

HOW HIGH WILL YOU SOAR?

 Catlin Gabel

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READY FOR THE FUTURE

Catlin Gabel is Oregon’s top independent school, where curiosity is rewarded, courage is cultivated, and students take the lead.

We’re looking for students like you to join our community, whether you’re a scholar, athlete, artist, scientist, or all of the above.

Here, an excellent education matters—from preschool through 12th grade, and beyond.

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CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

A learning environment unlike any other

Step onto Catlin Gabel's 67-acre campus: the foundation for discovery. Students explore in our forests, orchards, and gardens; build skills on our sports fields, playgrounds, and grassy hillsides; and become lifelong learners in our classrooms, laboratories, studios, and theaters.

Our brilliant teachers and talented students arrive here every day from across the metro area ready to engage, connect, and learn together. Their diverse perspectives, personalities, and experiences create a community where belonging matters and curiosity thrives.

Nestled in the forests of Southwest Portland, just 5 miles west of downtown, campus is both quiet and connected.

WHERE YOU BELONG

Building a community where everyone is valued

Students are encouraged to bring their whole selves to school. Budding scientists, varsity and beginner athletes, future artists, activists, and scholars all have a place here to explore their passion—or to discover a new one. Diverse perspectives and life experiences contribute to a rich learning environment.

Teachers take the time to get to know their students. Their knowledge and enthusiasm inspires students to ask questions, to take risks that help them grow, and to keep trying when their first attempt falls short. They collaborate to create integrated learning experiences, and continue to hone their skills by developing new, immersive techniques.

Families provide a network of support that extends beyond the classroom. Catlin Gabel parents and guardians are frequently found on campus organizing events, engaging in discussions, contributing to fundraisers, volunteering their skills, and participating in learning alongside their students.





EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Where curiosity is rewarded

At Catlin Gabel, progressive education is more than a philosophy—it's an approach to learning that develops in students the confidence, compassion, and critical thinking to lead courageously.

Students Learn by Doing: Instead of just reading about science, history, or the arts, students experience learning firsthand — through hands-on experiments, real-world projects, and community engagement. Learning is active, not passive.

Questions Drive Learning: Students gain mastery while asking big, meaningful questions, sharing diverse perspectives that expand their understanding and critical thinking. They explore, research, experiment, and learn *how* to think rather than *what* to think.

Learning Extends Beyond the Classroom: Education happens in nature, the community, and the world. Students collaborate on global issues, engage in outdoor learning, and develop problem-solving skills which help them pursue their passions and thrive in a changing world.

Education Builds Confidence and Purpose: We believe in educating the whole child: intellectually, emotionally, physically, and ethically. Students graduate with confidence, inspired by a lifelong love of learning and prepared to contribute to our diverse society.

LEARNING TO FLY

BEGINNING & LOWER SCHOOL

Preschool through 5th Grade



Emily Medress, Parent of students '36, '38

“My daughter is supported by an entire community of people who genuinely care for her, hold her to high expectations, and value her for exactly who she is.”



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

*Discovering the joy in
finding their voice*

Our youngest students learn to speak for themselves and how to listen to others. Teachers encourage conversation, reflection, and connection with classmates and the natural world. Play and movement help tap into each student's innate love for exploration and discovery. Students learn to ask questions and solve problems, while also building skills each day in literacy and mathematics.

In addition to learning in the Beehive (their homeroom), students create art in a studio space, express themselves through music, challenge their bodies in the mini-gym and on the playground, and construct basic projects in the woodshop. By the end of kindergarten, students are active participants in their own educational journey.



SCHOOL DAY

- **Schedule:** 8:20 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **Student-teacher Ratio:**
20:2 + teaching assistant (PS)
19:1 + teaching assistant (K)
- **Enrollment Average:**
20 students (PS)
38 students (K)

TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS

- **Homeroom:** Literacy, Mathematics, Inquiry
- **Specialists:** Woodshop, Music, Studio Art, Wellness, Library Skills
- **Support:** Counselor, Learning Specialist, Literacy Specialist, Equity & Inclusion Office

LEARNING SPACES

- Three large homerooms with distinct learning areas and kitchen
- Covered outdoor space and new dynamic playground
- Art studio, woodshop, music classroom, mini-gym, library

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

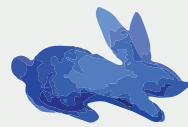
- **Before-School:** Opens at 7:20 a.m., is included in tuition
- **After-School:** Until 6:00 p.m.



