



Metropolitan Learning Center

(MLC)

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"At MLC we offer an alternative learning experience focused on three components: **Experiential learning, community and joy.**"

Suezann Kitchens
Principal

MLC, a K-12 school in the heart of NW Portland, is a place where you can take your classroom learning directly to the greater community. With museums, parks, and other cultural institutions at the school's doorstep, the city can be your classroom. With the school's increasing focus on Project-Based and Experiential Learning, you'll have the chance to participate in hands-on learning, CTE courses, and internships that will help you learn about the broader world and yourself. **If you're looking for an engaging academic program in a welcoming community, come to MLC.**

Mission Statement

Metropolitan Learning Center is a K-12 alternative school in Portland, Oregon that utilizes the diversity of the city and its resources to provide a challenging learning environment to empower students. MLC honors students' identities, strengths, and learning styles so they can be themselves, find themselves, and find a sense of belonging in our school community. At MLC we use courage, compassion, respect, self-discipline, and integrity as anchors for student behavior and learning. Through building relationships with each other and our world, we observe, create, imagine, and think critically about how we can influence positive change.

School Facts

Traditions:

Winter Craft Faire, Solstice, Spring School Picnic, Egg Drop, All School Gatherings, Kindergarten and Senior Buddies, Cross Age Collaboration



MLC Highlights

- Experiential Learning
- CTE in Mass Media and Education
- Education Pathway
- Credit Recovery
- Virtual Scholars
- World Language: Spanish
- Fine Arts Classes: ART: Ceramics, Murals, Studio Art, DRAMA: Acting, writing and technical theatre
- Dual Credit for Language Arts with PCC
- Internships with community organizations
- Community Electives Program
- Friday Focus
- Community-based Learning Opportunities
- Small School Environment



Athletics and Activities

Clubs (examples below from the last few years)

Student of Color, No PPlace for Hate, Chess Club, SAGA (GSA)

- High School Career and Internship Program
- Friday Focus
- MLC Elective Program
- Drama partnerships with local theaters
- Athletics through neighborhood school
- Cross-age opportunities
- Access to parks
- Museums, other Portland cultural centers for field trips and research



High School Career Learning Program

Weekly 3 hour long classes dedicated to college preparation, career awareness and exploration, and work based learning. Activities include guest speakers, career fairs, workplace tours, college tours, service learning and internships, as well as the creation of an individualized postsecondary plan.



Student Support

School Counselors, School Social Worker, Career Coordinator, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Credit Recovery, Virtual Scholars

