Neighborhood schools are the heart of the Portland School District. When students attend school in their own neighborhood, it is often the best possible option for learning. Portland’s nine comprehensive high schools serve students in Grades 9-12. They offer innovative programs, the latest technology, dedicated teachers—and something more than magnet or special focus programs can provide. Students who attend school in their own neighborhood build friendships with classmates who live nearby. After-school activities and evening family events take place close to home when students attend their neighborhood school.

As a place for families as well as students, our neighborhood schools are at the center of many community activities. To find out which school serves your neighborhood, visit our website and enter your address or call the school district’s Department of Communications and Government Relations, 503-916-3304. Families are encouraged to visit their neighborhood high schools during information nights scheduled in the fall. Families also can attend information nights at any other schools that they are interested in. For more information, contact the school.

### Registration Procedures

To register in your neighborhood school:

High school counselors will help all eighth-graders forecast for high school classes in February and March. Students who have attended private school can also register and forecast at this time. High school offices are open throughout the summer to register students who have just moved to Portland. For more information, contact your neighborhood school.

To apply for a transfer to a school that is not your neighborhood school:

- **Families are limited to three choices of schools for consideration during the priority transfer period. If you apply for more than one high school, you will need to indicate on the Application for Student Transfer which school is your first, second and third choice.**
- **Applications are available after October 25, and high school applications are due at the middle schools by December 7 for consideration during the Priority Application Period. Letters will be sent to families in mid-February to notify them of the result of their applications. The final deadline is July 1.**
- **If a student is approved for transfer to an out-of-neighborhood school for the 02-03 school year, he or she will not be able to transfer to a different out-of-neighborhood school. A student will be able to re-claim a space in the neighborhood school only if the parents apply for a return to the neighborhood school before the July 1 deadline for student transfers.**

### High School Magnet Programs

A number of high school magnet programs are available to students living within the Portland School District. These programs suit a variety of student interests, learning styles and career goals. Students enrolled in these programs also receive all required courses for graduation.

Three of Portland’s neighborhood high schools – Cleveland, Jefferson and Lincoln – have school-within-a-school magnet programs. Two other schools – Benson and Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC) – are district wide schools and draw all of their students from all over Portland.

Acceptance into magnet programs depends on the student’s interest and ability to succeed in the program, ability to meet admission requirements and space availability.

Details about application and entrance requirements are available from each high school. Information nights for eighth-graders and prospective students are held in the fall. Students who apply before the November 7 deadline can apply up to three programs. Students are notified in February about their acceptance into the programs for the following year.

For more information, please contact the individual schools and programs.

- **Benson High School: Vocational/Technical and Medical/Dental**
  546 N.E. 12th (97232) • 503-916-5100
  Benson’s technical programs include Communications, Construction, Manufacturing Engineering, Electric/Electronics Engineering, Industrial Mechanics and Drafting.
  Health occupations programs include Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aid, Dental Assistant and Emergency Care. Benson also offers college preparatory programs designed for all students wishing to continue their education in a four-year college or university.

- **Cleveland High School: Business Management/Marketing**
  3400 S.E. 26th (97202) • 503-916-5120
  Students begin building business leadership skills in Cleveland’s Business Management and Marketing programs. Business courses in accounting, business management, office occupations and marketing are available. School-to-work opportunities such as job shadows, internships and cooperative work experiences also expand students’ understanding of the role of business in our community. Partnerships with local employers enhance the program and increase resources for students. Senior magnet students manage the Cleveland Mall, an on-campus retail shop.

- **Jefferson High School: Performing and Visual Arts, Health Sciences/Biotechnology**
  5210 N. Kerby (97217) • 503-916-5180
  Jefferson’s Performing and Visual Arts Program offers courses in dance, music, theater, television and visual arts. The Jefferson Dancers, a celebrated dance company, offers performance opportunities for advanced dance students.
  The Health Sciences/Biotechnology Magnet Program features a comprehensive academic program with an emphasis in the health sciences. A key component of the program is its link to partner organizations such as the American Red Cross and Oregon Health Sciences University. Partner organizations offer a continuum of career exploration opportunities for students. Specialized programs at Jefferson include the Technical Opportunities Program (TOPS), which responds to growing employment needs in the utilities industry, and the Business/Financial Services Academy. The Academy is a two-year training program for juniors and seniors who have potential for success in the financial services field.

- **Lincoln High School: International Studies**
  1600 S.W. Salmon (97205) • 503-916-5200
  Lincoln’s International Studies Center (ISC) offers cross-cultural studies that bring languages, history, literature and political beliefs into perspective for students.
  The program offers five foreign languages (with additional languages available after school through an Outreach Program) and specialized courses in world literature and regional studies. International Nights bring students together to discuss study/travel opportunities, world issues and events.
  Student exchange programs, international visitors and clubs, Model United Nations and other activities involve program students. Lincoln’s downtown location also provides opportunities for off-campus learning.

