

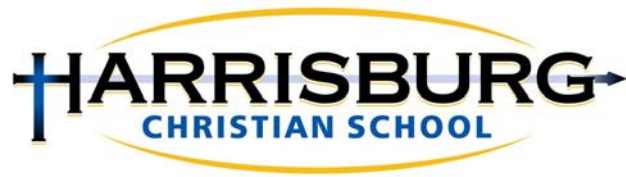


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***OUR MISSION***

*“Hearts straightened through faith in Christ,  
Minds sharpened through academic challenge,  
Lives aimed at God’s purpose.”*

*Based on Psalm 127*



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**The School:** Harrisburg Christian School is a private K-12 institution that was founded in 1954 by a group of concerned Christian parents. The school provides a strong academic program within an evangelical Christian perspective.

**The Community:** Harrisburg Christian School is located at the base of the Blue Mountains near Harrisburg, PA. The campus is situated on 22 acres that contains three educational buildings including a new gymnasium, fine arts center, cafeteria, science laboratories, computer laboratories, music rooms and art room. The school maintains 3 athletic fields on campus.

**The Faculty:** The faculty is composed of carefully selected, dedicated, born-again Christians from evangelical Christian backgrounds. All teachers whole-heartedly endorse the school's Statement of Faith. The faculty are alert to the needs of the whole child as a spiritual, physical, mental and emotional person. Nearly fifty percent of the faculty hold graduate degrees and our faculty average 17 years of teaching experience.

**The Student:** Students are admitted on the basis of entrance tests, interviews, previous school records, and parental spiritual commitment. All school families must sincerely endorse the School's Statement of Faith and attend a church of similar doctrine. More than 95 percent of graduates go on to college.

**Accreditation & Memberships:** HCS is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and by the Association of Christian Schools International. HCS is also a member of the Mid-Atlantic Christian School Association.

**Marking System:** A numerical system is used for grading students. They are interpreted as follows:

A+	=	97-100	C+	=	77-79
A	=	93-96	C	=	73-76
A-	=	90-92	C-	=	70-72
B+	=	87-89	D	=	65-69
B	=	83-86	F	=	0-64
B-	=	80-82			

## High School Academic Overview

**Graduation Requirements:** A minimum of 25 credits in the following areas are required for graduation from Harrisburg Christian School:

Bible	4 Credits	Senior Sociology	1 Credit
English	4 Credits	Physical Education/Health	2 Credits
History	3 Credits	Fine Arts	1 Credit
Math	3 Credits	Computer Science	1 Credit
Science	3 Credits	Electives	3 Credits

**Grade Point Average:** All courses taken in grades 9 to 12 are included in determining a student's cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Advanced Placement Courses are weighted by multiplying the final grade by 1.12 and Honors Courses are weighted by multiplying the final grade by 1.06.

**Academic Honors:** Academic honors are based on a student's grade point average for the marking period. Honors are awarded on the following basis:

High Honors: a GPA of 94 or above

Honors: a GPA of 90 to 94

**Standardized Testing:** High School students take the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT I and II.

**National Merit Scholarship Program:** Over the past fourteen years, Harrisburg Christian School has been blessed with 10 Recognized Scholars and 8 Finalists.



# HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS:

<p><b>BIBLICAL STUDIES</b></p> <p>Christian Faith &amp; Disciplines            Bible Study and Survey            History of Christian Theology            World Religions and Apologetics            Honors Bible</p>	<p><b>ENGLISH &amp; LITERATURE</b></p> <p>English 9            American Literature            British Literature            Honors British Literature            College Preparatory English            AP English Literature</p>	<p><b>HISTORY &amp; HUMANITIES</b></p> <p>American Government            Economics            World History            U.S. History            Senior Sociology            Christian Psychology</p>
<p><b>MATHEMATICS</b></p> <p>Fundamentals of Algebra            Algebra I            Geometry            Algebra II            Algebra III/Trigonometry            Pre-Calculus            AP Calculus</p>	<p><b>SCIENCE</b></p> <p>Biology            Physical Science            Chemistry            Honors Physics            AP Environmental Science            AP Biology</p>	<p><b>TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <p>Computer Applications I            Independent Computer Applications            Audio/Visual Applications            Web Development &amp; Design            AP Computer Science</p>
<p><b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b></p> <p>Spanish I            Spanish II            Spanish III            Spanish IV</p>	<p><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH</b></p> <p>Physical Education            Health</p>	<p><b>THEATRICAL ARTS</b></p> <p>Introduction to Drama            Advanced Drama            American Musical Theatre</p>
<p><b>MUSICAL ARTS</b></p> <p>Handbell Choir            Advanced Handbell Choir            Concert Choir            Music Appreciation            Music Composition            History of Christian Music            Pre-AP Music Theory            AP Music Theory</p>	<p><b>VISUAL ARTS</b></p> <p>Drawing            Painting            Ceramics            Sculpture            Digital Graphics            Digital Photography            AP Art Studio            (3D, 2D, Drawing)</p>	<p><b>LEADERSHIP STUDIES</b></p> <p>Leadership Communication            Christian Leadership</p>