Curriculum is a cohesive experience from preschool through 12th grade. Content expands in complexity as students grow, including in the Woodshop.

Begin Lanse, Parent of student '36

“Since joining the Beginning and Lower School, I’ve watched my daughter grow in confidence, independence, and joy. The teachers nurture each child with such intention and care, creating a calm and supportive environment that allows children to thrive.”



GRADES 1-5

Students are inspired to ask questions and seek answers

Teachers work side-by-side with students, helping them realize the power of knowledge and self-discovery—whether in classrooms, exploring the natural world on campus, or venturing further afield. Students are guided by skilled homeroom teachers and meet regularly with specialists in science, math, technology, tinkering, art, language, library, and wellness. They become independent readers, conduct

science experiments, solve problems in mathematics, and examine historical events with a critical eye. Starting in the first grade, students also become global citizens by exploring both Mandarin or Spanish before choosing a language track for study in second through fifth grade. By the end of fifth grade, students have the knowledge and skills needed to successfully navigate Middle School.



SCHOOL DAY

- **Schedule:** 8:10 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
- **Student-teacher Ratio:** 21:1 + teaching assistants
- **Enrollment:** 214 students

TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS

- **Homeroom:** Literacy, Mathematics, Social Studies
- **Specialists:** Science, Art, Music, Wellness, Woodshop, Tinkering, Technology, Library Skills
- **Modern Languages:** Mandarin, Spanish
- **Support:** Counselor, Learning Specialist, Literacy Specialist, Math Specialist, Equity & Inclusion Office

LEARNING SPACES

- Two large homerooms per grade level
- Art studio, woodshop, tinkering, music and language classrooms, woodshop, library, gym
- New dynamic playground, Fir Grove, and orchard

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

- **Before-School:** Opens at 7:20 a.m., is included in tuition
- **After-School:** Until 6:00 p.m.

SPREADING THEIR WINGS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th through 8th Grade



Maia González '28

“In 8th grade English and history, we study the Holocaust and take a field trip to the Oregon Holocaust Memorial. Students can learn in different ways, while creating amazing community connections.”



GRADES 6–8

Students discover their own path

Middle school students are challenged to push past their comfort zones and open themselves to new possibilities. Teachers - experts in their disciplines - guide students as they begin to discover who they are and how they learn. Warren Middle School serves as the hub for student life and education, while engaging curricula prepares students for what lies ahead. Students take classes in seven core areas,

including one of three modern languages and a range of arts offerings. Every student receives an iPad to enhance their learning and develop responsible technology habits. On-campus experiences are complemented by class trips, outdoor excursions, and Global Education opportunities. By the end of 8th grade, students have deepened their critical thinking and take initiative to realize their personal goals.



SCHOOL DAY

- **Schedule:** 8:30 a.m.-3:25 p.m.
- **Student-teacher Ratio:** 15:1
- **Enrollment:** 195 students

ACADEMICS

- **Core Classes:** Math, English, Social Studies, Science, Modern Languages (Spanish, Mandarin, French), Wellness, Arts (drama, media arts, music, studio art, woodshop)
- **Support:** Librarian, Counselor, Learning Specialist, Equity & Inclusion office

LEARNING SPACES

- **Warren Middle School:** classrooms, library, common area
- Creative Arts Center, Woodshop
- Miller Swigert Gym, Murphy Athletic Complex with fields and track

CO-CURRICULARS & STUDENT LIFE

- Small, mixed-grade advisory groups
- Clubs, activities, and affinity groups
- After school athletics
- Global Trips, Outdoor Education

EXTENDED DAY

- Before and after school supervision included in tuition



Our program takes students to locations like Hyla Woods in Oregon's Coast Range to engage in hands-on learning.

SOARING HIGHER

UPPER SCHOOL

9th through 12th Grade



Isabelle Ostrowski '24

“What makes Catlin Gabel unique is the way in which students are encouraged to transform their own learning. The experiential model allowed me to find the area of study I was most passionate about.”



