



Harrison Central School District

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OUR COMMUNITY

As one of the geographically largest suburban school districts in Westchester, Harrison encompasses several micro-communities comprising a socioeconomically and culturally diverse student population. Harrison embraces and celebrates its diverse 3,500 student body, and the Board of Education has proudly and consistently pursued a mission of excellence and equity for all students. The Harrison Board of Education is characterized by stable, veteran leadership, and clear and long term vision for academic excellence for all of its students. The Harrison Central School District is among a handful of Districts in New York State to have achieved a AAA rating from Standard & Poor's four times in the past decade. Respect for high quality education is evident by the overwhelming support of school budgets and an active educational foundation.

OUR DISTRICT'S MISSION AND CORE VALUES

The Harrison Central School District is dedicated to the belief that the most important endeavor in any community is the cooperative effort of parents, community members, and educators to ensure the best possible education of its children. The faculty and staff are committed to a mission of equity, access, rigor and adaptability for *all* of its students. These core values inform every aspect of our school district's work. Our philosophy supports students self-selecting enrollment in advanced classes and expects every member of the learning community to continually adapt to meet the evolving needs of our students. In support of these commitments, the district provides students a rich array of opportunities to cultivate talents and realize success. Our teachers are held to high performance standards and supported with comprehensive professional development, and the entire school system is focused on continuous improvement on behalf of the students we serve.



OUR DISTINGUISHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ The Washington Post Challenge Index, US News & World Report, and Niche.com consistently rank Harrison High School among the Best High Schools in New York at preparing all of its students for college and careers.
- ★ Our schools maintain an **average class size of 22 students**, which supports our commitment to differentiating instruction based on students' diverse needs.
- ★ Harrison High School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) school, which is one of the most rigorous and highly regarded curricula among worldwide colleges and universities. The Class of 2018 had **32%** of the students enrolled as International Baccalaureate Diploma candidates and **96%** have taken at least one IB course before completing high school.
- ★ Harrison Avenue Elementary was designated a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education.
- ★ Louis M. Klein Middle School **offers full-time foreign language instruction** in French, Italian, and Spanish beginning in sixth grade and continuing through twelfth grade. Latin instruction is offered at the high school.
- ★ Harrison High School is proud of a **comprehensive fine and performing arts program** with courses in band, chorus, orchestra, percussion, theater, dance, and visual arts inclusive of IB offerings. HHS has been designated a Grammy Signature School Semifinalist, recognized by the NAMM Foundation as one of the Best Communities for Music Education, and won numerous Metropolitan Theater Awards including Best Overall Production.
- ★ Harrison High School is **one of only three high schools nationally** to offer students Multi-Variable Calculus (Calculus III) and Computer Software Engineering for credit through Syracuse University.
- ★ Harrison High School has nationally recognized Debate, Science Research (Intel), Technology (Best in Nation for Verizon App Challenge), Model Congress, DECA Business Competitions, and Moody's Math Challenge Teams.
- ★ HCS D has modified, junior varsity and varsity sports programs committed to excellence on the field and in the classroom with **92%** of our twenty-nine varsity teams designated as NYSPHSAA scholar-athlete teams for the past five years.

Student Results Demonstrate that by Opening Doors to Access and Opportunity, More Students Succeed at High Levels

HCSD provides equal access to rigorous curriculum for every student predicated on the belief that exposure to higher expectations for learning, skillful teachers, and appropriate support ensure long-term success.



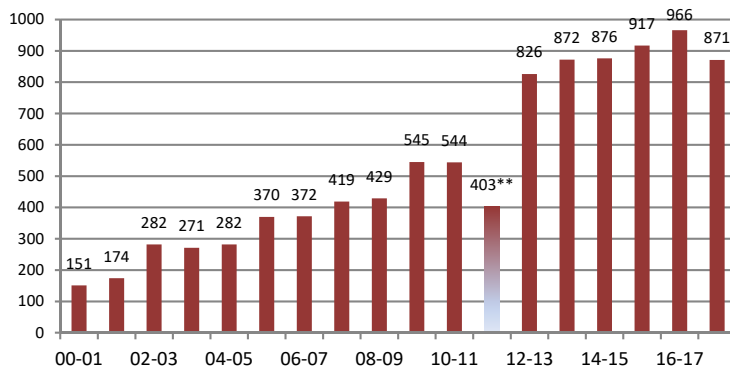
Almost all 8th grade students complete Common Core Algebra to provide maximum opportunity for students to pursue high level math.

- Of those who took the test 97% scored proficient, 42% scored Mastery

This success translates to the next levels of mathematics

- Common Core Geometry – **97% proficient**
- Algebra II/Trigonometry – **97% proficient**
- 79% of AP Calculus BC Class scored 3, 4 or 5
- 49 students are taking Multivariable Calculus this year

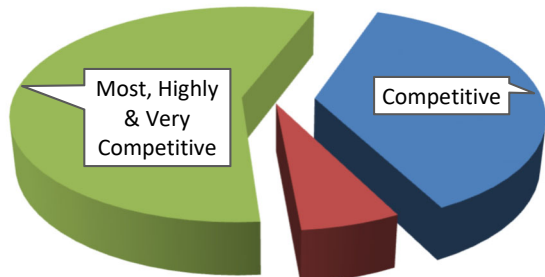
of AP Exam Scores of 3,4 or 5 and IB of 4,5,6,7 from 2000-2018



**2012-13 is the first year of the IB implementation – exams represent a two year course.

Access to AP and now IB classes has dramatically increased the number of students achieving a score of 3, 4 or 5 for AP and 4, 5, 6, or 7 for IB. More importantly, students have access to rigorous curriculum that prepares them for post-secondary education.

Class of 2018 – Competitive College Acceptance



- 99% of graduates were admitted to institutions of higher learning with 91% of students being admitted to 4-year institutions.
- 57% of students were accepted to schools classified as a 1, 2, 3 or 4 by Barron's* and 40% were accepted into Competitive



*Barron's Profiles of American Colleges classifies colleges by their selectivity: 1- Most Competitive, 2-Highly Competitive Plus, 3- Highly Competitive, 4-Very Competitive Plus



- Harrison student enrollment in the International Baccalaureate Diploma program has nearly doubled since its inception in 2013
- The six-year average of candidates who earned the IB Diploma is 83% versus the International average of 79%

HCSD In Process To Implement IB MYP Program



The Harrison Central School District is excited to announce that it is in the approval process for bringing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program to the District in grades 6-10.

LMK Middle School students have been learning in the framework of the MYP to develop their potential, explore their own learning preferences, and develop a strong sense of personal identity. The HHS 9th graders are currently engaging in MYP studies in preparation for the IB Diploma program.