



Philomath High School 2011-2012 Profile

Preserving Our Past – Preparing Our Future

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*At Philomath High School, we believe that students and staff will demonstrate **responsibility** to self by becoming intellectually curious, lifelong learners who seek challenges, having the integrity and moral courage to be accountable for their choices and actions, and demonstrating critical thinking, problem solving, and academic excellence. Students and Staff will demonstrate **responsibility** to others by communicating effectively while working cooperatively, and showing respect, tolerance and compassion by valuing diversity. Students and Staff will demonstrate **responsibility** to community by being active, positive contributors to their local community and global society.*

Community

The geographic area served by the Philomath School District has boundaries that begin near the east side of the City of Philomath and extend west to Lincoln County and north to Polk County. The population of Philomath is approximately 4,600. Philomath School District serves 1639 students in grades K-12. The district has one primary school (K-2), one elementary school (3-5), one rural elementary school (K-5), one middle school (6-8) and one high school (9-12). In terms of socio-economic status of the community, Philomath has a combination blue collar, timber-oriented economic base and a white-collar population that commutes to Corvallis to work primarily at Oregon State University, Linn Benton Community College, Samaritan Health Services, and Hewlett-Packard.

School

Philomath High School is a public, 4 year school enrolling 528 students in grades 9-12. 5.5% are Talented and Gifted; 11% are minority status; 31.6% receive free or reduced price breakfast and lunch. 2012 senior class enrollment is 128. PHS employs 24 full-time teachers and 2 full-time counselors. PHS has an extensive activities program including opportunities for students to compete in athletics, to perform in music or drama, and to participate in clubs on a state and national level. PHS offers comprehensive guidance and counseling services and a cafeteria lunch program which provides low income families with free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches. Class sizes are mostly 25-33 students. Philomath High School is accredited by the **Oregon Department of Education and Northwest Accreditation Commission**.

	PHS	State
2010 Drop Out Rate	1.4%	3.4%
2011 Attendance Rate	94.9%	91.5%

Academics

Philomath High School offers **Advanced Placement (AP)** courses in English Lit and Calculus, **College Level** Physics and Writing and **College Now** courses that receive credit through Linn Benton Community College. **Beyond PHS** is a college program in conjunction with Linn Benton Community College that allows students 16 or older to get an early college experience while in high school. Students take classes on both the high school and the community college campuses. Students have the opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma and possibly an AA degree.

PHS students participate in an extensive **Senior Project** as required for graduation. The senior project provides students the chance to design and implement a complex learning experience that represents their interests, the knowledge and skills they have gained in school, and their vision for the future. While each student's work is quite unique, every project must include a research paper, mentorship connection, project defense, product/experience, and oral presentation.

Grading and Ranking

Class rank is computed at the end of each trimester and is cumulative. All courses that receive a letter grade (A-F) are used to compute rank. GPA is **not weighted**. The school year is divided into 3 trimesters. Classes meet every day for 65 minutes, .50 credit = ½ year of course work, 1.0 credit = 1 year of course work.

Class of 2011	Grade Distribution
Top 10%	3.93 – 4.00
Top 25%	3.62 – 3.92
Top 50%	3.30 – 3.61

Grade	Point Scale	Points
A	90-100	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	70-79	2.0
D	60-69	1.0
F	0-59	0.0
P	60-100	No points
NP	0-59	No points
NG	Audited course	No points

Graduation Requirements	Standard	Honors [*]	Valedictorian ^{**}
Language Arts	4.0	4.0	4.0
Mathematics	3.0	4.0	4.0
Social Sciences	3.5	3.5	3.5
Lab Sciences	3.0	3.5	4.0
Health	1.0	1.0	1.0
Technology	0.5	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	1.0	1.0	1.0
Applied/Fine Arts or Foreign Language	2.5	2.0 FL plus .5 AA/FA/FL	3.0 Foreign Lang
Personal Finance	0.5	0.5	0.5
Electives	4.5	5.0	6.0
Senior Project	0.5	0.5	0.5
TOTAL:	24.0	26.0	28.0
Essential Learning Skills	Required	Required	Required

^{*}Honors diploma – minimum AGPA 3.5, completion of CIM, No P/NP courses, math through Pre-Calculus

^{**}Valedictorian (class of 2012+) – highest AGPA, completion of CIM, No P/NP courses, math through Pre-Calculus, must take at least 2 AP or College level courses

In addition to the diploma, students may obtain the **Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM)** through accomplishment of performance demonstrations in Mathematics, Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Science. Students must receive a passing level on the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) and must perform in the classroom to the CIM standard achievement level in classroom work samples.

Standardized Test Results

SAT Mean Scores	Class of 2010	Class of 2011
Critical Reading	549	547
Math	530	543
Writing	524	524

ACT Averages	Class of 2010	Class of 2011
Composite	25.5	26.7

National Merit Scholars	2012	2011	2010
Semifinalist	2	2	1
Commended		2	

AP Tests	2011	2010	2009	2008
# Students	31	29	30	40
# Tests	38	32	36	58
% 3 or higher	47	41	67	72

Colleges that Accepted Philomath High School Graduates over the last four years

Amherst College	Lower Columbia Community College	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Beloit College	Marshall University	University of Oklahoma
Boise State University	Montana State University	University of Oregon
Butler University	Oregon Institute of Technology	University of Rochester
Brigham Young University	Oregon State University	University of Utah
Brigham Young University Hawaii	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Washington
Brigham Young University Idaho	Pacific Northwest College of Art	Vanderbilt University
Central Oregon Community College	Pacific University	Weber State University
Chemeketa Community College	Pepperdine University	Western Oregon University
College of the Siskiyous	Pitzer College	Western Washington University
Colorado School of Mines	Point Loma Nazarene University	Whitman College
Colorado State University	Portland Community College	Willamette University
Corban University	Portland State University	
Davidson College	Prairie Bible College	
Digipen Institute of Technology	Reed College	
Eastern Oregon University	Scripps College	
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Seattle Pacific University	
Evergreen State College	Seattle University	
George Fox University	Southern Oregon University	
Hawaii Pacific University	Texas A&M University	
Hillsdale College	United States Air Force Academy	
Humboldt State University	University of California Santa Cruz	
Kansas State University	University of California, Berkeley	
Lane Community College	University of Colorado	
Lewis & Clark College	University of Georgia	
Lewis-Clark State College	University of Idaho	
Linfield College	University of Missouri	
Linn Benton Community College	University of Montana	

Post Secondary Plans

40% attend a 4-year college
50% attend a 2-year college or trade school
10% enter work field or military