



JEFFERSON

High School

Middle College for Advanced Studies
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Jefferson High School is a city-wide Middle College focus-option high school. Jefferson offers traditional academic and elective courses as well as dual-credit courses. Students can earn college credit from PCC, Portland State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology in Art, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Jefferson students enhance their high school schedule with Portland Community College, Cascade Campus courses. Jefferson students can earn a year or more of transferable college credit all while earning their high school diploma. Students can enroll in PCC classes beginning the summer after their sophomore year and take up to five credit hours per term.

Mission Statement

The mission of Jefferson High School is to create an inclusive and collaborative student-centered academic environment that promotes racial equity and social justice. Jefferson students will graduate as critical problem-solvers, resilient lifelong learners, and informed global stewards.

School Facts

Nickname:

Demos

Known as:

"School of Champions"

Motto:

Become Legendary

School Colors:

blue and gold





Health Science/Biotechnology:

The Health Sciences/Biotechnology Program (Biotech) features a comprehensive academic offering in the core subjects of science and math rounded out by career and mentoring experiences provided by the On Track OHSU! Program. The primary goal of Biotech is to prepare students for successful transition into post-secondary education, training, and future careers in sciences, health care, and biotechnology. Students completing Biotech's rigorous program of study finish high school with four credits in math through Precalculus or Calculus and five credits in science including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and a capstone class in senior year which will include taking courses at PCC. The Biotech Program course completion not only meets but exceeds the state's graduation requirements in math and science as well as the requirements to be considered a CTE pathway completer. For athletes, the Biotech curriculum meets the NCAA eligibility requirements.



Career Technical Education:

- Carpentry/Construction: [Jefferson students build a Tiny House](#)
- Art
- Design
- Digital Media

World Languages:

- Japanese
- Mandarin/Chinese Immersion
- Spanish

Athletics, Activities, and Clubs



Athletics: Jefferson High School is part of the 6A-1 Portland Interscholastic League. Jefferson offers a variety of team sports, including baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, soccer, softball, swimming, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling.

Activities and Clubs: Jefferson offers a variety of extracurricular activities including Mock Trial, National Honors Society, and Robotics as well as affinity groups such as Black Student Union, MECha, Indigenous People, and Queer/Straight Alliance.

Performing and Visual Arts



Dance: Professionals with national and international experience teach dance classes at Jefferson. The dance program offers master classes taught by guest dancers and choreographers that expose students to the rigors and excitement of the professional dance world. Dance classes include African, ballet, hip-hop, jazz, modern, and tap. Additionally, all students have an opportunity to audition for the Jefferson Dancers, a pre-professional dance company that performs locally, nationally, and internationally. **Art:** Ceramics, design foundations, graphic design, darkroom and digital photography, and printmaking. **Theater:** Jefferson has a burgeoning theater program showcasing multiple productions a year. **Music:** Concert Band, Choir, Beginning Guitar, Beginning Piano, Percussion Ensemble and Drum Line

Student Support



Support for high school and college success begins in ninth grade with **Freshman Academy**. Students take four of their eight courses with a class-sized cohort of peers sharing experiences in 9th-grade Success, English, Modern World History, and Physics.

Jefferson utilizes **Student Success Teams** to increase on-track student graduation rates by analyzing and discussing data and sharing effective strategies to best support learners.

Jefferson has a dedicated team that includes guidance counselors, a social worker, a college coordinator, and a career coordinator to support students' academic and social-emotional needs.

Jefferson offers the college-preparatory program, AVID which prepares students for high school and college success. Additionally, Jefferson has culturally specific support from partner agencies such as SEI (Self-Enhancement, Inc.) and Latino Network.