



Roosevelt High School is transforming. The \$92 million modernization of Roosevelt's stately old building broke ground in spring 2015 and will be completed for fall 2017 thanks to the PPS School Building Improvement Bond. Students remain at Roosevelt and start moving into new educational spaces during the 2016-17 school year as Roosevelt blossoms with a central student commons, larger classrooms, career learning spaces, a new theater, library and community services.

And it's not just Roosevelt's building that's on the rise.

The school already boasts new classroom technology, new programs, a new track and field, an outstanding drama department and much more. Enrollment is over 950 students, up by more than 200 in the last six years. The percentage of students at benchmark and the graduation rate have improved by double digits, with graduation rates achieving a five-year high of 64 percent.

In Roosevelt, students and families have a neighborhood high school with strong leadership, dedicated educators, expanded resources and the backing of a proud St. Johns and alumni community. Be part of Roosevelt's rise.

## School Highlights

- **Advanced Placement:** (AP) AP Calculus AB and BC, AP English Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, AP Spanish Literature, AP Spanish Language, and AP US Government.
- **AVID:** Roosevelt has a strong AVID college preparatory program with 30% of our student population enrolled for the 2014-2015 academic year. Structured support in advanced reading, writing, and research teaches students college and AP readiness skills. Students learn readiness skills for AP classes and college through structured support in advanced reading, writing and research techniques.
- **College credit:** Seniors earn 15 college credits in PSU Inquiry, language arts/science co-taught by Roosevelt and PSU. We also offer five dual-credit courses offered through Portland Community College and Western Oregon University.
- **Cutting-edge Technology:** From iPads for student and teacher use to an Innovation Lab.
- **Electives:** Jazz band, Mock Trial, Journalism, Introduction to Teaching, Psychology, Engineering, Robotics, Construction Management, and more.
- **Outstanding Drama Program:** Acting, Stagecraft, Improvisation and more, led by Drama Director Jo Strom Lane. Students have performed at an international theater festival.
- **Check it out:** [www.rooseveltheatre.org](http://www.rooseveltheatre.org)
- **Talented teachers:** Three teachers have their National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification, the highest training level awarded. Teacher Elena Garcia-Velasco was recognized as the Oregon Teacher of the Year.
- **World Languages and Spanish Immersion:** Japanese and Spanish. We offer a rigorous program of study for students who either speak Spanish at home or who come from a Spanish Immersion program. Our Spanish Immersion program helps students develop reading, writing, and oral fluency. Students can also earn the Oregon Seal of Biliteracy. The Seal recognizes a graduating student's academic proficiency in two or more languages.
- **Wraparound support:** Services tailored to student's social, academic and career needs and aspirations through SUN Community Schools, Step Up, on-site health clinic and more.



**Filip Hristic, Principal**

“At Roosevelt, students can find their voice and reach their potential. We hold students to high expectations and we are deeply invested in our students’ success”

## Proud Partners

RHS Boosters and Alumni, Work Development Group, Site Council, Parent/Teacher/Student Association, SouthLake Church, Northminster Presbyterian Church, PSU, PCC, UP, Multnomah County, Neighborhood House, Albina Head Start and many St. Johns businesses.

## Writing and Publishing Center

With the generous financial support of Columbia Sportswear CEO Tim Boyle, the RHS Writing and Publishing Center helps students:

- Develop and expand writing, critical thinking and presentation skills.
- Learn to write effective college applications and scholarship essays.
- Become comfortable using a writing center like those at colleges.
- Produce, publish and sell books featuring students and local authors.
- Create a traveling exhibit about social justice leaders.

## Athletics

Nike, the city of Portland, Roosevelt alumni and community members teamed with PPS to build a new athletic field (2009) and a new track. Roosevelt now competes in the Portland Interscholastic League (PIL) at the 6A level.

- Fall sports: Cross Country, Football, Soccer and Volleyball
- Winter sports: Basketball, Wrestling and Swimming
- Spring Sports: Softball, Baseball, Track, Golf and Tennis

## College and Career Readiness

- College and Career Transition Center: Mission – all students college ready, career focused.
- Major Science Technology, Engineering and Math (**STEM**) Lab School grant along with George Middle School to encourage students to pursue science and math, including expanded offerings for students and professional development for teachers.
- Four counselors, and a career coordinator, Americorps volunteers and graduate student interns provide comprehensive college and career planning and transition services.
- Financial Aid Night to help families navigate the financial aid process.



“My involvement in Roosevelt’s strong AP Spanish program has earned me credits at University of Portland. I’m thankful for the amazing teachers who have taught me to love learning.”

**Erika Manzo, Class of 2015**