

Charter Schools and Alternative Programs School Board Committee Meeting

November 10, 2021

Agenda

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
- Charter School Application Update
- Alternative School Programming
- Charter School Spotlight: Portland Village School
- Alternative School Spotlight: Helensview Middle & High School
- Public Comment

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Land Acknowledgment and Anti-Oppression Statement

Within Portland Public Schools today, we serve students and families representing more than 150 different tribal nations, including the descendents of the local nations of the Chinook, Kathlamet, Multnomah, Kalapuya, Clackamas, Cowlitz, Molalla, and Tualatin. It is our obligation to teach accurate information, past and present, about the impact of colonization and genocide on all of our students and make visible the multitude of Native families and many diverse ways Native communities and families are living in the present.

In addition to acknowledging the land and those that have been here since time began, we must also remember our stolen siblings from Africa whose labor built the vast wealth of this country. These two communities and the atrocities committed against them are intrinsically intertwined due to our existence within a white supremacist world. Everything we have is due to stolen land and stolen labor, and every system and institution that impacts our lives is built upon this legacy. It is our job to speak that truth into spaces so that we can all begin to heal.

Charter School Application Update

- The Charter School Application that was under review per ORS 338.035 has been withdrawn from consideration by the applicant.
- Applicant plans to create a more robust proposal and submit a new Application in the 2022 cycle.
- The next Charter School Application cycle begins July 15, 2022.



Alternative School Programming

Multiple Pathways School Spotlights

Charter School Programs

Sponsored by PPS:

KairosPDX - Eliminating racial achievement and opportunity gaps through a culturally responsive, data informed approach (k-5, 230 students)

Le Monde French Immersion - French language immersion, pursuing International Baccalaureate World School authorization (k-8, 400 students)

Portland Arthur Academy - Comprehensive Direct Instruction model using detailed pre-planned lessons in an incremental, mastery-learning approach (k-5, 175 students)

Portland Village School - Waldorf-inspired, standards-based, arts integrated curriculum, including drama, music, second language, and handwork (k-8, 430 students)

Charter School Programs (cont.)

(Sponsored by PPS, cont.)

The Emerson School - Project-based learning grounded in student interests, purposeful field work; supported by social-emotional framework of Positive Discipline (k-5, 144 students)

Portland Charter Schools Sponsored by ODE:

Cottonwood School of Civics and Science - Place-based education, fostering deep relationships between students and their natural and human environment (k-8, 205 students)

The Ivy School - Montessori education, offering creative and challenging multi-sensory instruction for the whole child (k-8, 320 students),

~1865 TOTAL Charter School Students in PPS (~1340 PPS Charters, ~525 ODE Charters)

Charter School Spotlight: Portland Village School (k-8)

Dr. Jennifer Stackhouse, Executive Director
Chrissy Constant, Education Coordinator

PVS Student Population 2021-22: 427 students

- 19% -Historically Underserved by Race/Ethnicity
- 14% -Economically Disadvantaged (Direct Certification)
- 3% - Emerging Bilingual/English Language Learners
- 17% -Students with Disabilities



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Charter School Spotlight: Portland Village School



Our Mission:

To advance a public Waldorf education that teaches respect and reverence by developing the head, heart, and hands in children from all backgrounds and cultures.



Our students...

~ Stay together with their classmates and teacher in 4 year loops 1-4, and in 2 year loops 5-6, 7-8

~ Learn through culturally responsive, main-lesson blocks that integrate science, world studies, language arts and math into thematic units.

~ Develop head, hands and heart through artistic expression, music, movement, drama, and imaginative play.

Charter School Spotlight:



Aesthetics are important in a Waldorf classroom - rooms are curated, nature filled spaces where children want to learn.

PVS recognizes the importance of developing the whole child, and the interconnectivity* of different disciplines supporting the growth of individuals as whole human beings



~ *Handwork teaches: problem solving, planning, perseverance, develops fine motor skills for writing, supports counting etc.

- Kinders learn to finger knit
- 1st grade learns to knit
- 3rd learns to spin, dye and cross stitch
- 8th graders learn to machine sew and how to wood carve ~

Charter School Spotlight:

Festivals and seasonal events: central aspect to Waldorf education are the community events that bring rhythm and order to the year and meaning to our lives.

- Rose Ceremony
- Harvest Festival
- Dia de los Muertos
- Lantern Walk
- Craft Fair
- Spiral Walk
- Lunar New Year
- May Day

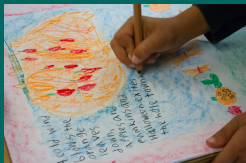


Lantern Walk November 10: The seasonal change highlights a reflective metaphorical shift within; as the natural world goes to sleep we must be more wakeful...we recognize our need to enlighten the world through shining our inward light on the world around us through acts of caring, bravery, service and opening our hearts to others.

