



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Districtwide alternative and community-based programs, and charter schools



Students whose needs are not met effectively in traditional school settings have options in Portland Public Schools. Here is an overview of district-operated alternative programs, community-based programs and charter schools.

DISTRICTWIDE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

Learn more: <https://www.pps.net/multiplepathwaystograduation>, click on District-Operated Programs
For information on enrolling in these programs, contact Portland Public Schools Direction Services, 503-916-3956 or reconnect@pps.net

Alliance High School

- **Alliance @ Benson:** Addresses needs of students who have not been successful in a traditional school environment, day and night classes and individualized instruction offer flexible scheduling, 546 N.E. 12th Ave., 503-916-6486, contact: Kelli Mitchell, Counselor, Allison Adams, Vice Principal 503-916-2000 x77118, School Office 503-916-6486.
- **Alliance @ Meek Professional Technical:** Personalized environment focused on professional technical education, social-emotional skills, and high school graduation, 4039 N.E. Alberta Court, 503-916-5747, contact: Christina Rilatt, Secretary, Maren Sturges, Counselor, Bonnie Hobson, Interim Principal

ACCESS Academy

Rigorous academic program that provides curriculum acceleration and enrichment for students who perform at the 99th percentile in one or more academic or intellectual area and who meet other alternative education criteria. In addition ACCESS focuses on the social emotional developments of our students while fostering their thirst for knowledge.

Contact: Ginger Taylor gtaylor1@pps.net

ACCESS 1-5 @ Vestal: 161 NE 82nd Ave

ACCESS 6-8 @ Lane: 7200 SE 60th

Metropolitan Learning Center (K-12)

Unique academic program, rich with tradition and adaptive to the changing needs of students and their families, and focused on experiential learning, character development, service to its community and the pleasures of life and learning. 2033 N.W. Glisan St., Portland, 503-916-5737, www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/mlc, contact Mark Van Hoomissen, Principal.

Learning and Credit Options: Programs that offer credit for proficiency, credit by exam, online and blended options to recover credit and face-to-face programs to earn or recover credit. 503-916-6120 x 71730, contact: Diane Berthoin-Hernández, Administrator dianepbh@pps.net.

- **Credit by Exam:** Credit for proficiency, credit by exam, 503-916-6120 x71730, contact: Diane Berthoin-Hernández, Administrator dianepbh@pps.net
- **Portland Virtual Scholars:** Online and blended learning options to earn initial credit or recover credit. Visit us at <http://vs.pps.net>. Call us at 503-916-6120 x71730 contact: Diane Berthoin-Hernández, Administrator dianepbh@pps.net.

Other Alternative Programs

- **Portland Evening & Summer Scholars:** Tuition-based program for students wanting to earn or recover credit, or improve a grade. Located at 546 N.E. 12th Ave. Visit us at <http://sspes.pps.net>. Call us at 503-916-5720. Program Secretary: Patricia Hendry, School Counselor Jazmin Otegui x77113. David Holm, Administrator, dholm@pps.net
- **Teen Parent Services**, provides academic and personal support to pregnant and parenting students, 4039 N.E. Alberta Court, 503-916-5858, contact: Cheryl James, Administrator, 503-916-2000 ext. 71522
- **Reconnection Center** – Short-term transition program for high school students who have left school and need a temporary placement while finding an appropriate school. Contact School Office, 503-916-3821, room C102, VP: Elise Huggins, Administrator, 503-916-2000 x77974
- **Reconnection Services** – Outreach and placement coordinators provide personalized reengagement services for Middle and High School students who want to return to school and need assistance with placement. Contact: Cheri Lee 503-916-3956, room 127, VP: Elise Huggins, 503-916-2000 x77974.

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Learn more: www.pps.net/Page/1353, click on 'Community-Based Organizations.'

For information on enrolling in these programs, contact Portland Public Schools Direction Services, 503-916-3956 or reconnect@pps.net.

