

Leodis V. McDaniel Modernization



Modernization Overview

In the fall of 2021, Leodis V. McDaniel High School (formerly Madison) will reopen as a fully modernized, 292,000 square foot facility with a capacity for 1,700 students. Over 170,000 square feet of new construction, including two theaters, a student commons and two gyms will blend seamlessly with the original mid-century modern buildings. This new 21st century learning environment will provide Portland's most diverse student population, who speak over 30 languages, with new facilities, programs and opportunities for success.

The school was designed through a multi-year planning and design effort that gathered the ideas of hundreds of staff, students, and community stakeholders. This was accomplished through a series of listening sessions, public meetings and hands-on interactive workshops in order to create a campus that will inspire and support students and staff for decades to come.



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Leodis V. McDaniel Modernization website: https://www.pps.net/Page/1840

Modernization Highlights

Cafeteria / Commons and Crossroads Atrium

The commons will serve as the heart of the modernized school and will act as a welcoming space at the main entrance. The Crossroads Atrium will connect all major wings of the building and all three classroom levels.

Science Wing

Science labs will be consolidated near the front of the school and highlighted to serve as a shining example of the new school.

Performing Arts

A brand new, state-of-the-art music & theater facility will serve the school and local community.

Community Resources

A child care center, public health clinic, and community food pantry will continue to serve the community.

Athletics Facilities

The new gym building will include a 1,700-seat main gym, auxiliary gym, weight room, wrestling/dance room. The updated field area includes a new softball field.

Career Technical Education CTE

Students in the newly modernized school will have access to specialty labs for digital design, engineering, robotics, digital art, biomedical, sculpture, construction, and sustainable agriculture. In addition, a brand-new Makerspace will support project based learning.

Project Timeline

SPRING 2016 – SPRING 2019

Planning & Design

Master Planning / Schematic Design / Design Development / Construction Documents

SUMMER 2019 – SUMMER 2021

Construction

The McDaniel Community will relocate to the Marshall Campus for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

FALL 2021

Fully modernized Leodis V. McDaniel High School opens





Construction Update

Construction has less than a year to go. The modernized campus has a new look and layout. The exteriors of the new gym and theater building are nearly complete. Much of the focus now is on interior work and that will continue throughout the coming months. Mechanical systems and insulation is followed by drying, painting and finishing work. In the spring as weather improves you'll see landscaping and site work ramp up. It won't be long before students will return to the most updated high school in the District.



PPS BOE Approves Name Change from Madison to Leodis V. McDaniel High School

For several months, the Madison Renaming Committee engaged the community through robust outreach efforts and spent countless hours in careful consideration of the most appropriate name that fits the school's C.R.E.E.D (Community, Respect, Education, Equity, Diversity) values. They selected Leodis V. McDaniel, a greatly respected, well-loved, and highly celebrated former principal of Madison High. McDaniel was one of only a handful of Black High school principals in Oregon in the 1970s and 1980s and was tasked with leading Madison through desegregation and busing. McDaniel was wildly popular with students and staff while earning numerous awards and accolades from the many community organizations to which he contributed. For more information please visit the Madison High School web page.



