



# ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL IS ON THE RISE

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**Good things are happening at Roosevelt High School.** The school is expanding strong programs, investing in proven teaching strategies and challenging students at all learning levels. Student achievement is up this year. Teachers are working as a team and, with added support from a new federal grant, can laser-focus on their teaching.

In Roosevelt, students and families have a neighborhood high school with strong leadership, dynamic educators who have chosen to be there and the backing of a proud St. Johns community. Roosevelt has the resources, the talent and the will to be a top-flight school.

All it needs is you.



## School highlights

- **Advanced Placement (AP)** Biology, Calculus, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, and Environmental Science, U.S. Government, Spanish Literature and Spanish Language
- **Electives** from jazz band and choir to journalism and technical writing
- **Outstanding drama program** ([www.roosevelttheatre.org](http://www.roosevelttheatre.org)), including acting, stagecraft, improvisation and more, led by artistic director and theater teacher Jo Lane
- **Competitive DECA club** and related coursework including internships and career-building skills from resumé writing to job interviewing.
- Competitive **mock trial** team
- **Talented teachers.** Nine Roosevelt teachers are pursuing their National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification, the highest training level awarded. Statewide, only 243 teachers are NBPTS-certified.
- **Better technology**, from laptops in all classrooms to document cameras and multimedia carts for every teacher
- **Personalized approach** — yet a full range of classes. Students choose a small school, but upperclassmen move among schools for classes.
- **Wraparound support.** All students can access services tailored to their social, academic and career aspirations, ranging from tutoring and mentoring to child care.

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"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  
*Nine years as a school administrator, doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership, Lewis & Clark College*



"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**, senior, full ride scholarship to Brown University. More than 50 RHS seniors were accepted early admission to college this year

**Visit Roosevelt:**  
**Information Night:** Friday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the school.  
**School Tours:** Meet with counselors, teachers and administrators. **Jan. 19, Feb. 2 and 16, March 16, April 20, May 18.** Call 503-916-5260, ask for Lei to arrange a visit.

## Spanish Immersion

This fall, Roosevelt will become the Spanish Immersion high school for North Portland by expanding its stand-out Spanish program into full immersion, including:

- **Three bilingual teachers.**
- Range of **core subjects** taught in Spanish.
- Continuation of successful **AP Spanish Literature** and **AP Spanish Language** courses. 75 percent (9) of Spanish Lit and 65 percent (13) of Spanish Language students who took the AP exam last year passed the exam. Nationally, 61 percent of students who took the AP Spanish Lit exam in 2010 passed (scored 3 or better).
- **Outreach opportunities** in the local Latino community.
- **Bilingual/bicultural setting** with the largest Latino student population in PPS neighborhood high schools.

## College & Career Transition Center

Mission: All graduates have the tools and opportunities for post secondary success.

- **Three counselors** and a college and career program manager.
- **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 through Portland Community College and Portland State University.
- **College survival & success:** Taught by a PCC professor at Roosevelt.
- **AVID:** Teaches college readiness including note-taking and research skills.
- **GEAR-UP:** Arranges college visits and other supports for students under-represented in higher education.
- **Aspire:** Provides one-on-one college counseling and mentoring.

## Athletics

Nike, the city of Portland, Roosevelt alumni and community members teamed with PPS to build a new athletic field in fall 2010 to go with Roosevelt's new bleachers. 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



*"At Roosevelt, we push students to be the best they can be on and off the field – as individuals and as a team. More and more colleges want well-balanced students. We're preparing them for that next step." – Glenn Elliott, Athletic Director*

More information is available at the Roosevelt website:  
[www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/roosevelt](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/roosevelt)



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## Dedicated and ready



*"My kids' teachers are top notch. And I really can't say enough about*

*the curriculum. They studied more Shakespeare in one year than I studied in four years of high school – and I was college prep."*

*Laura Day, event planning business owner whose son and daughter attend Roosevelt*



*"The teaching here is extremely tailored to our kids. It's a commitment. It's a passion."*

*Hallie Gleason, U.S. History and small business teacher; candidate for National Board certification*

## On the rise

- **Math:** 80 percent of freshmen earned a C or better in fall 2010, up from 69 percent yearlong in 2009-10.\*
- **English:** 89 percent of freshmen earned a C or better fall 2010, up from 81 percent yearlong in 2009-10.\*
- **Discipline:** 30 percent decline in discipline referrals in fall 2010, compared with the first quarter last year.

\*Students below standard are receiving catch-up support.

## Proud Partners

RHS Boosters; Work Development Group; Alumni Association; Site Council; Parent/Teacher/Student Association; SouthLake Foursquare Church; Northminster Presbyterian Church; PSU, PCC, University of Portland and many St. Johns businesses.