- **Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC): A Small, K-12 Program Offering Project-Based Learning**
  2033 N.W. Glisan (97209) • 503-916-5737
  MLC, Portland’s only K-12 school, encourages students to make personal educational choices and learn to love knowledge for its own sake. The MLC high school program is perfect for students wanting a challenging yet personalized learning environment for their high school years. MLC’s unique curriculum includes; no letter grades, written evaluations, and cooperative learning.
  MLC is affiliated with Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound (ELOB). (For more information on ELOB, check www.elob.org). Expeditions are offered in all grades and are in-depth, hands-on investigations of a particular topic. They include field experiences, service learning and integrate a variety of skills and subject area curricula. Cross-age experiences provide students with a sense of community, and families are actively involved in the program.
In addition to magnet high schools, several neighborhood high schools also have Designated Special Programs that satisfy the special interests of some students. Schools with Designated Special Programs are:

- **Cleveland: International Baccalaureate (IB)**
  The IB program is a rigorous, pre-university course of study for Grades 11 and 12 that allows students to earn an internationally recognized diploma and, in some cases, a full year of college credit. Students may participate in the IB program at either Lincoln or Cleveland high schools.

- **Franklin: Law and Public Service Academy, Portland Metro Auto Dealers Automotive Technician Training Program (ATTP), Institute for System Dynamics/Computer Modeling (STELLA)**
  The Law and Public Service Academy is designed for all students interested in the law, government and public service. The four-year ATTP is designed to prepare students for further education, training and careers in the automotive industry. STELLA is an interdisciplinary math and science program designed to link a powerful problem-solving technique called ‘system dynamics’ with effective teaching strategies based on educational research. Students use computer simulations to model complex, real-world systems. Students may participate in the STELLA program at either Franklin or Wilson high schools.

- **Grant: Institute for Science and Math (ISM)**
  Grant’s ISM is a specialized program designed to spark student interest in science, math and technology and their related careers. Students graduating with an ISM endorsement on their diploma take additional courses in science and math, and participate in community service activities outside the regular school day.

- **Lincoln: International Baccalaureate (IB)**
  The IB program is a rigorous, pre-university course of study for Grades 11 and 12 that allows students to earn an internationally recognized diploma and, in some cases, a full year of college credit. Students may participate in the IB program at either Lincoln or Cleveland high schools.

- **Madison: Academy of Sciences and Natural Resources, Health Services, Speech and Communications Academy**
  The Academy of Sciences and Natural Resources enrolls students interested in issues affecting their environment. Through an emphasis on science courses involving field experiences, environmental monitoring projects and enhancement works, students have many opportunities to positively impact their schools, community and world.

  Madison’s Health Services program enables students to explore health occupations and prepare themselves for the health and medical fields. The program consists of academic courses as well as practical field experiences.

  The Madison Speech and Communications Academy is a three-year program. Students will participate in beginning and advanced coursework while performing community service, participate in forensic tournaments, and take advantage of internship opportunities in applicable business fields. Elective coursework include Drama, Marketing, and Public Policy.

- **Marshall: Manufacturing and Technology Learning Center (MTLC) and Sport Management Program**
  The Manufacturing and Technology Learning Center is an innovative high-tech program that focuses on multi-media development, networking and computer repair. Technology tools used throughout the school include fully networked business computer labs, a computer-aided design laboratory, electronic research center and various computer labs to assist in student learning. Students also will have opportunities to supplement their MTLC coursework in manufacturing processes and business management courses.

  The Sport Management Program is designed as a four-year program to provide students with a background in the business of sport. This program will include curriculum in Business Technology, Sport Medicine, History, Management and Marketing.

- **Roosevelt: Roosevelt Renaissance 2000 (RR 2000 School-to-Career Program), Health Sciences**
  RR2000 is a nationally recognized model for its School-to-Career pathways. The pathways prepare students for further education and careers after high school by integrating academics with hands-on learning in the workplace and classroom. Job shadows and internships combine with academic coursework in RR2000.

  The Health Sciences Pathway offers a personalized course of study with a full range of science and math courses to support the student’s post-high-school goals. Health Occupations courses progress from career exploration to internships in a health science career setting, such as cardiac diagnostics or pediatric intensive care. Students are professionally active in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).

- **Wilson: Institute for System Dynamics/Computer Modeling (STELLA)**
  The Institute promotes the collaboration of science, math and global issues into a dynamic, integrated program. The three required courses include System Dynamics/Computer Modeling I and II, and Science, Technology and Societal/World Issues. This program integrates technology, science and world issues in a way that makes sense of our world and its resources. Students may participate in the STELLA program at either Wilson or Franklin high schools.

For more information, call the Department of Communications and Government Relations, 503-916-3304, or visit the website: www.pps.k12.or.us