Charter School Spotlight:

Student presenters: PVS 8th grade representatives

Thank You Committee Members!



Contracted Alternative Schools (CBO's)

FORA Health - Residential Youth Treatment program offers male-identifying teens, aged 13-18 who struggle with substance use to receive caring and effective treatment around the clock in a supportive environment

Helensview HS - Accredited school that provides individualized instruction and specialized support services for youth ages 12-21 who have dropped out of school or who are experiencing chronic attendance / behavioral issues

Mt. Scott Learning Center - Accredited education program specially designed for HS students who benefit from a non-traditional learning environment. We provide a safe, nurturing, challenging environment in which most of our students discover for the first time what it means to succeed.

NAYA Many Nations Academy - Serves 9th–12th graders in a culturally relevant, student-centered learning environment with a blended high school and college and career readiness curriculum.

OPEN School - A Life Prep school that provides full-day school programming for students in grades 9 - 12. We serve students who need something different than a traditional school environment, and surround those students with small, inclusive classrooms, relationship-based advocacy and academics tailored to them.

Contracted Alternative Schools (CBO's)

PCC Gateway to College & YES to College - PCC Links are unique programs designed to help you get the education you need to reach your goals – no matter where you're starting from. You can create a better future for yourself, and our programs can help. Our goal is to empower students through personalized support, educational innovation, and academic excellence.

Rosemary Anderson HS & MS - Rosemary Anderson has four fully accredited, community-based alternative high schools. We offer an open-door admission policy and primarily cater to students who have not found success in more traditional schools and support with a range of impactful and culturally specific wrap around services.

Portland Youth Builders - For over 25 years, Portland YouthBuilders has helped thousands of young people change their lives through a combination of education, vocational training, counseling, career development, and long term support. The result? Stronger families and stronger communities

Youth Progress Association - The Yp Learning Center is a culturally-responsive, center-based therapeutic foster care program designed specifically to meet the academic, social & emotional, therapeutic, and recreational needs of students in foster care.

CBO School Spotlight:



Helensview High School

Principal Interim Acting, Dan Cohnstaedt
Vice Principal, Suezann Kitchens

CBO School Spotlight: **Helensview School**



Dan Cohnstaedt, Interim Acting Principal
Suezann Kitchens, Vice Principal

Who We Are

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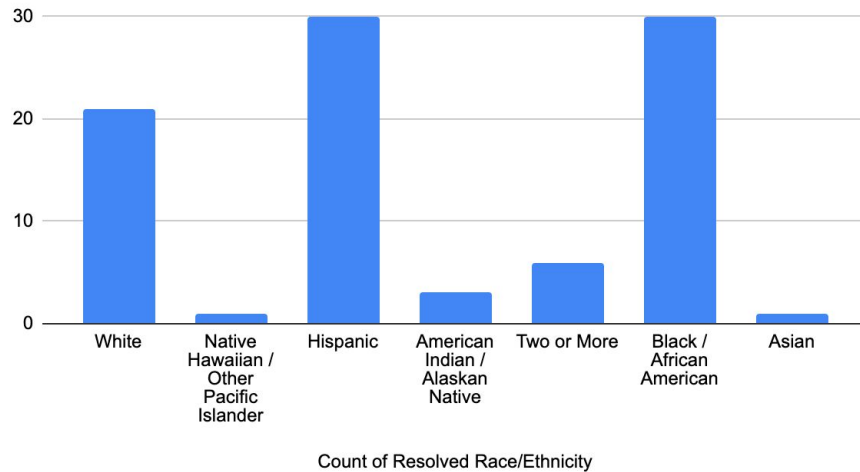
Helensview School provides multiple pathways to graduation with a standard diploma, and academic, social service and connection to post-secondary options.



Each student can access dual credit (on-campus), CTE (culinary and manufacturing), and on-site job training through our 7 student businesses.

Student Demographics

PPS Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



95 PPS students enrolled

37 SPED

8 ELL

10 Pregnant/Parenting

[Link to Portland Business Journal Article](#)

Credit Recovery

Helensview offers a full school day as well as flexible schedules for our students. Credit averages at eight earned per year for full time students with our class pace and individualized learning plans. Most core classes are taught in the mornings and in three week term rotations. Students also receive language art and math support classes each day. Electives and CTE classes take place in the afternoons. Helensview offers credit based online classes for students that need a less traditional schedule and way of learning.



