



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Benson Polytechnic High School

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Are you ready for Benson? Benson Polytechnic High School is Portland's premier four-year career-technical education focus high school, building on a history that spans nearly 100 years. Benson offers the academic rigor and the practical training that prepares students for college and the highly skilled, highly paid 21st-century work force.

Oregon's Department of Education rated Benson "outstanding" in its latest school reviews.

Benson is real learning for real life.

Highly qualified instructors combine professional technical knowledge with the academic foundation essential for mastery. Students start out exploring their interests and, by graduation, are licensed in an industry specialty and/or have earned college credits. As Benson alumni are proud to say, a Benson Polytechnic diploma is the ticket to success.

What interests you?

Benson's academies offer a rigorous course of study, skill building and internships or apprenticeships in three high-demand career areas, each with a range of majors:

Communications Technology Academy

- ▶ Photography/Video Technology
- ▶ Web Design/Video for the Web
- ▶ Radio Broadcasting KBPS (student-run public radio station)

Health Science Academy

- ▶ Medical Professions
- ▶ Nursing/Certified Nursing Assistant
- ▶ Dental Assistant

Industrial & Engineering Academy

- ▶ Automotive/Aviation Technology
- ▶ Building Construction Technology (including building a house)
- ▶ Electrical Technology
- ▶ Manufacturing Technology

"Benson dental students are the best: a model for all dental students."
— Kuhn Marshall, DMD, who has Benson dental students as interns

See Benson for yourself

Family Information Nights Thursday, Feb. 9, and Wednesday, Feb 22, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

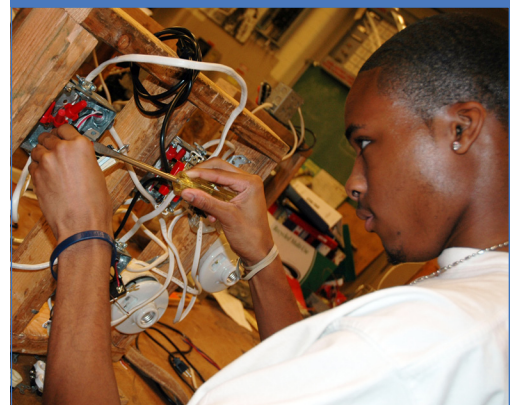
Shadow a student. Half-day; pre-registration required. Tuesday, Feb. 7, and Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Annual Tech Show Thursday, Feb. 16, and Friday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.



2011-12 enrollment: 889

"Benson graduates are ready for life after school — whether they choose university, community college, apprenticeship programs or career. Our students — and the staff, parents and community members who support them — leave Benson with a plan, and the skills to make it happen."
— Carol Campbell, Principal





Well paid future

Hourly wages in Benson specialty fields:

- ▶ Registered Nurses: \$36.88
- ▶ Dental Hygienist: \$37.64
- ▶ Graphic Designers: \$19.94
- ▶ Art Director: \$31.68
- ▶ Camera Operator: \$22.95
- ▶ Auto Mechanic: \$18.93
- ▶ Electrician: \$31.66
- ▶ Tool Makers: \$24.14

Source: Oregon Employment Department [2011]



"Benson exposed me to occupations I didn't know I was capable of doing. By the time I had to choose a major, I had three or four I wanted to pursue."



— Tammy Hite, architectural designer, Class of 1991

Our goals

The Benson staff believes that students should:

- ▶ **Apply** academic concepts to real-world situations.
- ▶ **Build** relationships to enhance their learning.
- ▶ **Integrate** technical and academic content in their studies.
- ▶ **Explore** career and technical fields, then choose a major.
- ▶ **Experience** learning in the classroom and in the workplace.
- ▶ **Serve** as volunteers, using their career and technical skills.
- ▶ **Graduate** with advanced career and college skills.

Our students

Benson students are:

- ▶ **Diverse** – Benson is the most diverse high school in the Northwest, with equal numbers of white, Latino, African-American and Asian-American students. Benson fosters an environment of mutual respect and understanding that prepares students to excel in a global society.
- ▶ **Involved** – Benson offers many co-curricular activities, including athletics, National Honor Society, Skills USA and HOSA competitive vocational clubs, student groups such as Robotics Club and Diversity Club, homecoming, prom and more. The annual Diversity Assembly is a showcase of student talent and a highlight of the school year.
- ▶ **College- and career-focused** – More than two-thirds of Benson students enter a two-year or four-year college or university immediately upon graduating. Another 15 percent attend career/technical trade schools, while some enter the work force or pursue other options.
- ▶ **Confident** – Benson students learn not only how to do a job but how to thrive in the workplace. They learn how to present themselves professionally, write a resume, interview for a job, speak publically, contribute their opinions, maintain confidentiality, problem-solve and work in teams.

More information at bensohns.net or www.pps.net/schools/benson

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