

ULYSSES S. GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-2012



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The Community

Portland Public Schools educates 47,000 students from kindergarten through high school, representing 85% of the students in the school district. Portland's population is 582,000, in a metro area of 2.2 million.

The School

U.S. Grant High School is one of seven comprehensive high schools in Portland Public Schools. We serve neighborhood students and many transfer students grades 9-12. The population is diverse ethnically and economically. 25% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Our student body is talented, energetic, and diverse, reflecting the strong extracurricular programs at Grant, including a large and competitive athletic program, the nationally ranked U.S. Constitution Team, Model United Nations, Mock Trials, and over 45 school clubs and associations. Grant has a strong and committed faculty, which has built upon a rich tradition of excellence in instruction since 1924.

School Organization

- Grant offers four 90 minute classes 3 days per week, and four 75 minute classes 2 days per week on an alternating A/B block schedule (effective 2011-2012)
- Students may take only one class per content area (effective 2011-2012)
- Semester calendar, each semester lasting 18 weeks
- Each course can earn .5 credit per semester

School Demographics 2011-2012

Enrollment	1577 students
African American	17.3%
Asian/Islander	4.5%
Hispanic	2.4%
Multiethnic	6.9%
White	69.8%

Grading Calculations (GPA)

The GPA, computed at the end of the sixth semester, includes all subjects in which a student has received a letter grade. The transcript reflects a standard and weighted GPA/Rank. Weighted GPA is calculated by adding one point for each AP course completed (beginning 2nd semester 2009 10). Grant High School reports standard GPA and rank on the secondary school report. If a student repeats a course (#), the GPA on the transcript is reflective of the higher grade earned.

A 4.0	NG No Credit*
B 3.0	WX No Credit*
C 2.0	WF 0.0**
D 1.0	I Incomplete*
F 0.0	Pass/No Pass*

*NG, WX, I, P, and NP designations are not calculated in the cumulative GPA.

**Students receiving a WF elected to drop the course after the first 3 weeks of the semester. WF designations are calculated in the cumulative GPA.

Academic Statistics Class of 2012

Average Unweighted GPA: 3.09
National Merit Semi-Finalists: 3
National Achievement Scholar: 1
ACT Mean Composite Scores:
323 students took exam 04/2011
Grant High School 22.1
Oregon 21.5
National 21.1

Advanced Placement Testing:
In May of 2011, 143 members of the class of 2012 took 257 Advanced Placement exams in:
Biology, Calculus AB,
Chemistry, Macroeconomics,
English Language, Environmental Science, European History, U.S. Government & Politics, Japanese, Physics C: Mechanical, Spanish, Statistics, and U.S. History.

68% earned a score of 3 or higher
42% earned a score of 4 or higher
16% earned a score of 5

Graduation Requirements 2011-2012

Grant students are required to earn a minimum of 24 credits (0.5 credits for each semester course successfully passed), during grades 9 through 12. Courses required for graduation are as follows:

Language Arts 4.0 credits
Social Studies 3.0 credits
Laboratory Science 3.0 credits
Mathematics 3.0 credits
World Language 2.0 credits
Physical Education 1.0 credit
Health Education 1.0 credit
Electives* 7.0 credits

*1.0 of elective credit must be earned in fine arts, a 3rd year of a world language, or career & technical education

CURRICULUM

Grant High School offers a comprehensive selection of courses in the areas of Business Education, Mathematics, Performing & Visual Arts, Science, Social Science, and World Languages. Students may challenge themselves by enrolling in Advanced Placement and PSU Challenge courses in many subject areas. PSU Challenge courses are taught by Grant faculty who work in partnership with Portland State University (see courses below with *).

Students who have exhausted curricular opportunities at Grant may apply for academic study through Reed College's Young Scholar Program or the LINK program at PSU. If selected, students attend class on the respective college's campus in their specified field of study.

