cleveland is renowned for its high academic standards in all content areas, multiple opportunities in the arts, and a warm and accepting school climate.

In the fall of 2020, Cleveland was the recipient of two national awards. Selected as the NFHS Performing Arts School of Excellence, CHS is the first urban school to win this award. Lauded for its “exemplary commitment” to the performing arts, our band, choir, dance, speech and debate and theatre programs were honored. Additionally, Special Olympics named CHS a National Unified Champion School to recognize the efforts “to make your community more inclusive of all people, a more accepting place for all.”

Classes are held in a historic three-story building, bounded by Southeast Powell Boulevard between 26th and 28th Avenues, while the school’s renovated athletic Stadium, featuring a turf field and all-weather track, is located nearby.

Accessibility and success in appropriate coursework is emphasized, including specialized programs of support for English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and those with designated Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Curriculum Highlights

- International Baccalaureate coursework with the opportunity to earn an IB diploma. The rigorous program encourages students across the globe to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who help to create a better world through intercultural understanding and respect. Every junior is enrolled in three IB subject areas: Biology, History and English.
- Career Technical Education (CTE) courses in carpentry/construction, culinary arts, digital media production, graphic design and mass communications.
- Four World Languages: Mandarin Chinese, French, German and Spanish, from beginning to International Baccalaureate level.
- 9th grade Academies: freshmen transition into high school in smaller Academies that feature the same group of students with the same three teachers for three core classes. Students have the benefit of having the same counselor all four years of high school.
- Multitude of elective course offerings that range from performing arts to speech and debate to Speed Strength Training to Mindful Studies and many more.

Mission:

Cleveland High School offers opportunities that students find relevant, accessible and challenging. We encourage active, responsible citizens and provide a community where everyone is included. All students find learning that inspires their passion.



School facts

Nickname: Warriors

School colors: Kelly green & lemon yellow

Unique traditions:

Homecoming hall decorations and Spirit Award contest; varied all-school assemblies; senior-directed One-Act plays; “Springtasia”, a music celebration and art exhibit



"Cleveland's combination of IB programming and high level arts courses has allowed me to explore my interests both academically and artistically. The teachers are incredibly supportive and always will take the time to work with students independently when they need it. The Cleveland IB program has helped me become a critical thinker in all aspects of my life, and I feel ready for college next year."

— Kate Daley, class of 2021



"During my time at Cleveland, I have met teachers who have stayed after class to talk with me, who have found interesting opportunities for me, and who have been infinitely supportive in my personal and academic journeys. I have had classes at Cleveland that have significantly changed and informed my worldview. I have been involved in activities, programs and friendships that have provided me with innumerable opportunities to reflect and grow. I will always feel grateful to have been a Warrior."

— Lena Tinker, co-president of the class of 2021



Athletics and Activities

- All OSAA sanctioned sports: baseball, basketball, cheer, cross country, dance, football, golf, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, ski racing, snowboarding, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling
- Award winning band, choir, and speech and debate programs
- Theatre program that features multiple performances each year along with student-directed productions
- "We the People" Constitution team and Mock Trial teams compete in local and regional events
- Student-organized clubs range from student unions (Asian, Black, Latinx, Native, Pacific Islander) to gender empowerment to Sexuality & Gender Alliance to service organizations

Student Services

College & Career Center— Dedicated to serving students in all grades in their post-high school planning, the College & Career Center provides students with guidance about careers, technical/professional schools, and colleges. Trained CCC volunteers assist students on a drop-in basis or by appointment.

School-Based Health Center— Provides comprehensive services including diagnosis and treatment of injuries/illnesses; sports physicals; mental health issues; pregnancy prevention; and dental and vision referrals. Located inside CHS for 28 years, the Health Center, funded by Multnomah County, serves an average of 75-80 percent of the student body.

Student Services Center— Houses offices for academic counselors and student support staff, including social worker, school psychologist, student success advocates, and restorative justice coordinator.

"We are an International Baccalaureate World School dedicated to supporting every student to graduate from high school and successfully enter a college and/or career. We are a school community dedicated to honoring the diversity of our student body and providing spaces where all of our student voices are heard and valued. We continue to engage our students in culturally relevant learning experiences and provide opportunities for students to explore their passions through the wide variety of courses and activities we offer."

— Jo Ann Wadkins, Principal