ROOSEVELT
High School

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Roosevelt is a state of the art comprehensive high school with dynamic course offerings and a staff guiding students towards academic success today and preparing them for college and careers after graduation.

Roosevelt High School, located twenty minutes north of downtown Portland, is nestled in the neighborhood of St. Johns. It was built in 1910 and was named James John High School in honor of the founder of the settlement. It opened in 1911 and the first graduating class had four students. James John High School closed in 1921, and its replacement, Roosevelt High School, opened the following year.

Today our student body has approximately 1350 students. The campus was newly renovated in 2018, increasing our enrollment. Roosevelt is one of the most ethnically diverse high schools in the state of Oregon and we communicate to our school families in 31 languages. In an increasingly global economy, Roosevelt students are a step ahead in their exposure to multiple perspectives and cultures. The school's diversity fosters a culture of inquiry and inclusivity. Roosevelt's students are also supported by the thriving and vibrant St. Johns community with committed educators and high expectations for all students.

Currently, Roosevelt students with a 2.85 GPA or higher gain instant admission to Portland State University. All graduates have instant admission to Portland Community College.

Mission Statement

To ensure that all students graduate on time, ready for college and career of their choosing, committed to a socially just world.





Roosevelt Highlights

Academics

Roosevelt students are expected to take a rigorous, college-prep schedule which includes a full schedule for 9th, 10th and 11th graders and at least 6 out of 8 periods for 12th graders. Students are encouraged to take advanced courses when they feel prepared for the rigor and challenges these courses offer. Roosevelt offers both Advanced Placement and dual credit courses in partnership with Portland State University (PSU) and Portland Community College (PCC).

Spanish Immersion and World Languages

Over the past 23 years, Roosevelt High School has developed a rigorous program of study for students to develop their academic Spanish skills with the goal to ultimately prepare them for upper division college Spanish coursework. The program serves students who are either native Spanish speakers or come from a Spanish immersion program. The courses develop the students' reading, writing, and oral fluency through Spanish Language Arts classes similar to the in-depth study of English in Language Arts classes. Freshmen and sophomores take introductory level Spanish Language Arts courses, and juniors and seniors take AP Spanish Language & Culture and AP Spanish Literature & Culture courses, which expands their academic skills to college level and beyond. Students consistently pass the two Spanish AP exams, with 100% passing with a 3 or higher in AP Spanish Language, and 93% in AP Spanish Literature in 2026.







Advanced Placement

In May of 2026, 443 Roosevelt students took 685 Advanced Placement (AP) exams in in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Calculus BC: AB Subscore, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science A, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Japanese Language & Culture, Physics 1, Spanish Language & Culture, Spanish Literature & Culture, Statistics, US Government & Politics, US History, and World History: Modern. In 2025, 69% of students passed their AP exams with a 3 or higher. 51 AP Scholars (students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams) 25 AP Scholars with Honor (students who received at least a 3 or higher on four or more AP Exams) 35 AP Scholar with Distinction (students who received at least a 3 or higher on five or more AP exams)

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Roosevelt offers a variety of courses that explore careers while focusing on career related skills. Those classes include:

- Engineering
- Robotics
- Audio Engineering
- Media & Mass Communications
- Theater Arts/Multimedia
- Computer Science
- Construction Technology
- Health Science
- Business Management
- Health Sciences



Athletics and Activities

Students at Roosevelt High School have many opportunities to be involved. We are proud to have over 20 student-led clubs and a variety of athletic programs. These clubs include Anime Club, Asian Student Group, Black Student Union, MEChA, Indigenous Alliance, Pacific Islander Club, QSA, Speech & Debate, Student Council, Theatre Clubs, and more!

Student athletes have an opportunity to participate in Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Dance, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, and Wrestling.



Performing and Visual Arts

Our visual and performing arts continues to grow! We continue to provide high quality opportunities in 2D and 3D Art, Band, and Theatre. In 2021 we were able to add Choir to our list of opportunities and are excited to grow that program!



Student Support

Roosevelt's strength comes from the partnerships that it has with members of our North Portland community. These partners work collaboratively with RHS staff to support our students and families.

We are proud to partner with:

Latino Network, Step UP, SUN, Raphael House, Samoa PDX, TRiO, Samoa PDX, The Oregon Zoo, Portland State University, and PCC.