

Independence Schools



Independence and Monmouth share a school district (Central 13J). Independence has two elementary schools inside city limits - Henry Hill and Independence Elementary - and the two communities share Talmadge Middle School and Central High School, which are both located in Independence on the border with Monmouth.

In the last 5 years, voter approved bonds funded the renovation of the middle school and high school, as well as seismic upgrades in historic Independence Elementary School. The Central High School project was a \$47 million renovation which brought the building to LEED Gold status. The project included construction of new science and computer labs, an artificial turf football/soccer stadium and a 500 seat performing arts theater.

Athletics and extracurricular programs are a strong emphasis in local schools - in addition to the normal sports programs, the elementary schools feature active chess clubs and Talmadge Middle School has a LEGO Robotics team.

Supporting Documents



[Robotics Team Gets Its Feet Wet](#)



[Chess Becoming Cool In Elementary School](#)



[Chess Teams Bask In Success](#)

Web Links

[Monmouth Montessori School School District 13J Western Oregon University](#)

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