Phoenix provides services to youth, ages 12-21, who are pregnant and / or parenting and identified as at-risk and requiring individualized programming, prenatal and parenting instruction. Onsite childcare is available for our students during their time in class.

Helensview Phoenix: Pregnant and Parenting Services



TRIO College Program

The TRIO program at Helensview supports students with transitioning into college after high school. This includes answers to any questions about the process, applications, financial aid, scholarships, career selection, college selection, college tours, finding childcare, and understanding the requirements to graduate from college. Once in the program students are able to receive support until they receive a doctorate. TRIO programs are located in more than 1,000 colleges, universities, community colleges, and agencies in America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands. Students are able to earn up to 15 credits through Portland State University.



CTE Program: Culinary Arts



Our Culinary Arts program revolves around the production of breakfast and lunch for our entire school population within an industry-standard kitchen. Being a dual-enrolled program, students have the opportunity to earn college and high school credit concurrently through articulated courses offered by Lane and Linn-Benton Community Colleges. Students then can advance their skills further through food production in our school kitchen, where we serve roughly 400 lunches each week and as interns within local restaurants that we have partnerships with. In addition, we operate a catering program which ties together the food and business side with exposure to meal planning, costing, catering logistics and budgeting.

CTE Program: Health Sciences

Through exploration, this program prepares students for careers in the healthcare field. Helensview partners with hospital facilities and local CNA programs to support students inquiry and have a better understanding of navigating paths in joining the medical profession.



CTE Program: Natural Resources



The goal of the natural resources program is to connect students with the natural world around them. In this program students study plant science, gardening, and ecology. Students also learn about forestry science and participate in statewide events with the Oregon Future Natural Resource Leaders.

CTE Program: Construction



At Helensview, our CTE Construction Program offers students hands-on experience on working in the construction industry. This training includes skills such as having knowledge of measurement systems, tool usage, safety and how to be a successful candidate for a career in construction. Students visit a variety of jobs and attend workshops to explore what field they are interested in. This program connects students to apprenticeship opportunities and dives into how to be successful in a union or non-union program.

CTE Business Marketing Program: Bicycle Mechanic

Helensview partners with the Community Cycling Center to teach students how to repair bicycles. Students also learn physics lessons using bikes. Trimet donates bikes from their lost and found for students to work on. Students also practice what it is like to work in a functional bike mechanic shop.

[Trimet Video](#)



CTE Business Marketing Program: Art/Screen Printing



The Helensview Art Program uses silkscreen to create and print the school's apparel such as hoodies, t-shirts, hats and face masks. We also do custom orders for other schools and clients. Students enjoy access to silkscreen printing and its process, as well as practicing different techniques for their own expression. They like having the freedom to create and we support and help them create and develop their ideas. Other art mediums taught at Helensview include watercolor, drawing, crafts, clay, alcohol inks, collage, beading and more.

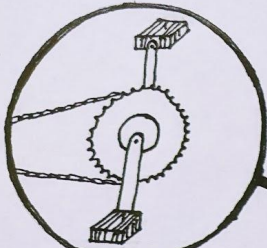
CTE Program: Music Studio Production



Phoenix Studios at Helensview School focuses on project-centered learning, recording and releasing songs through platforms like Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube while helping students learn skills in writing, composition, audio engineering, and marketing. Phoenix Studios also offers dual credit in partnership with Portland Community College, giving students the opportunity to earn college credit while learning the basics of Ableton Live audio production software. Additionally, Phoenix Studios at Helensview School teaches basic and intermediate skills on various instruments, and provides live performance opportunities for aspiring student artists.

[Motivation Mixtape Volume 2](#)

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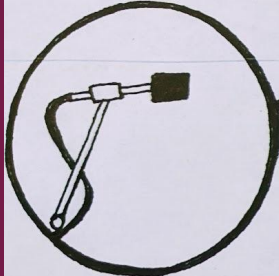
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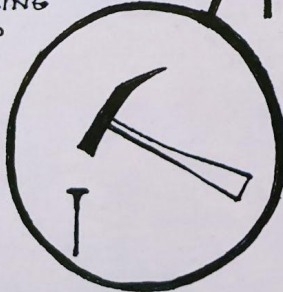
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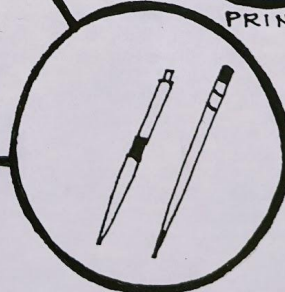


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Public Comment