



NINTH GRADE COUNTS Summer Programs

2021 Guide to Free & Low-Cost Summer Transition Programs for Incoming Ninth Graders in Portland & Multnomah County
All summer programs will offer active participants the opportunity to earn 0.5 elective credit towards high-school graduation

Organization & Program Name	Details	Description	Contact Person(s)	Districts Served					
				Centennial	David Douglas	Gresham-Barlow	Parkrose	Portland (PPS)	Reynolds
Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Metropolitan Area #GOALS	Hybrid: Online & In-Person June 14 – Aug 20 Rockwood, Blazers, Regence & Wattles Clubs	Students will participate in an online curriculum three days a week focused on post-secondary and career success. Weekly group discussions and check-ins will take as well.	Vicky Nganga vnganga@bgcportland.org 503-969-5292	●	●	●	●	●	●
Centennial School District Ninth Grade Counts	In-Person June 28 – July 16, (no class on July 5) Centennial HS	Free program to support incoming ninth graders, including school supplies, meals and field trips. Students will learn high school math and writing skills, how to be successful in high school and options for careers and college.	Laura Scully laura_scully@csd28j.org 503-762-6132	●					
David Douglas School District Ninth Grade Counts	In-Person June 23 – July 23 David Douglas HS	Transition program for our incoming DDHS freshman, aiming to build relationships with staff, participate in some core and elective course offerings and learn about the school.	Amber Cowgill amber_cowgill@ddsd40.org 503-810-1981		●				
El Programa Hispano Católico Youth & Family Engagement	Hybrid: Online & In-Person June 24 – July 23 David Douglas HS	Participants will attend two days a week in person and two days a week virtual. Some field trips included.	Sarai Rodriguez srodriguez@elprograma.org 503-422-7271		●				
Elevate Oregon Ninth Grade Counts	Hybrid: Online & In-Person July 5 – July 23 Parkrose High School	Elevate Oregon is an organization geared towards building strong relationships with students. We work to help prepare our kids for life after high school graduation.	Paul Tabron Jr. pault@elevateoregon.org 503-754-1360				●		
Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest Eureka!	Online July 6 – July 30	Five-year STEM and youth empowerment program for girls (including those assigned by birth, non-binary, and gender expansive). Youth are recruited into the program during their seventh grade year and continue with GIPNW until they graduate high school.	Youn Han youn@girlsincpnw.org 503-230-0054 x107	●	●	●	●	●	●
Gresham-Barlow School District Jump Start U!	In-Person Aug 9 – Aug 20 Center for Advanced Learning (CAL)	Equity informed, community centered, hands on, career oriented, content rich, design infused, engaging summer transition camp. Students will start at CAL, engage in community, and end at new high school.	Carla Gay gay@gresham.k12.or.us 503-261-4597			●			
Latino Network Ninth Grade Counts	Hybrid: Online & In-Person June 29 – July 22 Roosevelt, Franklin, Reynolds & Parkrose HS	Summer program to prepare incoming freshman to be successful in high school by helping students understand academic and social expectations within schools through culturally-responsive instruction and activities.	Renzo Meza renzo@latnet.org 503-283-6881				●	●	●
Native American Youth & Family Center Ninth Grade Counts	Online July 5 – July 16 or July 26 – Aug 6	Culturally-specific, online summer camp and year-long mentorship program. Students will review high school graduation requirements, explore college and career possibilities, and gain new academic skills while learning about Native American art, teachings, and science.	La Tisha Rico LaTishaR@nayapdx.org 971-221-5665	●	●	●	●	●	●
OPEN School, Inc. Step Up	In-Person Aug 1 – Aug 30 Various locations	Step Up Summer Leadership Camps are for Step Up freshmen that have enrolled into the school year program. Summer Leadership Camp is a community and culture building camp that explores student strengths and limiting beliefs.	Ernie Guerrero emie.guerrero@openschoolnw.org 503-951-8069					●	
Portland Parks & Recreation Teen Nature Team	In-Person July 6 – July 30 Various locations	Teen Nature Team (TNT) is a FREE volunteer environmental science, stewardship and job skills program that connects youth to nature, environmental careers and college programs.	Karen Chao karen.chao@portlandoregon.gov 503-278-0704	●	●	●	●	●	●
Portland Public Schools Leap Into Ninth Grade	In-Person Aug 2 – Aug 20 Various locations	Prepares students to excel in high school and get a head start in working with their teachers and peers. For more information, go to https://www.pps.net/domain/5663	Yeng Dhabolt ydholt@pps.net 503-930-9723					●	
Self Enhancement, Inc. Ninth Grade Counts	In-Person July 6 – Aug 5 Reynolds HS	Five week summer program focusing on academic enrichment and supports. Held Monday - Thursday from 9am - 1pm.	Kenny Scott kennys@selfenhancement.org 503-896-3927						●