

2026-27

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

A community where everyone can thrive

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 get to know their students. Their 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 hands-on 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*

Preschool is the beginning of a lifelong journey in learning how to be human. It's where children build relationships with curiosity, playfulness, and connection. They ask questions, tell stories, wonder out loud, and explore ideas together—growing their sense of identity as joyful, capable learners.

In addition to learning literacy and mathematics, 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.



HIGHLIGHTS

Literacy, Math, Inquiry
Woodshop, Art, Music
Wellness, Field Trips
Wonder Week

LEARNING SPACES

Dedicated Art Studio
Woodshop
Music Classroom
Mini-Gym, Library

SUPPORT

Full-Time Counselor
Learning Specialist
Literacy Specialist
Librarian

TRADITIONS

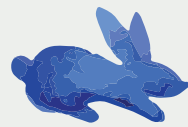
Family Friday Sing
Lantern Walk
Rainbow Parade
Field Day



Students develop an engineering mindset through early experiences in the Tinkering studio—a space for problem-solving and creative construction.

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.



HIGHLIGHTS

Modern Languages,
Tinkering, Woodshop,
Art, Music, Wellness, Field
Trips, Annual Trips,
Wonder Week

CO-CURRICULARS

Athletics (Grade 5+)
Community Engagement
Student Government
Affinity Groups (Grades 3-5)

SUPPORT

Counselor, Librarian
Learning Specialist
Literacy Specialist
Math Specialist

TRADITIONS

Harvest Festival
Winter Sing
Rainbow Parade
Field Day

SPREADING THEIR WINGS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th through 8th Grade



Sierra Clawson '31

“What I think makes Catlin Gabel unique is all the community time we have with C&Cs, community engagement, and class trips. There are so many bonding experiences that make every grade and student group closer.”



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. The Warren Middle School building serves as the hub for student life and education, while engaging curricula prepares students for what lies ahead.

Students take classes in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science, as well as Wellness, Life Skills, one of three Modern Languages, and a range of Arts offerings. 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 know how to take initiative to realize their personal goals.



HIGHLIGHTS

Modern Languages
Drama, Media Arts
Music, Studio Arts
Woodshop, Breakaway

CO-CURRICULARS

Clubs & Affinity Groups
Community Engagement
Global Trips & Outdoor Ed
Athletics
Robotics (Grade 8)

ATHLETICS

Basketball
Cross-Country
Soccer
Track & Field
Volleyball

SUPPORT

Academic Dean
Counselor
Learning Specialist
Librarian



Middle School Discovery Days bring students together at the start of the school year for off-campus adventures centered on exploration, community-building, and connection.

SOARING HIGHER

UPPER SCHOOL

9th through 12th Grade



Vishaka Priyan '26

“Through my experiences at this school, I have become more patient, more empathetic, and more open minded. I know for a fact that I am a far better person simply for attending Catlin Gabel.”



GRADES 9–12

*Empowering students to
shape their future*

Inspired 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. 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, students receive individualized college counseling, and seniors complete a self-directed, month-long project. Students graduate Catlin Gabel ready to thrive in college, their careers, and wherever their ambitions take them.



HIGHLIGHTS

45+ Honors Classes
2-Week Immersives Courses
Senior Project
Global Online Academy

CO-CURRICULARS

Varsity & JV Athletics
Performing Arts, Robotics
Global Trips & Outdoor Ed
Mock Trial, Model UN

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Government
Student Ambassadors
Community Engagement
50+ Clubs & Affinity Groups

SUPPORT

College Counselors
Faculty Advisors
Personal Counselors
Learning Specialist
Librarian



Life in the Upper School is fun, collaborative, and close-knit. Students—whether new to Catlin Gabel or “lifers”—find their community and build lasting friendships.

LIFELONG LEARNERS & LEADERS

Eagles find a place to land after Catlin Gabel

By the time they graduate, our students have learned to solve complex challenges and find solutions. They've competed at the state and national level, completed rigorous projects 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. 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 Catlin Gabel Annually

97%

Grads Satisfied With Post-Grad Plans

30%

Higher SAT Scores Compared to National Avg



WHERE GRADUATES STUDY

Four or more Catlin Gabel graduates from the classes of 2023-2026 have matriculated to the following colleges:

Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Carleton College
Chapman University
Colorado College
Cornell University
Fordham University
George Washington University
New York University
Northeastern University
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pitzer College
Purdue University
Rice University
Scripps College
Stanford University
Tufts University
University of California - Irvine
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Michigan
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Washington
Wesleyan University
Williams College

TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES

Student Life and Co-Curricular Programs



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

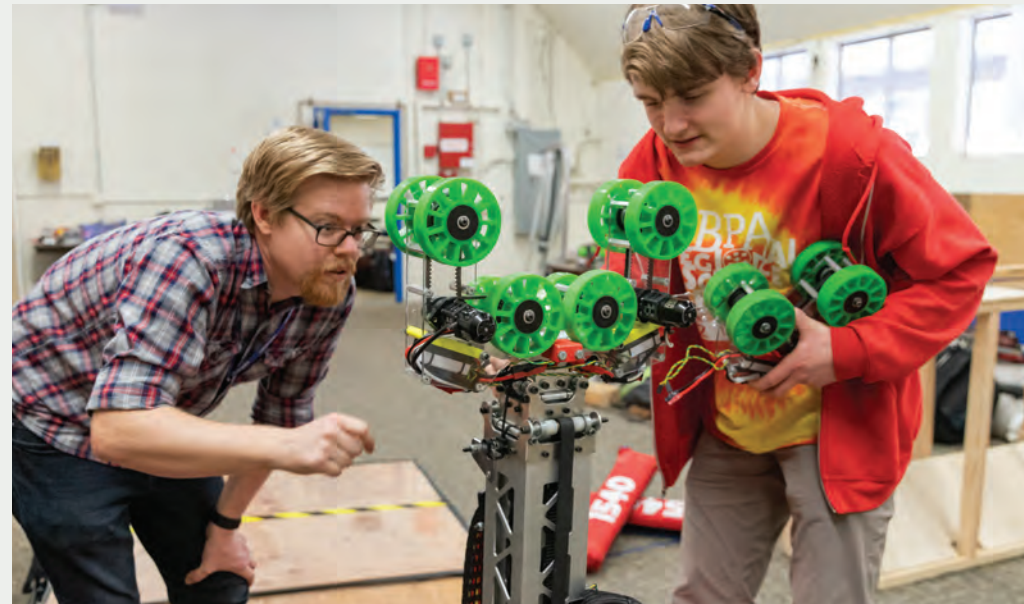
Students shine in Athletics, Arts, Robotics and more

Athletics: 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. 10% of Catlin Gabel graduates compete in varsity college athletics. Our program is evolving and growing, and our new state-of-the-art Schnitzer Center (coming 2027) 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.

Robotics and Engineering: 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.





Global Education: Our global education program provides immersive global travel opportunities for 8th-12th grade students. Through cross-cultural exchange, students are exposed to diverse languages, cultures, histories, and environments, as well as local customs, art, religious practices, and social norms.

Outdoor Education: Through participation in Outdoor Education, students learn what it means to take responsible action in a community setting. Middle and Upper School students have 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 70 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.

Leadership: As early as 3rd grade, students have opportunities to participate in each division's student government, using their voices to plan school events and enact cultural change. In Middle and Upper school, student-run clubs and affinity groups offer additional spaces for leadership and cross-group solidarity.

QUICK FACTS

Information and data reflects the 2026-27 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

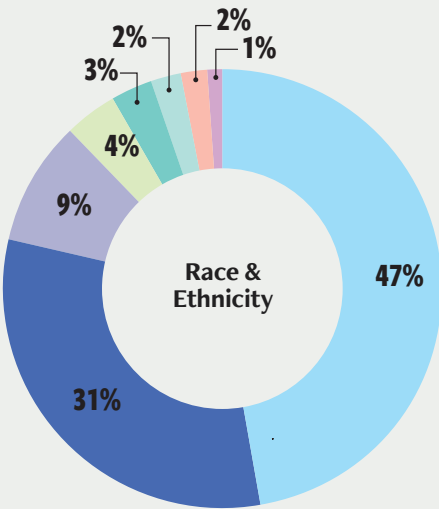
- CAMPUS:**
- 67 acre Main Campus
 - 5 miles west of downtown Portland, Oregon
 - 8.5 acre East Campus for community programs

ENROLLMENT: 792 total students

- **Preschool & Kindergarten:** 56
- **Lower School:** 218
- **Middle School:** 194
- **Upper School:** 324

TUITION:

- **Preschool & Kindergarten:** \$38,750
- **Lower School:** \$41,150
- **Middle School:** \$44,980
- **Upper School:** \$47,600



- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**
- **27%** of students receive financial assistance
 - **\$39,220-\$409,750:** income of households receiving financial assistance
 - **\$30,400:** average financial assistance per student
 - **\$6,030- \$46,460:** financial assistance award range
 - **\$6.5 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:**
- About 20% of students use Catlin Gabel buses
 - Bus routes serve six Portland metro areas
 - Public buses and Max Light Rail nearby

- EXTENDED LEARNING:**
- **Beginning & Lower School:** Before and after-school program and enrichment classes
 - » **Before-School:** starts at 7:20 a.m. (included in tuition)
 - » **After-School:** until 6:00 p.m. (full week, partial-week, and drop-in rates available)
 - **Middle School:** Before and after-school supervision available (included in tuition)

- 47% White
- 31% Multiracial
- 9% Asian / Asian American
- 4% Southeast Asian / Indian
- 3% Black / African / African American
- 2% Hispanic / Latiné
- 2% East Asian / East Asian American
- 1% Middle Eastern

COMING IN 2027: SCHNITZER CENTER

The new Schnitzer Center will become the heart of Catlin Gabel, giving our community a year-round space to gather, compete, build skills, and connect.



- FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS:**
- A state-of-the-art gym, fitness room, and multi-purpose team spaces that will support our student athletes and growing athletics programs.
 - Dedicated studios for yoga, dance, meditation, and life-skills learning that will support healthy decision-making across divisions.
 - An additional dining space where students can share meals together, host informal community moments, and serve as a flexible space for events.
 - An Alumni Center where former students can gather and reflect.

CATLIN GABEL CAMPUS



MILLER
SWIGERT GYM

INDOOR
TENNIS COURT 1

INDOOR
TENNIS COURT 2

MURPHY
ATHLETIC
COMPLEX

WARREN MIDDLE
SCHOOL

THE BARN

CREATIVE ARTS
CENTER

LOWER
SCHOOL

ART
BARN

3-D STUDIO

VOLLUM
HUMANITIES

DANT HOUSE

SEMLER SCIENCE
BUILDING

JAMES F. MILLER
LIBRARY

HILLMAN MODERN
LANGUAGES CENTER

TOAD HALL

MATH

BEGINNING
SCHOOL

SCHNITZER CENTER
CONSTRUCTION SITE

CABELL CENTER
THEATER

Maria Rabinky

BARNES ROAD



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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