



CLEVELAND

High School

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**Jo Ann Wadkins,
Principal**

“We are an International Baccalaureate World School dedicated to supporting every student to graduate from high school and successfully enter a college and/or career. **We are a school community dedicated to honoring the diversity of our student body and providing spaces where all of our student voices are heard and valued.** We continue to engage our students in culturally relevant learning experiences and provide opportunities for students to explore their passions through the wide variety of courses and activities we offer.”

Grover Cleveland High School is one of nine public high schools in Portland, Oregon serving approximately 1,430 students from socio-economically mixed neighborhoods in inner southeast Portland. As a four-year comprehensive high school, Cleveland is renowned for its high academic standards in all content areas, multiple opportunities in the arts, and a warm and accepting school climate.

Cleveland has received national recognition for its academics, performing arts and Unified sports. It is ranked #5 among public high schools in the state of Oregon by *U.S. News and World Report*. Selected as the NFHS Performing Arts School of Excellence, CHS is the first urban school to win this award. Lauded for its “exemplary commitment” to the performing arts, our band, choir, dance, speech and debate and theatre programs were honored. Additionally, Special Olympics named CHS a National Unified Champion School to recognize the efforts **“to make your community more inclusive of all people, a more accepting place for all.”**

Mission Statement

Cleveland High School offers opportunities that students find relevant, accessible and challenging. We encourage active, responsible citizens and provide a community where everyone is included. All students find learning that inspires their passion.

School Facts

Nickname:

Warriors

Colors:

Kelly green & lemon yellow

Unique traditions:

Varied all-school assemblies; performing arts extraordinaire featuring theatre, band and choral performances and competitions each year such as senior- directed One-Act plays and "Springtasia," a music celebration and art exhibit; "CHS Gives Back," a school wide winter fund raiser that aids CHS families.



Classes are held in a historic three-story building, bounded by Southeast Powell Boulevard between 26th and 28th Avenues, while the school's renovated athletic Stadium, featuring a turf field and all-weather track, is located nearby.

Accessibility and success in appropriate coursework is emphasized, including specialized programs of support for English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and those with designated Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Cleveland Highlights



"The class offerings at Cleveland are phenomenal. Atop an ever-strengthening foundation of academics built through International Baccalaureate courses, Cleveland has decorated my education with a variety of engaging electives. This has allowed me to decipher and hone my academic passions while leaving room to nurture my non-academic interests. I feel incredibly privileged to attend Cleveland!"

Eli Stabler,
Class of 2024

International Baccalaureate coursework with the opportunity to earn an IB diploma. The rigorous program encourages students across the globe to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who help to create a better world through intercultural understanding and respect. Every junior is enrolled in three IB subject areas: Biology, History and English.

Career Technical Education (CTE) courses in business, carpentry/construction, culinary arts, digital media production, graphic design and mass communications.

Three World Languages: Mandarin Chinese, French, and Spanish, from beginning to International Baccalaureate level.

9th grade Academies: freshmen transition into high school in smaller Academies that feature the same group of students with the same three teachers for three core classes. Students have the benefit of having the same counselor all four years of high school.

Multitude of elective course offerings that range from performing arts to speech and debate to Speed Strength Training to Mindful Studies and many more.

"Cleveland is a community full of innovative, engaged and curious students. This is reflected in diverse options for extracurriculars, including minority Student Unions and award winning performing arts, athletic and academic teams. Ranging from Dungeons & Dragons to Climate activism, 59 student clubs have been chartered, and as a musician and member of six student groups myself, I guarantee that every CHS student can find a community where they can have fun, make an impact, explore the world and ultimately, become their unique selves."

**Stella Tinker,
Class of 2024**



Athletics and Activities



All OSAA sanctioned sports: baseball, basketball, cheer, cross country, dance, football, golf, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, ski racing, snowboarding, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling.

Award winning band, choir, and speech and debate programs Theatre program that features multiple performances each year along with student-directed productions.

"We the People" Constitution team and Mock Trial team compete in local and regional events, and the Constitution team has advanced to national competition. Our robotics team is also noted for their success in multiple events. The Speech and Debate team has captured 8 state champion titles in the last decade. Student-organized clubs range from Student Unions (Arab American, Asian American-Pacific Islander, Black, Jewish, LatinX and Native American) to clubs focusing on gender empowerment, mental health, service opportunities, and those just for relaxation such as chess, games, dis golf, ping pong in Spanish, Improv, poetry, and film & animation.



Student Support



College & Career Center- Dedicated to serving students in all grades in their post-high school planning, the College & Career Center provides students with guidance about careers, technical/professional schools, and colleges. Trained CCC volunteers assist students on a drop-in basis or by appointment.

School-Based Health Center- Provides comprehensive services including diagnosis and treatment of injuries/illnesses; sports physicals; mental health issues; pregnancy prevention; and dental and vision referrals. Located inside CHS for 32 years, the Health Center, funded by Multnomah County, serves an average of 85-90 percent of the student body.

Student Services Center- Houses offices for academic counselors and student support staff, including social worker, school psychologists, community partner therapists, alcohol and drug use counselor, and student success advocate.