

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

PORTLAND, OREGON



## GRAND OPENING

September 7, 2019

# THE HISTORICAL MODERNIZATION



## DETAILS

1,700 Students

294,194 Square Feet

\$158 Million

LEED Silver Certification

17.5% MWESB Participation



## SCHEDULE

Planning & Design June 2015

Ground Breaking May 2017

Construction Start June 2017

Construction Complete August 2019

First Day of School August 28, 2019

Construction Duration 53 Months



## TAKE A PEEK INSIDE

Upon entering the newly modernized high school you will be greeted by a new, three story staircase that is the central hub of the school connecting the entryway to the auditorium, student commons and the new maker space.

Behind the stairs is the fully renovated historic auditorium and nearby is a new 165 seat Blackbox Theater, an ideal location for one-act plays.

Adjacent to the Blackbox is a new dance studio and a flexible space for gathering and practicing.

The new library spans the southwest addition. The student commons/cafe is located on both the lower and main levels of the school. The lower level commons connect directly to the north courtyard, with places to eat outside.

The Science wing, located in the northwest corner of the main building, is comprised of 12 science classrooms. Visual Arts is now located in the original 1923 gym building housing seven classrooms for 2D art, 3D/Ceramics, digital photography, printmaking, graphic design and digital media.

A new athletic facility is in the southwest corner of campus with a main gym with seating for 1,700, an auxiliary gym, wrestling room, and weight room with access to an artificial turf courtyard for use by the athletes and PE classes.



“It’s phenomenal and a showcase  
for our community.”

Carol Campbell  
Principal, Grant High School

## HISTORY

Grant High School opened in September 1924. It became a school that students, parents, faculty, and the community helped to build and maintain the GRANT SPIRIT, which they enjoy today. “Ulysses Simpson Grant High School” was the School Board’s unanimous selection for the name. Since that time, Grant Generals have led the city and the state in excellence in academics, athletics and school participation. The high school was classified as an Oregon Historic Site, therefore it was imperative to maintain the historic appearance and aesthetic during the modernization. The project team paid close attention to preserving details including masonry color, interior stained glass signage and intricate decorative terra cotta column work.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Grant High School has a strong community that includes the teachers, school staff, students, neighbors, vendors, PTA, Booster Club, and Alumni Association - all invited to participate in the Design Advisory Group (DAG) for the modernization. The DAG was engaged in master planning and design through design development providing feedback to the design team and facilitating outreach to the broader community. The DAG provided the design team with unique insights since they know the operations of the high school, the students who learn there and the opportunities that exist for improvement. Portland Public School has educational goals and design guidelines, but each school has a unique community. After including: partnership opportunities, services offered to students, historical significance of the building, and community use of the school facilities.

“I am excited! It looks modern but with a sense of the Old Grant.”

Ruby Paustain  
Junior, Grant High School

## PROJECT TEAM

OWNER	Portland Public Schools
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	CBRE   Heery
ARCHITECT	Mahlum Architects
GENERAL CONTRACTOR	Andersen / Colas Construction
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT	CBRE   Heery
CIVIL ENGINEERING	Balzhiser & Hubbard Engineers
ENVELOPE	Morrison Herschfield
MEP ENGINEERING	Interface Engineering
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	Mayer/Reed
THEATER	PLA Designs
ENVIRONMENTAL	APEX
AUDIO/VIDEO, VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION	Greenbusch
ACCESSIBILITY DESIGN	Karen Braitmayer
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER	KPFF
SCHEDULING	Scheduling and Information Services, Inc.
FOOD SERVICE	Halliday
LAND USE PLANNING	Angelo Planning Group
COST ESTIMATION	Rider Levett Bucknall