Program Director, Contracted Alternative Schools: Erica Stavis, 503-916-3812

Middle School Programs are designed to provide high structure and support for students who have academic or behavioral challenges in a traditional middle school setting.

- **Rosemary Anderson MS** –Portland Opportunities Industrial Council (RAMS/POIC), 717 N. Killingsworth Ct, 503-797-7222, www.portlandoic.org, contact: Barb Loomis, BLoomis@portlandoic.org

High School Programs are designed to develop academic and social skills while students earn high school credit toward a diploma. Once students earn a diploma (or a GED for old and far students) they receive support in transitioning to a post-secondary education

High School To Post-Secondary Education: Enrolls youth ages 14-20 who have struggled academically and or behaviorally in a traditional school setting.

- **Helensview**, 8678 N.E. Sumner, 503-262-4150, www.multnomahesd.org/helensview.html contact: Dawn Joella Jackson, djoella@mesd.k12.or.us
- **Mt. Scott Learning Center**, 6148 S.E. Holgate Blvd., 503-771-8880, www.mtscott.org, contact: Laura Thompson, Office Manager, enrollment@mtscott.org
- **NAYA Early College Academy**, 5135 N.E. Columbia Blvd., 503-972-2461, www.nayapdx.org, contact: Lisa Otero, OteroL@nayapdx.org
- **Rosemary Anderson High School/Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (RAHS/POIC)**, 717 N. Killingsworth Court, 503-797-7222, www.portlandoic.org, contact: Barb Loomis, BLoomis@portlandoic.org
Provides ELL services, teen parent services, GED preparation and employment training

Post Secondary Transition For Older Students: Enrolls youth ages 17-20 who are too over-age and under-credit to attain a high school diploma before turning 21.

- **Portland Youth Builders**, 4816 S.E. 92nd Ave., 503-286-9350, www.pybpx.org, contact: Jessica Burbach, jburbach@pybpx.org: Education, leadership development, vocational training in construction or computer technology, and postsecondary support
- **SE Works**, 7916 S.E. Foster Road, Suite 103, 503-772-2300, www.seworks.org, contact: Tim Finnegan, Director of Workforce Development, tfinnegan@seworks.org.

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Portland Community College Links Alternative Programs: Enrolls youth ages 16-20 who have struggled academically and/or behaviorally; or who are too over-age and under-credit to attain a high school diploma before turning 21.

www.pcc.edu/prepare/head-start/links/

- **Gateway to College:** High school completion program. Students earn HS diploma and college credits. Contact: links@pcc.edu Phone: 971-722-6293
- **YES to College:** GED and ESOL preparation for entry into college coursework and career pathway programs.
For GED information: @ Cascade Campus: Tracie Memmott, 971-722-5372; @ Rock Creek Campus: Mathilda Lee, 971-722-6110; @ Southeast Campus: August Stockton, 971-722-6294; @ Sylvania Campus: Marlo Urbina, 971-722-4751. For ESOL information @ any campus: Spanish: August Stockton, 971-722-2915; Chinese: Mathilda Lee, 971-722-6110. Other languages contact any college success coach.

Residential Programs: Enrolls students ages 10-20 who are referred from the state for residential treatment.

- **DePaul Alternative High School**, 4310 NE Killingsworth St., Portland, OR 97218, (503) 535-1150x1243, contact: Steve Swidler. stephen.swidler@depaultc.org Provides residential drug and alcohol treatment.
- **Youth Progress**, 2020 SE Powell Blvd., Portland, OR 97202, (503) 233-6121, contact: Gordy Brown, Interim Education Director, gbrown@youthprogress.org

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Program Director, Charter Schools: Tara O'Neil, 503-916-3359, taraoneil@pps.net. Families should contact schools directly to find out about application deadlines. Learn more: www.pps.net/page/1466, click on Charter Schools

Charter schools provide innovative programs with specific educational philosophies and/or delivery models that offer additional options for students and families within the Portland Public Schools system. All students residing in the PPS district may apply to any PPS district charter school. Admissions are lottery based.

