Lincoln High School is one of the top college-prep International Baccalaureate (IB) high schools in the United States. LHS is consistently ranked as one of “America’s Best High Schools” by US News and World Report, Newsweek and the Washington Post.

The IB program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. IB students are lifelong learners. 80% of all LHS students take 1 or more IB classes. Lincoln boasts thriving International Studies and Spanish Immersion programs and world language classes including Arabic, French, German, Mandarin Chinese and ASL. Internationalism is a core value at Lincoln.

Lincoln students — who come from diverse educational and economic backgrounds — are actively involved in and think critically about the world in which they live. In addition, students participate in 6A athletics, a host of club sports and a variety of engaging and meaningful extracurricular activities and community service projects.

Portland Public Schools’ first and oldest high school, Lincoln is located in downtown Portland, within easy walking distance of Portland State University, museums, cultural events, exhibits, high-tech startups, and opportunities for internships in a variety of fields. Master planning for the full modernization of Lincoln, along with Madison and Benson, begins this school year in anticipation of a bond measure going to voters for consideration in the fall of 2016.

Program highlights

▶ Lincoln’s International Studies Center focuses on foreign languages and international issues. Lincoln’s location is perfect for learning about and experiencing the many international aspects of our community.

▶ Lincoln is an approved IB school able to prepare students for the IB Diploma. LHS students regularly meet or exceed the international averages on IB tests.

▶ The Spanish Immersion program focuses on students developing fluency and using the Spanish language in interdisciplinary studies.

▶ Lincoln offers growing Career Technical Education (CTE) programs focusing on Business Management and Marketing, Computer Science, Media and Culinary Arts.

▶ STEAM skills are fostered through engaging computer science and advanced computer programming classes and project based opportunities including, Innovate Oregon, First Robotics, Science Bowl, PSU Innovation Challenge and NW Women in Technology (NWIT).

▶ Students enjoy a wide array of electives including: Anthropology, Philosophy, Environmental Studies, Reading the Media, Graphic Arts & Web Design, Mindfulness and Yoga, Guitar lab, Math Connections and Astronomy.

▶ A variety of support classes for all students with a wide range of needs including Special education and ESL support classes, Academic centers, content specific support classes, Avid college-prep program, peer-tutors, writing center, and math re-testing center.

▶ Lincoln has a robust visual, music and performing arts program offering classes in Jazz, Concert Band, Strings, Theatre Arts, Acting and Design Workshops, Graphic Arts, Photography, Ceramics and much more.
Activities and athletics

Lincoln students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities—from successful athletic programs to engaging and inspiring activities and clubs.

- Lincoln High School competes at the Oregon 6A level. On the field, court, track, golf course and ski slopes and in the pool, the athletics program offers a wide array of opportunities for student-athletes of all interests.
- Lincoln teams have earned multiple state titles across a variety of sports including, Lacrosse, Rugby, Track and Field, and Soccer.
- Students participate in a host of clubs. Some focus on community service, others education or the arts; all create deeper connections between Lincoln High School and its students.
- Academic activities and clubs include, Speech and Debate, Mock Trial, Constitution team, Chess, Mecha, Black Student Union, Science Bowl, Ultimate Frisbee, Film and Ping Pong.

Award-winning faculty


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“It’s pretty cool that Lincoln is downtown. The IB program offers students a world perspective. Students area really passionate and involved. There are so many opportunities at Lincoln.”
— Montse Mendez, Class of 2016, Pres. New Student Club

Nationally acclaimed students

- 2014 LHS Constitution team winner of the National “We the People” competition—only US school to win this competition five times
- 16 National merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists, 32 Commended Scholars in Class of 2016
- Only Oregon teen student inducted into 2015-16 National Hall of Fame of Scientists and Inventors

Local partnerships

Lincoln has valuable relationships with corporate and academic partners including, Nike, Intel, Damler, OHSU, PSU, Lewis & Clark, Concordia, and Oregon Culinary Institute. Parents are also actively involved as Lincoln’s primary partners.