# K-2nd GRADE CURRICULUM

	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>1st Grade</b>	<b>2nd Grade</b>
<b>Bible</b>	Creation, plan of salvation; learning about God through the lives of Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samson, Solomon, Elisha, Daniel, Jonah, Paul and Jesus; Scripture memorization	Bible families and God's church; Godly character traits; Lives of Josiah, Joash, Samuel, Hannah, David, Jonathan, Elijah; need for salvation; Scripture memorization	Learning about God through the guidance and deliverance of the Israelites; how to become a child of God and grow in the Christian life; Scripture memorization
<b>Math</b>	Number sense; counting; identification of numerals; introduction to addition & subtraction concepts through 10 using manipulatives; graphs; time; money; measurement; patterning	Using manipulatives to develop a strong number sense; practice of addition & subtraction facts to 20; fractions; graphs; time; money; measurement; geometry	Mastery of addition and subtraction facts to 20; renaming and regrouping; multiplication; fractions; time; measurement; problem solving; charts and graphs
<b>Language Arts</b>	Reading; letter identification; phonetic analysis; vocabulary; literature appreciation; written & oral communication skills; listening skills; handwriting skills	Recognizing and using phonetic sounds and spellings; written material comprehension; critical thinking skills; creative writing; handwriting skills and spelling	Solidify phonics skills to become independent readers; improving comprehension skills; reading for specific purposes; writing and editing; spelling; beginning cursive writing
<b>Science</b>	Developmentally appropriate activities in study of animals, plants, seasons, weather, senses	Observing plants and animals; grouping animals; basic concepts of health, nutrition, weather and seasons; earth's land and water; magnets	Interactions of living things; light and color; solids, liquids and gases; fossils
<b>Social Studies</b>	Introduction to responsible citizenship; rules established by God; authority in families, schools, communities; holidays; map skills	Introductory study of our world and its many countries; introductory map skills; patriotism and America	Communities in America; people who built America; patriotism; map and globe skills
<b>Technology</b>	Introduction to responsible use of technology; navigation tools; cursor placement and data entry in application software	Customizing applications; using spreadsheets; editing, inserting & deleting data in application software	Creating illustrated reports and timelines; spreadsheets and graphing skills; newsletters; animated slide shows
<b>Physical Education</b>	Group activities to develop large motor skills; games; parachute movement activities; cooperative play	Group activities using large muscles to develop agility; rhythmic activities; introduction to ball skills	Group activities using large muscles; rhythmic activities; ball skills
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Introduction to choral music and drama; introduction to a variety of instruments; beginning voice training (pitch, tempo, dynamics); introduction to a wide variety of art mediums	Choral music and drama skills; study of instruments; voice training (pitch, tempo, dynamics); introduction to perspective and drawing skills	Choral music, drama skills; study of instruments; voice training (pitch, tempo, dynamics); multi-media art projects

## 3rd-5th GRADE CURRICULUM

	<b>3rd Grade</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>
<b>Bible</b>	Life of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel; Godly character traits; Scripture memorization	Life of Christ; Holy Spirit; Character traits; life of Paul; Scripture memorization	Survey of the Old Testament; Godly character traits and coordinating Scripture memorization
<b>Math</b>	Multiplication/division computation skills and fact memorization; adding and subtracting skills; measurement; geometry; estimating; mental math	Addition and subtraction in the millions; 2 digit multipliers; 2 digit divisors; decimals; ratio; fractions; geometry	Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, fractions, decimals; time; geometry, metrics, area; volume; ratio and percentages
<b>Language Arts</b>	Comprehension and skills; grammar skills applied to writing; spelling; cursive handwriting	Language: parts of speech, grammar, word study and usage; creative writing skills; spelling and handwriting	Vocabulary development and comprehension skills; word study; grammar; mechanics; creative and informational writing; spelling; and handwriting
<b>Science</b>	Life cycles of animals and plants; studies of the sun, moon and earth; forms of energy; how living things adapt to their environment	Natural resources; conservation; states of matter; physical and chemical changes; magnetism and electricity; animal adaptations; weather and climate	Plants; solar system; energy, work and machines; solid earth; light and sound
<b>Social Studies</b>	Map skills and geography; United States history; profiles of famous Americans in history	PA history and geography; map skills; research skills and projects; United States history up through the Civil War	History of the Old World; Presidents; States and Capitals; US Geography; Constitutional documents; map work
<b>Technology</b>	Creating illustrated reports and timelines; spreadsheets and graphing skills; newsletters; animated slide shows	Creating illustrated reports and timelines; spreadsheets and graphing skills; newsletters; animated slide show of field trips	Creating illustrated reports and timelines; spreadsheets and graphing skills; newsletters; animated slide show of field trips
<b>Physical Education</b>	Presidential fitness activities; group activities; ball skills	Skill instruction in team sports; Presidential physical fitness assessment	Skill instruction in team sports; Presidential physical fitness assessment
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Introduction to instrumental instruction through the use of recorders; choral music and drama; voice training; introduction to ceramics; varied use of art mediums	Choral music and drama skills; recorders; voice training; instrumental instruction; ceramics; varied use of art mediums	Choral music, drama skills; recorders; voice training; instrumental instruction; multi-media art projects

