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OREGON AT-A-GLANCE SCHOOL PROFILE

Ponderosa Middle School

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2024-25

Students We Serve

498
Student Enrollment

DEMOGRAPHICS

American Indian/Alaska Native		
	Students	5%
	Teachers	0%
Asian		
	Students	1%
	Teachers	0%
Black/African American		
	Students	1%
	Teachers	0%
Hispanic/Latino		
	Students	31%
	Teachers	3%
Multiracial		
	Students	10%
	Teachers	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		
	Students	0%
	Teachers	0%
White		
	Students	53%
	Teachers	97%

13% Ever English Learners

4 Languages Spoken

19% Students with Disabilities

93% Required Childhood Vaccinations

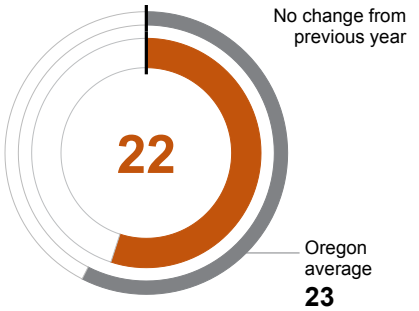
54% Students Experiencing Poverty

*<10 students or data unavailable

School Environment

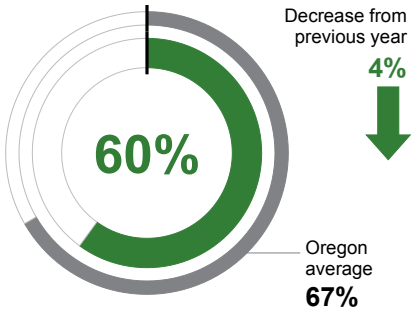
CLASS SIZE

Median class size.



REGULAR ATTENDERS

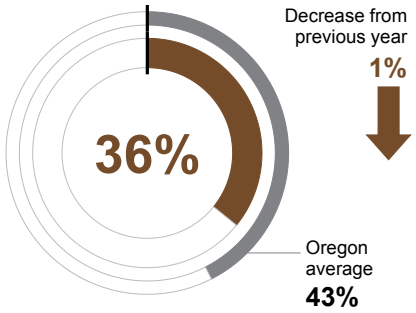
Students who attended more than 90% of their enrolled school days.



Academic Success

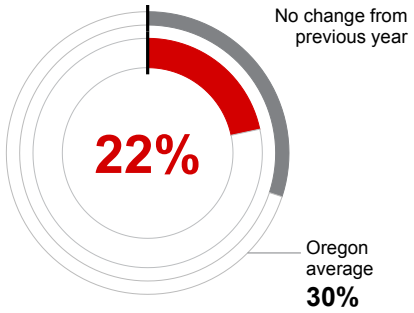
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Students meeting state grade-level expectations.



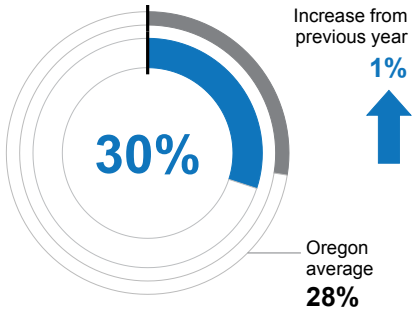
MATHEMATICS

Students meeting state grade-level expectations.



SCIENCE

Students meeting state grade-level expectations.



School Goals

Ponderosa provides a safe environment in which to think, learn, and grow. Through the use of effective and efficient instruction, our goal is that all students learn every day.

State Goals

The Oregon Department of Education is partnering with school districts and communities statewide to reach a 90% on-time graduation rate by 2027. Anchored in the pillars of Academic Excellence, Belonging & Wellness, and Accountability, ODE prioritizes evidence-based strategies that strengthen early literacy, improve attendance, and deepen student engagement. We are committed to eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps for historically underserved students. By investing in culturally responsive practices, cultivating inclusive school environments, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement, we can help ensure every student thrives.

Safe & Welcoming Environment

Ponderosa ensures students and parents feel safe and supported. We use Safe Eyes to monitor for potential weapons, the Raptor system to run background checks on visitors, and Thrillshare to communicate during emergencies. Capturing Kids’ Hearts is our SEL program, supporting a positive school culture and climate. Parents and students can access our online family portal for up-to-date information about their students.

School Website: https://www.kfalls.k12.or.us/o/msp

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OREGON AT-A-GLANCE SCHOOL PROFILE CONTINUED

Ponderosa Middle School

2024-25

Our Staff (rounded FTE)

28 Teachers

11 Educational assistants

1 Counselors/ Psychologists/ Social Workers

77% Average teacher retention rate over the past three years

46% % of licensed teachers with more than 3 years of experience

Yes Same principal in the last 3 years

Outcomes

	REGULAR ATTENDERS	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	MATHEMATICS
American Indian/Alaska Native	22%	17%	<5%
Asian	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable
Black/African American	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable
Hispanic/Latino	62%	28%	11%
Multiracial	59%	23%	22%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable
White	63%	45%	30%
Students Experiencing Poverty	48%	24%	11%
Ever English Learner	66%	16%	<5%
Students with Disabilities	45%	13%	10%
Migrant	68%	14%	<5%
Homeless	<5%	15%	<5%
Students in Foster Care	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable
Military Connected	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable
Talented and Gifted	86%	>95%	86%
Female	62%	36%	15%
Male	59%	36%	27%
Non-Binary	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable	<10 students or data unavailable

About Our School

BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND SAFETY POLICIES

Ponderosa Middle School adheres to all policies regarding bullying, harassment, and safety established by the board of education. Ponderosa has implemented CHAMPS from Safe and Civil Schools. Ponderosa utilizes Safe Oregon as a means to report any threats or bullying by submitting information via text, phone calls, emails, and a smartphone app. We conduct yearly training for both staff and students to recognize bullying and harassment, and provide strategies for intervention.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Ponderosa Middle School is a host site for the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLCC). This after-school program allows students to find time to complete classwork and get extra support. The program also sponsors the following sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Archery, Flag Football, and other sports activities. Ponderosa also has Cross Country and Track and Field as school-sponsored sports. Teachers donate their own time and run after-school clubs such as the Chess Club, Bobcat Science Club (MESA), Math Counts, Battle of the Books, Upstanders Club, and several more.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Ponderosa strives to find ways for parents to be involved with their students and the school. We have a Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) whose purpose is to enrich the educational experience at Ponderosa Middle School. This includes developing a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent, volunteer, and financial support, as well as facilitating communication between parents and Ponderosa's administration, teachers, and staff. We also host a variety of events intended for parents and community members to attend. These include Open House, Parent Conferences, 6th Grade Orientation, and multiple parent nights.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ponderosa believes that community partnership is an important component of student learning and success. We partner with Klamath Basin Behavioral Health (KBBH) to provide onsite mental health and skill-building services. We also partner with Citizens for Safe Schools, Klamath Hospice, IYS, Friends of the Children, Klamath and Lake Community Action Services, and other private therapists to work with our students. Ponderosa has several community donors who provide supplies for its students. Our leadership class hosts several drives to provide support to those in need within our community.

Data are suppressed to protect confidential student information.

For more information please visit: www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/reportcards/reportcards/Pages/Accountability-Measures.aspx