GRADES 9–12

*Conversation and questions
drive discovery*

Empowered by knowledgeable teachers, Upper School students explore solutions to big problems and find what sparks their curiosity. There are close to 150 classes to choose from across all disciplines, including honors-level courses. Students can also expand their options and connect with peers from across the globe by taking classes from a consortium of worldwide independent schools through the Global Online Academy. Our facilities feature

world-class tools, technology, and equipment for active learning. In addition to classrooms and labs, inquiry and discovery take place in student-run clubs and affinity groups, community engagement opportunities, and international trips. In preparation for their next chapter, seniors receive individualized college counseling and complete a self-directed, month-long project with an outside organization or guided by a school mentor.



SCHOOL DAY

- **Schedule:** 8:30 a.m.-3:25 p.m.
- **Student-teacher ratio:** 15:1
- **Enrollment:** 320 students

ACADEMICS

- **Course Offerings:** Mathematics, English, Science, Social Studies, PE & Health, Modern Languages (Spanish, Mandarin, French), Computer Science, Arts (performing, digital, visual)
- Global Online Academy classes
- **Support:** 2 Librarians, 2 Counselors, 2 College Counselors, Learning Specialist, Equity & Inclusion office, Advisory

LEARNING SPACES

- Creative Arts Center
- Miller Library
- Woodshop, ceramics studio, engineering and robotics labs
- Math Building, Semler Science Building
- Hillman Modern Languages Center, Vollum Humanities Center
- Miller Swigert Gym, Murphy Athletic Complex with fields and track

CO-CURRICULARS & STUDENT LIFE

- 40+ clubs, activities, affinity groups
- Engineering and Robotics
- JV and Varsity Athletics
- Global Trips and Outdoor Education

Life in the Upper School is fun, collaborative, and close-knit. Students have many opportunities to practice leadership and independence.



LIFELONG LEADERS

Eagles find a place to land after Catlin Gabel

By the time they graduate, our students have learned to solve technical challenges and find artistic solutions. They've won state, regional, and national awards for their talents, completed rigorous assignments and exams, and begun to discover their place as citizens of the world.

Our college counselors provide personalized support to help students navigate the college process, from their initial ambitions to the final decision. Throughout Upper School, we offer an annual college fair, retreats to local universities, application and essay workshops, and individual support to students and families. These experts are here to help students identify the schools that best align with their abilities and interests, and meet their specific goals after graduation.

99%

ATTEND 4-YEAR COLLEGES

120

COLLEGE REPS VISIT CG ANNUALLY

97%

GRADS SATISFIED WITH POST-GRAD PLANS

30%

HIGHER SAT SCORES THAN NATIONAL AVG



WHERE GRADUATES STUDY

Four or more Catlin Gabel graduates from the classes of 2022-2025 have matriculated to the following colleges:

Boston University
Bowdoin College
Carleton College
Chapman University
Colorado College
Dartmouth College
Fordham University
George Washington University
Haverford College
Loyola Marymount University
New York University
Northeastern University
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pitzer College
Santa Clara University
Scripps College
Stanford University
Tufts University
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Washington
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES

Student Life and Co-Curricular Programs



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Students shine in Athletics, Arts, Robotics and more

Athletics: Our student athletes compete at the highest levels, while thriving in an inclusive, supportive environment. Our championship record and competitive spirit have helped make Catlin one of the best private school athletic programs in Portland, while our no-cut policies encourage athletes to take risks and develop skills from the ground up. 80% of Middle School students and 75% of Upper School students participate in at least one sport. With a foundation established at Catlin Gabel, student athletes have become state champions, collegiate competitors and athletic professionals. Our state-of-the-art Community Center for Athletics & Wellness (coming soon!) will be a game-changer for every student who participates in athletics.

The Arts: Music, theater, visual arts, and woodshop are an integral part of the curriculum. Students across grades are taught by passionate specialist teachers, take part in music and theater productions, and share their art through exhibitions. In Upper School, students can join a choir, band, or take classes, such as ceramics, songwriting, or video production.

Engineering and Robotics: Open to students from 8-12th grade, our Robotics team builds a new robot each year to compete in local, regional, national, and even global competitions. Our Community Engineering team works with outside organizations to design solutions to real-world problems, and has won more than \$60,000 in prizes.





