



# PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS Roosevelt High School

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**G**ood things are happening at Roosevelt High School. The school is expanding technology, investing in proven teaching strategies and challenging students at all learning levels. Teachers work as a team and, with support from a federal grant, laser-focus on their teaching. And Roosevelt is home to the 2011-12 Oregon Teacher of the Year, Spanish teacher Elena Garcia-Velasco.

The result: big gains in reading, math and the graduation rate.

In Roosevelt, students and families have a neighborhood high school with strong leadership, dedicated educators, expanded resources and the backing of a proud St. Johns and alumni community. Be part of Roosevelt's rise.

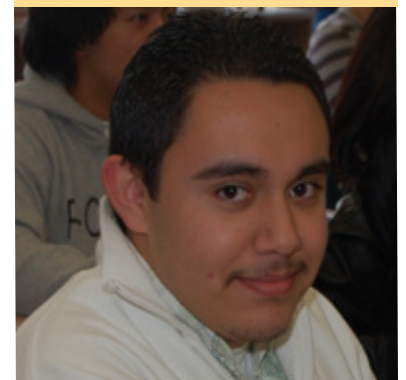
## School highlights

- ▶ **Advanced Placement:** (AP) Calculus, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, Spanish Literature, Spanish Language.
- ▶ **PSU Inquiry:** Seniors earn 15 college credits in language arts/science class co-taught by Roosevelt and PSU.
- ▶ **Cutting-edge technology:** From iPads for student and teacher use to a planned Innovation Lab.
- ▶ **Japanese Language:** Introduction to Japanese launched this fall.
- ▶ **Electives:** Jazz band, choir, yearbook, small business and more.
- ▶ **Outstanding drama program ([www.roosevelttheatre.org](http://www.roosevelttheatre.org)):** Acting, stagecraft, improvisation and more. Students performed "The Yellow Boat" at an international theater festival in June, a first for a PPS high school.
- ▶ **Competitive DECA club and Student Leadership**
- ▶ **Talented teachers:** Four teachers have their National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification, the highest training level awarded. Only 7 other PPS teachers have this certification.
- ▶ **Wraparound support:** Services tailored to students' social, academic and career needs and aspirations through SUN Community Schools, Step Up, on-site health clinic and more.



*"If you haven't visited Roosevelt, I invite you to step inside. We are ready, willing and able to get our students to where they can be."*

— Charlene Williams,  
Principal



*"The teachers chose to be here. It makes me feel like I have an even bigger support system. If you have someone who believes in you, it makes you do better."*

— Angel Gutierrez,  
Class of 2011  
full-ride scholarship to  
Brown University

**Learn about Roosevelt High School**  
**Eighth-grade family night Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m.**

**Proud Partners:** RHS Boosters and Alumni, Work Development Group, Site Council, Parent/Teacher/ Student Association, SouthLake Church, Northminster Presbyterian Church, PSU, PCC, UP, Multnomah County, Neighborhood House, Albina Head Start and many St. Johns businesses.



## On the rise

- ▶ **Enrollment:** 748
- ▶ **Benchmarks:** Each RHS small school made double-digit gains in math and significant gains in reading in 2010-11.
- ▶ **Discipline:** 28% decline in discipline referrals in 2010-11 compared with prior year.
- ▶ **Graduation:** 86% of Class of 2011 seniors graduated compared with 72% in 2010.
- ▶ **Scholarships:** Roosevelt seniors earned more than \$4 million in scholarships last year



*"Teaching students at Roosevelt High School inspires me to have hope for our future."*

— Amy Ambrosio,  
language arts teacher



## Spanish immersion

Roosevelt has expanded its stand-out Spanish program to become the Spanish Immersion high school for North Portland including:

- ▶ Range of core subjects taught in Spanish.
- ▶ Continuation of successful AP Spanish Literature and AP Spanish Language courses taught by Oregon Teacher of the Year Elena Garcia-Velasco.
- ▶ Bilingual/bicultural setting with the largest Latino student population in PPS neighborhood high schools.

## College & Career Transition Center

- ▶ **Mission:** All students college ready, career focused.
- ▶ **Three counselors** and a **college and career program manager** mentor and arrange college visits and bridge-to-college-and-career opportunities.
- ▶ **Senior transitions:** Program guides families of seniors through the steps from high school to college and careers.
- ▶ **Dual credit:** Opportunities to earn dual high school/college credit.
- ▶ **College survival & success:** Taught by a PCC professor at Roosevelt.
- ▶ **AVID:** Teaches college readiness including note-taking and research skills.
- ▶ **Aspire:** Provides one-on-one college counseling and mentoring.

## Writing & Publishing Center

The center helps students improve their writing as part of college and career readiness. Students:

- ▶ **Develop and expand** writing, critical thinking and presentation skills.
- ▶ **Learn to write** effective college applications and essays to then share as examples for other students.
- ▶ **Become comfortable** using a writing center similar to those on college campuses.

## Athletics

Nike, the city of Portland, Roosevelt alumni and community members teamed with PPS to build a new athletic field in fall 2010. A new stadium, track and tennis courts are planned.

- ▶ **Fall sports:** Cross country, football, soccer and volleyball
- ▶ **Winter sports:** Basketball, wrestling and swimming
- ▶ **Spring sports:** Softball, baseball, track, golf and tennis

More information is available at: [www.pps.net/schools/roosevelt](http://www.pps.net/schools/roosevelt)

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