Portland Arthur Academy Public Charter School (K-5)

7507 SE Yamhill St., 97215 503-257-3936, www.arthuracademy.org

Principal: Susan Spreadborough, sspreadborough@arthuracademy.org

Portland Arthur Academy Public Charter School seeks to accelerate achievement and learning for all students. The program achieves success through a highly organized incremental mastery program. Using a highly researched direct instruction program gives teachers the best tools possible to clearly communicate the academic message. This entails the students mastering their tasks daily before moving on to the next skill. Through positive structured expectations, Portland Arthur Academy creates a safe, thriving learning environment for all students.

The Emerson Public Charter School (K-5)

428 NW 20th, 97209 503-525-6124, www.emersonschool.org

School Administrator: Sunita Sandoz, info@emersonschool.org

The Emerson School is a K-5 charter school focusing on project based learning. Our welcoming school community, creates a school culture that integrates, honors, and celebrates individual and community diversity. The integrated curriculum which includes The Project Approach and Positive Discipline, is developed to continually build on students' previous learning and experiences in a strong supportive community. Real-world problem solving, purposeful field studies, and student interests are combined with classroom instruction in reading, writing, and math to create a strong and comprehensive academic curriculum.

KairosPDX Learning Academy Public Charter School (K-5)

4915 N Gantenbein Ave., 97217 503-567-9820, www.kairospdx.org

Education Director: Zalika Gardner, charter@kairospdx.org

KairosPDX is a K-5 public charter school focused on delivering excellent, equitable education. Through culturally responsive instruction, community collaboration, and family partnership we are focused on closing Portland's racial achievement and opportunity gaps. Our curriculum involves children in culturally relevant, inquiry based instruction. We focus on family engagement and the power of community to bring out the best in each child. We empower confident readers, writers and mathematicians who are problem solvers and change makers.

CHARTER SCHOOLS CONTINUED

Le Monde French Immersion Public Charter School (K-8)

2044 E Burnside, 97214, 503-467-7529, www.lemondeimmersion.org

Executive Director: Shouka Rezvani, info@lemondeimmersion.org

Le Monde French Immersion's mission is to educate children in a full immersion environment in the French language that honors the best international academic traditions and develops students who are inquisitive, reflective, communicative, and caring. Le Monde is a Kindergarten through 8th grade school. Please visit our website for current information.

Opal Public Charter School (K-5)

4015 SW Canyon Road, 97221 503-471-9902, www.portlandcm/opalschool

School Administrator: Beth Hutchins, office@opalschool.org

Opal School strengthens public education by provoking fresh ideas concerning environments where creativity, imagination and the wonder of learning thrive.

Opal School is inspired by the [early childhood schools of Reggio Emilia](#), Italy, and serves as a living laboratory for adults and children to research environments and learning conditions that promote critical thinking, counter bias, and strengthen democracy. We believe in a powerful image of the young child as intelligent, creative and capable, with gifts and abilities that the world needs.

Opal School's constructivist curriculum emerges each year from the unique experiences and passions of its students and teacher-researchers, and is guided by a deep belief in the value of understanding the world through multiple perspectives and of understanding that people are invariably interconnected with each other, with all living things, and with the environment.

Portland Village Public Charter School (K-8)

7654 N Delaware Ave., 97217 503-445-0056, www.portlandvillageschool.org

Executive Director: Jennifer Stackhouse, info@portlandvillageschool.org

Portland Village School is a K-8 public Waldorf school. Public Waldorf education exists to serve both the individual and society, and seeks to offer the most supportive conditions possible for the development of each student's unique capacities. Through culturally responsive, arts-integrated curriculum and teaching practices, PVS aims to engender the following qualities in our students: developmentally appropriate, academically informed, independent thinking; a harmonious relationship between thinking, feeling, and willing; self-awareness and social competence; an interest in the world, with active respect for oneself, one's community, and the environment.