Beginning fall 2011, students can enroll in a maximum of 3 AP and/or PSU courses. Students in 2 or more AP/PSU courses receive advanced level research support in a required Reading & Research seminar.

Language Arts

English 1-2
English 3-4
English 5-6
African American Literature
Creative Writing
Film & Literature
Words of Warfare

Mathematics

Algebra 1-2
Geometry
Bridges to Adv. Algebra
Math Modeling

Advanced Algebra 3-4
Probability & Statistics
Pre-Calculus

Science

Biology
Foundations of Physics & Chemistry
Chemistry
Astronomy
Ecology
Forensic Science

Intro to Sustainable

Agriculture
Physics

Social Science

Modern World History
Philosophy, Ethics, & Comparative Religion
US History
US Government
Economics
Project Citizen & Economic Issues
US Constitution Team

World Language

Latin 1-2
French 1st-5th Year
Japanese 1st-5th Year
Spanish 1st-5th Year

Upper Level Electives

Royal Blues
Wind Ensemble
Advanced Art Studio+
Senior Theater: Find Your Bliss
Business Leadership

Advanced Placement & College-Level Courses

Grant High School encourages students to take advanced courses when they feel prepared for the rigor and challenges these courses offer.

AP Art History+
AP Art Studio
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Studies+
AP European History+
AP Government
AP Language & Composition
AP Macroeconomics

AP Physics C
AP Psychology+
AP U.S. History
PSU British Literature*
PSU College Calculus+
PSU French*
PSU Newswriting
PSU Probability & Statistics*
PSU Spanish+
PSU World Civilizations*
(+ No longer offered)

The Japanese Language & Cultural Studies Program awards credit based on students' demonstrated language and cultural skills determined by national standards. The program offers learning opportunities ranging from no prior Japanese language learning to immersion, heritage, and significant in-country living experiences. Placement is based on student's proficiency level in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Students at Beginners to Novice level enroll in *Kiso Course* offerings; Intermediate to Advanced level enroll in *Sogo Course* offerings.

Recent Graduating Classes 2002-2010

Approximately 73% of graduates have continued their education.

- 55% enrolled at 4-year institutions
- 18% enrolled at 2-year institutions
- 66% of the class of 2011 indicated they would enroll in a 4-year University

*Data collected by National Student Clearinghouse

Post – Secondary Acceptance 2008 – 2011

<p>American University Arizona State University Beloit College Bethel University Boston University Bowdoin College Bryn Mawr College Bucknell University California State University: Chico, Long Beach, Humboldt Carnegie Mellon University Carroll College Chapman University City College of New York Claremont McKenna College Clark Atlanta University Clark University College of Wooster Colorado College Columbia University Connecticut College Cornell College Cornish College of the Arts Dartmouth College Drexel University Earlham College Emory University Florida Institute of Technology Fordham University Franklin College, Switzerland George Washington University Georgetown University Grinnell College Guilford College Hamilton College Hamline University Hampshire College Harvey Mudd College Howard University Ithaca College Johnson C. Smith University Kenyon College Knox College Lawrence University Lewis & Clark College Linfield College Louisiana State University Loyola Marymount University Loyola University New Orleans Macalester College Manhattan College Marymount Manhattan College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Morehouse College Mount Holyoke College New York University Northwestern University</p>	<p>Oberlin College Occidental College Oregon State University Pacific Lutheran University Pacific NW College of Art Pitzer College Pomona College Portland State University Pratt Institute Purdue University Reed College St. Mary's College of CA Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Scripps College Seattle University Skidmore Smith College Southern Methodist University Spelman College St. John's College St. Olaf College Stanford University Texas Southern University The Evergreen State College Tufts University Tulane University United States Marine Corps University of Alaska University of Arizona University of British Columbia University of California: Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara University of Colorado Boulder University of Idaho University of Montana University of Oregon University of Puget Sound University of Redlands University of Rochester University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of Victoria Canada University of Washington University of York Vanderbilt University Vassar College Whitman College Willamette University Williams College Yale University</p>
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