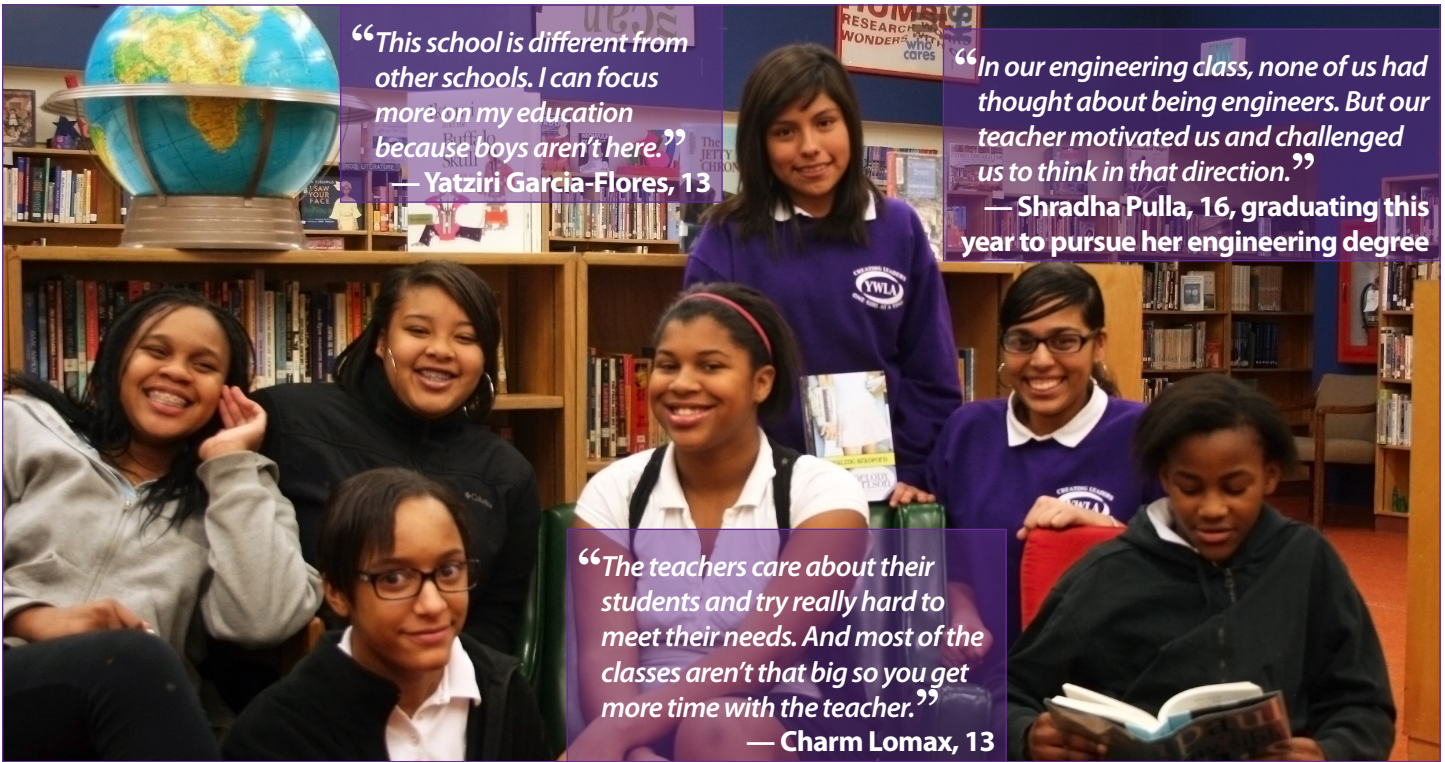




PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
**Young Women's Leadership
Academy At Harriet Tubman**

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"This school is different from other schools. I can focus more on my education because boys aren't here."
— Yatziri Garcia-Flores, 13

"In our engineering class, none of us had thought about being engineers. But our teacher motivated us and challenged us to think in that direction."
— Shradha Pulla, 16, graduating this year to pursue her engineering degree

"The teachers care about their students and try really hard to meet their needs. And most of the classes aren't that big so you get more time with the teacher."
— Charm Lomax, 13

The Young Women's Leadership Academy at Harriet Tubman is the only all-girl public school in Oregon.