Global Education: Our global education program provides immersive global travel experiences for 8th grade students and for all students in the Upper School. Students are exposed to diverse languages, cultures, histories, policies, and environments, as well as local customs, art, religious practices, social norms, education systems, and ecological issues. These trips offer cross-cultural exchange, to cultivate students' global competence in an interconnected world. Recent trip locations have included Japan, Costa Rica, Canada, Ecuador, Finland, the Baltic States, Ghana, Martinique, Nepal, Taiwan, and Turkey.



Outdoor Education: Our outdoor education program is field-based, experiential, and linked to themes students will encounter throughout their Catlin Gabel education. Through participation in the program, students learn what it means to take responsible action in a community setting. Middle and Upper School students have developmentally appropriate opportunities to take a more active role in the program as student leaders. Typical trips include activities such as rock climbing, snowshoeing, whitewater rafting, surfing, and backpacking..

Affinity & Discussion Groups and Clubs: Affinity & Discussion Groups provide a space for students to engage in activities, discussions, and learning opportunities that promote understanding and empathy. Upper School students can also choose from more than 40 clubs that align with their interests, activism, or academic studies. Clubs include: Environmental Action Team, Mock Trial, Culinary Arts, Ultimate Frisbee, Chess, D&D, and many more.



Community Engagement: From the earliest grades, students are encouraged to think beyond themselves. Younger students contribute to the campus community and are encouraged to develop their own initiatives beyond the classroom, such as clothing drives and fundraisers. Middle and Upper School students engage in community partnerships with over 25 organizations across the greater Portland area. These experiences emphasize mutual respect, sustainable change, and empowerment, and are designed to nurture dialogue, reflection, and civic learning.



QUICK FACTS

Information and data reflects the 2025-26 academic year.

MISSION: Catlin Gabel fosters compassionate and curious citizens of the world by inspiring in every student a love of learning and the courage to take responsible action

VALUES: Integrity, Inclusion, and Kindness

PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION PRINCIPLES:
Experiential Learning, Spirit of Inquiry, Teaching the Whole Child, and Educating for Democracy

CAMPUS

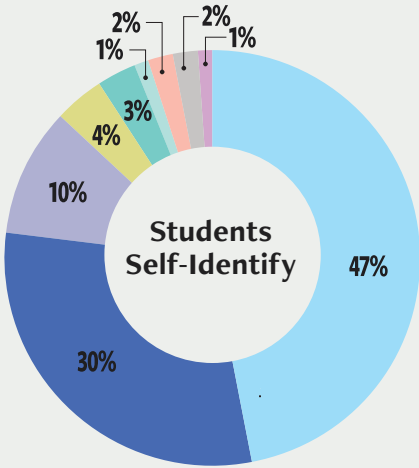
- 67 acre Main Campus
- 5 miles west of downtown Portland, Oregon
- 8.5 acre East Campus

ENROLLMENT: 787 total students

- **Preschool & Kindergarten:** 58
- **Lower School:** 214
- **Middle School:** 195
- **Upper School:** 320

DIVERSITY

- 31 countries of origin
- 42 different languages spoken at home



TUITION

- **Preschool & Kindergarten:** \$37,300
- **Lower School:** \$39,600
- **Middle School:** \$43,300
- **Upper School:** \$45,800

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- **27%** of students receive financial assistance
- **\$27,000-\$365,000:** income of households receiving financial assistance
- **\$29,600:** average financial assistance per student
- **\$9,470- \$44,700:** financial assistance award range
- **\$6.2** million allocated in total

FOOD SERVICE: Healthy lunches and snacks available to every grade level; locally sourced when possible; vegetarian and gluten-free options.

