

Metropolitan Learning Center
2011 - 2012 SCHOOL PROFILE
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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

The Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC) is a focus option liberal arts educational option for students who reside in the Portland Public School District. This K – 12 program began in 1968 as a challenge to the notion that educational rewards must be extrinsic and maintains the belief that personal relationships between staff and students are paramount. MLC emphasizes a positive and humane environment where students learn independence and responsible decision-making in a supportive educational setting. The program responds to students' diverse needs and fosters creativity.

Our community believes that good character development stems from values of responsibility and trust. Excellence is the outcome of personal commitment. Students earn credit in all required and elective areas to satisfy requirements for a standard high school diploma in the State of Oregon. MLC has met State of Oregon Standardization criteria and is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. Additionally, MLC has earned the state's highest rating of "Exceptional" on Oregon's annual report card.

Current enrollment is 440 and our ethnic breakdown is as follows: Asian 3.2%, African American 2.3%,

Hispanic 5.9%, Native American 1.4%, White 83%, Multiple Races 4.3% and Unspecified 0%.

MLC Achievements:

Our high school courses are grouped in 'blocks' of time ranging from an hour and a half to three and a half hours, depending upon the school day. Longer classes offer more instruction time and one on one help, as well as opportunities to deeply explore key concepts. Students usually take four courses or 'blocks' along with a Metro (homeroom) during each Trimester. Each 'block' satisfies the required number of Carnegie hours to earn a half credit.

In addition, students collect their work in portfolios; where students showcase pieces of significant work from each class and reflect on field trip experiences, community service and various educational extension opportunities. At the end of the year, students present their portfolio of work to a panel of community members for authentic feedback.

SAT: Reading 570
 Math 500
 Writing 534

ACT: Composite Score: 22.5

Grading

In 2010-11 a new grading policy was implemented. Students now earn an Exceeds (E) for exceeding the standard with at least a 90% on course work. Students earn a Meet (M) for doing work at the benchmark level with at least a 70% on course work. Students earn a Does Not Meet (DM) for not meeting benchmark scores.

In previous years a student earned a Passing (P) grade, when they exhibited a standard of at least an 85% or higher on all course work. Students earned partial credit (PC) if only a portion of work was satisfied at the 85% benchmark.

The students' class ranking and GPA calculation on the transcript are not applicable to MLC. The letter grade of E (Exceeds) and M (Meet) has not been assigned a point value similar to other systems of grading (i.e. A = 4, B = 3...).

RECENT GRADUATING CLASS: 2011

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- 55% enrolled in four-year college
- 25% enrolled in two-year college
- 20% other (GAP Year, work or unknown)

In the past few years, our graduates have enrolled at the following schools:

Brandeis Univ – MA

California College of Arts – CA

Cornish College of the Arts – WA

Eastern Michigan Univ - MI

Evergreen State College – WA

Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising – CA

Goucher College – MD

Grinnell College - IA

Hampshire College – MA

Lane College – TN

Linfield College --OR

Loyola Univ New Orleans –LA

Macalester College – MN

Marlboro College – VT

Mt Hood CC – OR

Nova Southeastern Univ – FL

Oregon State Univ – OR

Pacific Northwest College of Arts – OR

Portland CC – OR

Portland State Univ – OR

Reed College - OR

Regis Univ – CO

Sarah Lawrence College – NY

Southern Oregon Univ – OR

South Plains College – TX

Univ of Puget Sound – WA

Univ of Oregon – OR

Western Oregon Univ – OR

Western Washington Univ – WA

Willamette Univ – OR