The staff provides a personalized, rigorous academic program that supports young women in grades 6 to 12 in math, science, technology and leadership. We recognize the specific developmental and academic needs of girls, and we strive to develop individual leadership skills in each of our students.

YWLA students come from throughout Portland Public Schools and from districts outside the PPS boundaries. The student body is welcoming and diverse, representing various ethnicities and languages. Students enjoy small class sizes and strong connections to each other and to their teachers. The YWLA campus is located in North Portland, convenient to public transportation and freeway access.

Course highlights

Math/Science/Technology

Middle School: All students take a second science, math or technology course as an elective.

High School: Students apply their science, math and technology skills in our science research class. Students may take this class for college credit from Portland State University in addition to their high school credit.

Leadership and College & Career Preparation

- ▶ Weekly study halls offer opportunities for community service projects with local nonprofits.
- ▶ All sophomores participate in a job shadow in their career area of their interest.
- ▶ All high school students may participate in Mercy Corps' volunteer and leadership training.
- ▶ All students have the opportunity to participate in the AVID college-preparation and readiness course.

Other course highlights

- ▶ Advanced Placement courses or dual-enrollment classes with Portland Community College
- ▶ Introduction to Biomedical Engineering, Digital Electronics, Robotics, Leadership and Career Development.

Learn more

Information sessions are Feb. 14, 15, 28 & 29 and March 13 at 6 p.m. at the school, 2231 N. Flint Ave.

www.pps.net/schools/tubman-academy



Athletics, Exercise, and Active Enrichment

- ▶ Middle school basketball
- ▶ Middle school volleyball
- ▶ High school sports (through your neighborhood high school)
- ▶ Bike safety
- ▶ Yoga
- ▶ Self-defense

Extended Learning

- ▶ Student Government
- ▶ Lego Robotics
- ▶ Strings (orchestra ensemble)
- ▶ Adventure Club
- ▶ Exercise/fitness
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Tutoring
- ▶ Homework Club
- ▶ Battle of the Books
- ▶ Weekly math and vocabulary challenges
- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Newspaper Club
- ▶ Spelling Bee
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ OSU Nutrition
- ▶ Project Lead the Way
- ▶ Upward Bound
- ▶ MESA (Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement)

To apply to YWLA:

Go to www.pps.net/schoolchoice to download an application during the February 2012 transfer cycle, Feb. 3-29 for high schools, Feb. 10-March 9 for middle schools.

“My family moved to Portland so that my children could attend this school. We’ve been impressed by the diversity and openness of YWA. There are no cultural or class divisions. All the girls support each other, and parent involvement is very strong here. There is no other school like this in Portland.”

— Jyothi Pulla, parent

HARRIET TUBMAN.

Portland Public Schools is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

“The power of a girls school is that girls are the future engineers, teachers, astronauts, lawyers, doctors and leaders in all possible ways. Girls do what girls do best here: Thrive!”

— Bonnie Hobson, YWLA Principal

School Facts

2011-12 enrollment: 171

Unique aspects of YWLA

- ▶ Academy students experience a personalized learning environment while enjoying access to extracurricular activities and sports.
- ▶ Middle and high school are on the same campus. Students progress academically to high school courses during middle school years when academically ready, making the school an attractive option for accelerated learners.
- ▶ The academy emphasizes leadership, math, science and engineering.
- ▶ Partnerships with numerous organizations enrich the curriculum and provide opportunities for students to explore careers, colleges and special interests.
- ▶ All YWLA students wear uniforms.
- ▶ A block schedule two days each week provides time for extended learning, discovery and enrichment in all courses.



“YWLA students are very enthusiastic about math and engineering. They are engaged in their studies. It’s a very diverse student body. It’s okay to be different here; okay to be nerdy.”

— Cal Jackson, teacher