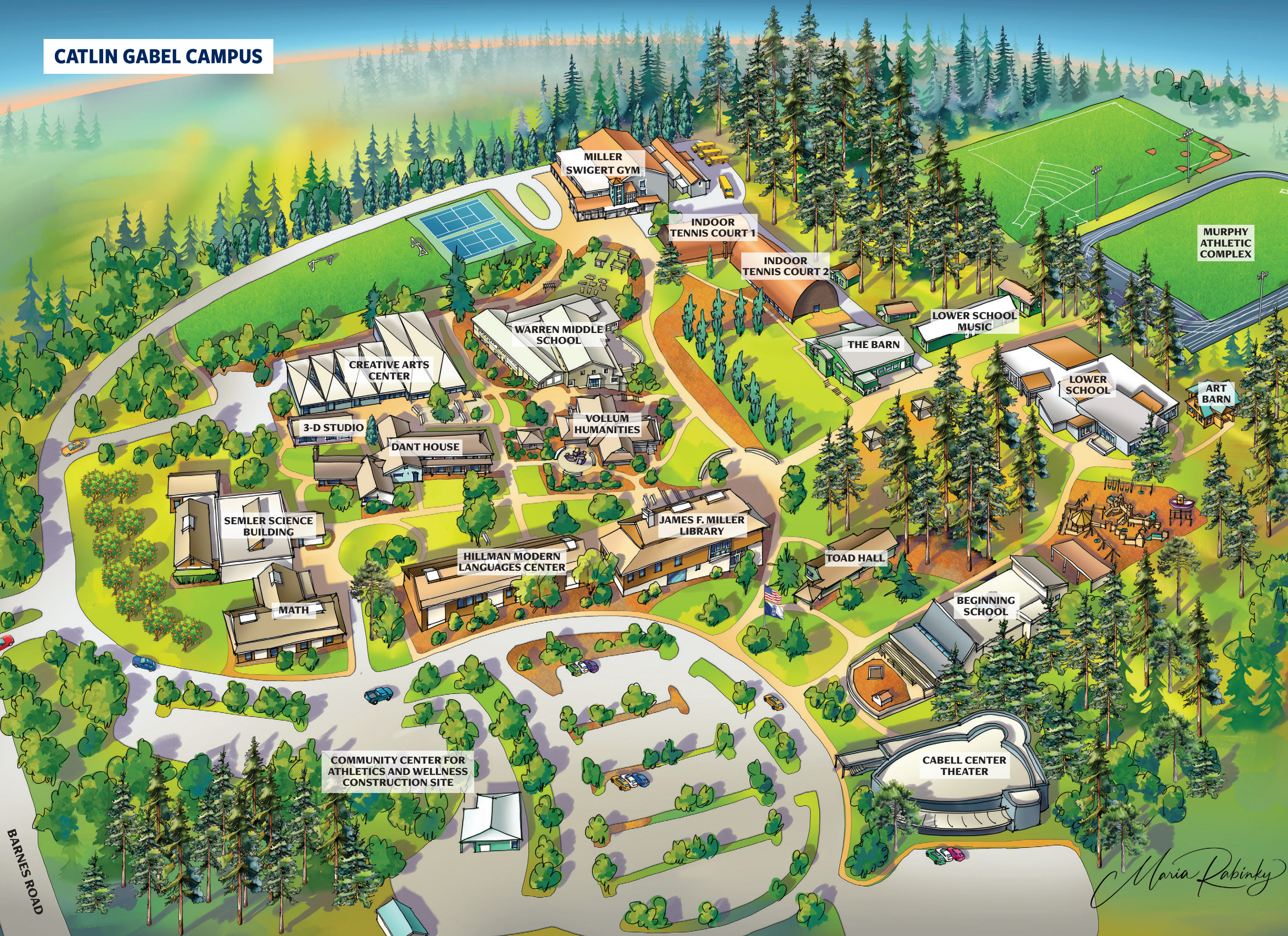
TRANSPORTATION

- 21% of students use Catlin Gabel buses
- Bus routes serve six Portland metro areas
- Carpool locator in the parent portal
- Public buses and Max Light Rail nearby

- 47% White
- 30% Multiracial
- 10% Asian/ Asian American
- 4% Southeast Asian/ Indian
- 3% Black / African / African American
- 1% East Asian /East Asian American
- 2% Hispanic / Latiné
- 2% Not listed / Prefer not to answer
- 1% Middle Eastern



CATLIN GABEL CAMPUS



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GET IN TOUCH

Catlin Gabel's Enrollment Team can provide more information, arrange a campus visit, or connect you with current teachers, students, or families.

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