



**The mission of Jefferson High School is to create a collaborative and inclusive educational environment that actively promotes respect for diversity and requires cooperative and individual learning. Students of Jefferson will be well prepared to meet challenges, set and attain goals, contribute to their communities and continue the process of learning and developing throughout their lives.**

**J**efferson High School offers qualified students a path straight through college. Jefferson students take classes, at no charge to them, at neighboring **Portland Community College – Cascade Campus**. Students are expected to earn at least 24 high school credits and 12 college credits to receive the Jefferson Middle College Diploma. Students can also take PCC classes over the summer.

Some students earn up to one year of transferable college credit at PCC. At more than \$100 per credit for tuition, books and fees, Middle College can save students hundreds if not thousands of dollars in higher education costs. The class of 2015 was the first group of graduates to attend Jefferson HS-MCAS all 4 years. Altogether they earned nearly 1800 college credits.

University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Portland State University offer gap funding to Middle College graduates who qualify for a federal Pell grant and meet the university’s admissions requirements so that they can complete a four-year college degree. Willamette University, Pacific University and Warner Pacific College offer scholarships to one or more Jefferson Middle College graduates each year.

**Self Enhancement Inc.**, a Portland youth empowerment nonprofit, provides mentoring, tutoring and social supports to Jefferson students and their families to assist them in accessing and succeeding in college-level coursework.

“We call it the Corridor to College,” says Jefferson Principal Margaret Calvert. “In the space of a dozen blocks between North Kerby and North Commercial you have Self Enhancement, Jefferson and PCC-Cascade Campus. We have linked arms with our Jefferson students to forge a path to college.”

## Getting in to Jefferson

**Enrollment at Jefferson High School is on the rise. The freshman Class of 2019 is 166 students strong. School-wide 524 students attend Jefferson.**

- **Students in Jefferson dual-assignment attendance area:** 8th graders are guaranteed a slot at Jefferson. Must submit a dual assignment form to their school counselor by the end of February. Dual assignment forms posted at [www.pps.net/schoolchoice](http://www.pps.net/schoolchoice)
- **Students outside attendance area:** Apply during the Jan./Feb. transfer cycle. Download transfer application at [www.pps.net/schoolchoice](http://www.pps.net/schoolchoice)
- **Identify your high school:** [www.pps.net/schoolchoice](http://www.pps.net/schoolchoice), click “Find Your School.”

- **Questions:** PPS Enrollment & Transfer Center, 503-916-3205, [enrollment-office@pps.net](mailto:enrollment-office@pps.net)



## Jefferson High School • Middle College for Advanced Studies

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*“PCC’s partnership with Jefferson and SEI has been both a smart and rewarding investment in the future of this community. Seeing the hard work and dedication of Jefferson students in our lecture halls and classrooms speaks to the power of education to unlock a person’s full potential.”*

—Dr. Karin Edwards, PCC-Cascade Campus President



*“Student success isn’t only about what happens in the classroom. SEI partners with Jefferson to shore up students and their families with social supports and resources so students can do their best. We’re proud to be a part of the Demo team.”*

—Tony Hopson, President and CEO, Self Enhancement Inc

### Jefferson High School Highlights:

- **Health Science/Biotechnology:** a course of study including science, math, and career related education designed to prepare students for successful transition into post-secondary education, training, and future careers in the sciences, healthcare, or biotechnology.
- **Digital Media:** Students learn to produce digital photos, music, website elements, graphics and animation and make use of Jefferson’s broadcast-quality video production facilities and studio to produce video for webcast and broadcast.
- **PCC Offerings at Jefferson-Dual Credit:** Offered in high school and approved to earn college credit based on the course level and content. At Jefferson, Junior English, Jefferson Dancers, Advanced Art and Writing 121/122 bear dual-credit.
- **Art:** Studio Art Foundations, Darkroom and Digital Photography, Ceramics and Advanced Art/Dual Credit Art through PCC. Artist mentorship programs, community-based art and visiting artists vary each year.
- **Dance:** Program includes the internationally known Jefferson Dancers. Professional dance instructors and choreographers teach dance technique classes. Advanced dance, including Jefferson Dancers, require prerequisites and a placement audition. The company toured in Germany in 2009, Italy in 2011, and China in 2013. [www.jeffersondancers.org](http://www.jeffersondancers.org)



- **Athletics:** Basketball, football, soccer, softball, track and field, cheerleading, baseball, cross country, volleyball and wrestling. The Jefferson Democrats won the men’s 5A state championship in basketball in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013 and 2014 and the women’s state championship in basketball in 2008 and 2010. All PPS high schools, now play in the 6A Portland Interscholastic League (PIL).
- **Leadership and Clubs:** National Honor Society, TAG, Black Student Union, Women’s Empowerment, Jeffersonian Newspaper, Rites of Passage Literary Magazine, Sun School Program, Robotics, Yearbook, Mock Trial, Gay Straight Alliance, and more.

*“I’ve dreamed of college for so long. I’m so grateful that this opportunity is here at Jefferson. I’m going to be the first person in my family to graduate from college.”*

—Chanelle Crittenden, 2015 alumna, Willamette University

### Path to Portland Community College

- **Freshmen and sophomores:** Focus on core subjects at Jefferson and learn research and study skills to prepare to take college courses. Students move through classes in groups – called academies – with the same set of teachers, a proven strategy to support student achievement.
- **Upperclassmen:** As students are ready – as early as sophomore year - they add in courses at PCC-Cascade Campus. Students fill out an early admissions application and take the COMPASS placement exam to determine appropriate classes.
- **PCC Offerings:** Students have access to most courses at PCC from core courses preparing students for a four-year degree to career or trade-oriented coursework including EMT, medical assistant, firefighter, and heating, ventilation and cooling technician.
- **PCC support:** In addition to support from SEI mentors and Jefferson counselors, students are supported by a Middle College staff team at PCC.