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Portland Public Schools Students Make Gains on Statewide Assessments

District leaders say results mark momentum toward stronger outcomes in literacy, math, attendance, and high school success

Portland, OR — Portland Public Schools (PPS) today announced increases in student performance on the Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS). This year's results show gains in both English language arts and mathematics, where students in Grades 3-8 showed gains in achievement of 1.5 and 2.0 percentage points, respectively. These improvements demonstrate progress toward the district's academic goals and reflect the collective effort of students, educators, and families across Portland.

"These results show what happens when school communities believe in its children," said **Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong, Superintendent of PPS**. "Our students are rising, our teachers are pushing

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From the academic side, PPS leaders emphasized how the data affirms the direction of the district's priorities. **Kristina Howard, Senior Chief of Academics**, said: "The improvements we are seeing align directly to our Board goals. Our continued focus on grade-level, standards-aligned, culturally affirming, deeply engaging, and data-driven instruction in both Literacy and Math remains at the center of our work. This year, we are also adding intentional focus on attendance and ninth-grade on-track, critical levers that will further accelerate our growth. Data analysis confirms that progress is happening across grade levels and subject areas, and with our sharpened priorities, we will continue to move forward faster and stronger."

Dr. Renard Adams, Chief of Accountability and Equity, said: "The numbers are clear and PPS students are moving in the right direction. We see measurable gains, and while there is still more work to do, this progress validates our approach. As I have said before, we won't be satisfied until we have 100% of students meeting standards—that's the goal. And as we get there we will continue to hold ourselves accountable for equity in outcomes. This year's OSAS results show that our students are capable of meeting and exceeding expectations."

PPS leaders stressed that while the gains are worth celebrating, the district is not slowing down. These results are being used to identify strengths, target areas of growth, and sustain momentum for the year ahead.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY

To share the full results and outline next steps, PPS invites members of the media to a press conference on **Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 8:00 AM**, at the district office located at **501 N. Dixon St, Portland, OR 97227**.

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