

# Welcome to Portland Public Schools



Portland Public Schools offers a neighborhood school for every child in our district along with specialized programs available through an application process.

Through this presentation you can begin exploring options for kindergarten through 5th grade.

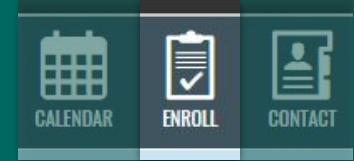
Please visit [pps.net/Page/1024](https://pps.net/Page/1024) to learn about middle and high school options.

Let's start exploring!



# Find your neighborhood school

Use the online [school finder](#) to discover your neighborhood school. Go to pps.net, and click on the enroll button in the top right corner.



The first button on that page will take you to the school finder.



A list of PPS schools by name is on the top right of the pps.net webpage.



# Connect to Kindergarten

If your child is entering kindergarten, you probably have many, many questions.

Find answers at the [Connect to Kindergarten website](#)



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# Explore Focus Options

PPS has five **FOCUS OPTION** schools, each centered on a learning theme or style:



**Buckman Arts K-5 School** located in Portland's central eastside



**Bridger - Creative Science K-8 School** located in Southeast Portland



**Odyssey K-8 School** in Southwest Portland



**Sunnyside Environmental K-8 School** in Southeast Portland



**Winterhaven STEAM K-8 School** in Southeast Portland

Learn more at [pps.net/k-5options](https://pps.net/k-5options)



# Explore Alternative Options

PPS has three uniquely structured **ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS** accessible through the lottery:



**Metropolitan Learning Center** is a K-12 alternative school in Northwest Portland. Once students are admitted they can remain through graduation.



The **ACCESS Academy** is a program for highly gifted students in grade 1-8. Admission is through an eligibility form as well as a lottery application.

Learn more at [pps.net/k-5options](https://pps.net/k-5options)



# Explore Charter School Options

PPS has FIVE independent **CHARTER SCHOOLS**, each with its own theme, structure, governance and lottery entry system.



**Arthur Academy K-5 (SE)**



**Emerson School K-5 (NW)**



**Kairos PDX K-5 (N)**



**LeMonde French Immersion K-8 (SE)**



**Portland Village School K-8 (NE)**

Contact each school directly for information about their application process, or visit the Charter schools [website](#).



# Explore Language Immersion Options

Dual Language Immersion is a PK-12 program in which students learn content (i.e. Social Studies) in TWO languages.

Spanish DLI has locations in each quadrant of PPS.

- **Westside: Ainsworth\***
- **North: Beach\*, Cesar Chavez\*, James John and Sitton**
- **Northeast: Rigler, Scott**
- **Southeast: Atkinson\* and Lent\***

Schools with \* accept transfers from outside the neighborhood, with preference for native speakers of the target language



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- **Chinese DLI program sites: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr\* (NE), Clark (SE) and Woodstock\* (SE)**
- **Japanese DLI program site: Richmond\* (SE)**
- **Russian DLI program site: Kelly\* (SE)**
- **Vietnamese DLI program site: Rose City Park\* (NE)**

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Learn more through the Dual Language Immersion [website](#).





# Making a choice: Lottery transfer basics

- Apply in February-March at [pps.net/schoolchoice](https://pps.net/schoolchoice)
  - Check website for specific dates and space availability
  - Charter schools operate separate lotteries
- Space is limited and some grades are closed to lottery transfers
- Income eligible students have lottery priority, along with siblings of students already enrolled in the program



# Making a choice: DLI transfer basics

- Apply through the lottery for Kindergarten, and petition for all other grades at [pps.net/schoolchoice](https://pps.net/schoolchoice)
- Determine your child's DLI priorities
  - “Native speaker of the partner language”
  - Neighborhood or regional priority
  - Sibling, income eligibility priorities
- Read the [DLI Family Expectations](#)- Available on the [PPS DLI Webpage](#) along with the [FAQ on the Lottery Process](#)



# Things to think about when making a choice

## PROGRAMMING:

What is distinctive about this school option? How does it match *my child's* interest and needs?



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## LOGISTICS:

How will we get to school, since most transfer options do not include PPS bus service? What are my childcare options?



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## LONG-TERM PICTURE:

An approved transfer is good through the highest grade of the school, and through 12th grade for DLI programs.

Program locations may shift over time.

Visit [pps.net/Page/13615](https://pps.net/Page/13615) to stay informed.



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## WHAT ABOUT TRANSFERS TO OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS?:

Transfers to other neighborhood schools are limited to special or hardship circumstances, and based on space availability.

Complete a hardship petition form by mid-March to receive an answer by early May.

Visit [pps.net/schoolchoice](https://pps.net/schoolchoice) for details.



# Enrollment and Transfer Center: here to help



[enrollment-office@pps.net](mailto:enrollment-office@pps.net)

503-916-3205

In person (call first if possible): 501 N.  
Dixon St, Room 140

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