

Jefferson High School Modernization Master Planning



PPS will soon start the master planning process for the modernization of historic Jefferson High School Middle College for Advanced Studies. Master planning is the first step in determining the shape of the new school. PPS is seeking input from the Jefferson community about the design and is looking for volunteers to join the Jefferson Master Planning Committee. To apply send an email to JHSMod@pps.net or visit https://www.pps.net/JeffersonBond for more information.

All voices welcome

PPS is preparing a robust engagement process and we want to hear from the many diverse voices within the Jefferson community. With full recognition of Portland's history of inequity, especially related to redevelopment efforts within historically black neighborhoods, PPS is committed to making sure all voices are heard as this important project moves forward.





Modernization Project Details

In late 2019, after a series of public meetings over a four month period, a **Jefferson High School Conceptual Master Plan** was completed as part of the planning effort for the 2020 Bond. This conceptual plan will be used as the starting point for the new Jefferson Modernization Master Plan, but the new Master Planning Committee (MPC) will not be restricted by those plans.



About Jefferson

Historic Jefferson High School, located in the North Portland Albina neighborhood, has long served as one of the anchors of the Black community in Portland. The 14-acre site includes the original 1909 school building, plus later additions, and a track and field. Jefferson is a city-wide focus high school offering core and college skills preparation courses as well as sports and activities. Students take courses at Portland Community

College, free of charge as part of the Middle College Experience. Jefferson is known for its focus on health science education, and for its Performing and Visual Arts Programs including the internationally renowned Jefferson Dancers. The school has a strong roster of community partners, including Latino Network and Self Enhancement Inc (SEI) that offers mentoring and social support services to students.



Jefferson Modernization Timeline

A Jefferson Master Planning Committee will be formed in the coming weeks to begin work in the spring of 2022 and last for several months. In addition, several public design workshops will be held to allow the greater community an opportunity to weigh in on the design process as it develops. After a master plan is finalized, the project moves into design followed by construction starting in 2024. A newly modernized Jefferson is scheduled to open at the start of the 2026-27 school year.

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