BENSON POLYTECHNIC High School

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"Benson Polytechnic students are students that are prepared for real-world situations in the workforce. A Benson High School diploma opens the door for students to begin their lifelong journey as they embark on a path for their future."

Curtis Wilson Jr.
Principal

Let your skills soar at Benson. Benson Polytechnic High School is Portland's premier four-year Career Technical Education (CTE) focus high school, founded in 1917.

Benson offers the academic rigor and the practical training that prepares students for college and the highly skilled, highly paid 21st-century work force.



Mission Statement

Within an environment that fosters diversity, Benson's mission is to integrate hands-on career technical education and core academics today for the innovations of tomorrow.

Our goals

The Benson staff believes that students should:

- Apply academic concepts to real-world situations.
- Integrate technical and academic content in their studies.
- Explore career and technical fields, then choose an academy.
- Experience learning in the classroom and in the workplace.
- Graduate with advanced career and college skills.

School Facts

Nickname:
Astros
Colors:
Royal Blue and Blaze Orange
Mascot:
Astronaut
Logo:
Gear
Modernization completed fall of 2024

Information Night

January 27th, 2027; 6 - 8 p.m.
See the school's page for more details

Athletics and Activities



Benson offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities including athletics: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Soccer, Football, Dance Team, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, and Golf.

Leadership and Career Tech organizations: National Honor Society, Skills USA, and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Over 35 student clubs: Robotics, Diversity, Key, MEChA, Black Student Union, GSA and more.

Student Support Programs: Escalera, Benson Tech Scholars, Math/Science Tutoring, OHSU-Richmond Clinic Student Health Center Services.



College and Career Readiness

Benson's academies offer a rigorous course of study, skill building and internships or apprenticeships in three high-demand careers areas.

Communications And Design Academy

- Photography/Video Technology
- Digital Media Design/Animation
- Radio Broadcasting KBPS (student-run public radio station)
- Computer Science Engineering

Health Science Academy

- Medical Assistant/ Professions
- Nursing/Certified Nursing Assistant
- Dental Assistant

Tech Skills Academy

- Automotive Technology
- Building Construction Technology
- Electrical Technology
- Manufacturing Technology

Student Support



Benson students are:

Diverse - Benson is among the most diverse high schools in the Northwest, as we draw students from across the city to create a wide range of ethnic, racial, linguistic, socio-economic, and cultural backgrounds. Benson fosters an environment of mutual respect and understanding that prepares students to excel in a global society.

College-and career-focused – Students can earn college credit in AP and Dual-credit classes in both academic and Career Tech classes through PCC and MHCC. More than two thirds of Benson students enter a two-year or four-year college or university immediately upon graduating. Another 15 percent attend career/technical trade schools, while some enter the work force or pursue other options.