The Portland Public Schools had approximately 6,800 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 as of Oct. 1, 2016.

As of Oct. 1, 2016, 55 percent of students qualified for free or reduced price lunch based on family income.

In the latest Maine Department of Education data available, the district’s four-year graduation rate for the 2015 cohort is 84 percent.

The 2016 graduates of the Portland Public Schools are attending colleges and universities as well as serving in the military and joining the work force. Students are pursuing post-secondary education at Ivy League universities, technical institutes, art schools, community colleges and a wide range of other institutions.

During the 2015-2016 school year, more than 4,000 adults attended Portland Adult Education, including 2,130 students in academic and ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) classes, 1,637 students in enrichment classes and 470 students in job skills classes.

The Portland Public Schools employs 1,263 people.

About 33 percent of the students in the Portland Public Schools speak a primary language other than English at home. Of the 60 languages spoken, the 10 most common are, in order: Somali, Arabic, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Kirundi, Vietnamese, Khmer, Kinyarwanda and Acholi.

CITY OF PORTLAND DEMOGRAPHICS

Portland has more college graduates but a lower-than-average median household income than the rest of the state and the nation. The number of people living in poverty is higher in Portland than the rest of Maine and the country.
Casco Bay High School Principal Derek Pierce is Maine’s NASSP Principal of the Year for 2016.

The Maine Principals’ Association (MPA) made the announcement this spring and Pierce was honored at the MPA’s Spring Conference on April 28. The MPA said Pierce received the award based on his accomplishments as a strong educational leader, as a role model in the development of positive school culture and climate, building student-centered programs, and on his ability to inspire all those around him to meet the learning needs of every student, every day.

In announcing Pierce’s selection, MPA Executive Director Richard Durost noted, “Derek Pierce has been the constant in the development of Casco Bay High School as a national model for expeditionary learning. His leadership as well as the commitment of the students, staff, and Portland School Department to provide an alternative educational option is commendable.”

Portland Mayor Ethan Strimling said, “Derek Pierce is a jewel in Portland. ... I am beyond pleased that he is being recognized statewide for his excellent work with Portland school kids. We are lucky to have his skills in our community.”

Pierce said many people played a role in helping him gain the recognition. Those he thanked included the Portland Board of Public Education, PPS staff, his family and the school’s students. He told the students: “You are our greatness.” The students gave him a standing ovation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AWARDS AND HONORS

• IB World School, Primary Years Programme school authorization (Ocean Avenue Elementary School, August 2016)

• Partner for Equality Award from EqualityMaine (The Portland Public Schools, April 2016)

• 2016 EL Education Mentor School designation (King Middle School, March 2016)

• Teacher-Powered Schools Initiative Award for School-Union Partnership (Reiche Community School, the Portland Public Schools and Portland Education Association, Nov. 2015)

• Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) Education at Work for Maine Award (Portland Adult Education, Nov. 2015)
Portland Public Schools 2015-2016

Participation for 2015-2016

20% of parents in the district responded to the survey.

Parents responded in six different languages.

49% of students responded.*

Parent Question Responses

RESPECT

82% of parents say that administrators and staff communicate effectively with them.

89% of parents feel that their child is safe at school.

90% of parents said they feel "welcomed and respected" at their school.

Student Question Responses

81% of students said that they feel "welcomed and respected" at their school.

91% of students agree that they expect to graduate from Portland Schools.

81% of students agreed that there was at least one adult to whom they could turn for support at their school.
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Vision: All learners will be fully prepared to participate and succeed in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Mission: The Portland Public Schools are responsible for ensuring a challenging, relevant, and joyful education that empowers every learner to make a difference in the world. We build relationships among families, educators, and the community to promote the healthy development and academic achievement of every learner.

Core Principles

- We support an organization that strives for continuous improvement and transparency, with agreed upon goals and evidence of progress.
- We support an organization where leadership at all levels supports student learning, financial, and operational priorities.
- We support an organization that demonstrates fiscal responsibility and effective long-term financial planning.
- We support an organization that provides our learners with equitable and appropriate facilities.
- We support an organization that celebrates and partners with the diverse culture of our community.
- We support an organization that has an investment in staff, recognizing that this connects to student learning.
- We support an organization that is vested in our Adult Learners.
- We support an organization that recognizes the importance of the arts, athletics, co-curricular, and extra-curricular opportunities in our learners’ growth.
- We support an organization that utilizes technology to provide instructional opportunities for all of our learners.

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