# 6th-8th GRADE CURRICULUM

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
<b>Bible</b>	<i>The Life of Christ</i> A survey of the Gospels and the Book of Acts with a focus on the life of Christ and on how to be “imitators of God” in today’s world.	<i>The Road to Redemption</i> A survey of the Old Testament that focuses on the redemptive plan of Christ as foreseen in the Old Testament.	<i>The Redemptive Life</i> A survey of the Epistles that focuses on living the redemptive life found in Christ in today’s world.
<b>Math</b>	<i>Fundamentals in Math</i> Expanding skills with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and integers; percent and ratio; statistics; measurement	<i>Pre-Algebra</i> Preparation for algebra; fractions; percents; decimals; graphing functions; geometry	<i>Algebra I</i> Problem solving; graphing; proportions; statistics, reasoning; quadratic functions; exponents; polynomials
<b>Language Arts</b>	Literature; grammar; spelling; vocabulary; creative writing; study skills; Sample literature selections read and discussed include <i>Old Yeller</i> and <i>Johnny Tremain</i>	Literature; grammar; spelling; vocabulary; creative writing; study skills; Literature studied that compares and contrasts to a Christian worldview; Sample literature selections read and discussed include <i>The Bronze Bow</i> and <i>The Hiding Place</i>	Literature; grammar; spelling; vocabulary; creative and analytical writing; study skills; Sample literature selections read and discussed include <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> and <i>Up From Slavery</i> for the purpose of writing an interdisciplinary research paper on the Civil War
<b>Science</b>	<i>Life Science</i> The scientific method; classification systems; plant and animal systems; ecosystems	<i>Life Science</i> Continued studies on the scientific method; classification systems; plant and animal systems; ecosystems	<i>Earth Science</i> Hands on approach to the study of Earth Science using labs, projects and research
<b>Social Studies</b>	<i>History of the Americas in the Western Hemisphere</i> Geography and history of the Western Hemisphere from the discovery of the new world to the founding and growth of the United States	<i>World Geography</i> Map skills; five themes of geography; economics and governments; cultures of the world	<i>American History</i> Survey of American History from Thomas Jefferson to the Civil War and from World War II to the present
<b>Technology</b>	University of Richmond program that utilizes Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®, and Publisher® to complete projects assigned by classroom teachers and integrated with classroom curriculum		
<b>Physical Education</b>	Skill instruction in a variety of sports; assessment using the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports		
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Foundations of Music I Handbell Choir Vocal Ensemble Foundations of Art I	Foundations of Music II Handbell Choir Vocal Ensemble Foundations of Art II	Foundations of Music III Introduction to Spanish Handbell Choir Vocal Ensemble Art Design

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Academic Activities:** **High School:** National Honor Society ♦ Academic Quiz Team—Brainbusters

**Middle School:** Math League ♦ Spelling Bee

**Elementary School:** Spelling Bee ♦ Challenge Program ♦ Discovery Center

**Spiritual Life Activities:** **High School:** Weekly Chapel Programs ♦ Prayer Teams ♦ Worship Teams  
Drama Teams ♦ “Topic Talks” ♦ Service Teams  
Chapel Planning Committee ♦ Spiritual Emphasis Days (Fall)  
Day of Service (Spring) ♦ Outreach/Service Projects ♦ Summer Missions Trips

**Middle School:** Weekly Chapel Programs ♦ Prayer Teams ♦ Spiritual Emphasis Days (Fall)  
Day of Service (Spring) ♦ Outreach/Service Projects

**Elementary School:** Weekly Chapel Programs  
Spiritual Emphasis Days (Spring) ♦ Outreach/Service Projects  
C.U.B.S Club (Children United in Bible Study)

**Leadership Activities:** **High School:** ASCI High School Leadership Retreat  
Class Councils ♦ Student Council

**Middle School:** ASCI Middle School Leadership Conference ♦ Student Council  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Retreat @ Spruce Lake

**Elementary School:** 5th Grade Leadership Retreat @ Spruce Lake

**Athletic Activities:** **High School:** Varsity Boys’ Soccer (Fall) ♦ Varsity Girls’ Field Hockey (Fall)  
Varsity Golf (Fall) ♦ Varsity Boys’ Basketball (Winter)  
Varsity Girls’ Basketball (Winter) ♦ Wrestling\* (Winter)  
Varsity Boys’ Baseball (Spring) ♦ Varsity Girls’ Soccer (Spring)  
Varsity Track (Spring)

**Middle School:** Boys’ Soccer (Fall) ♦ Girls’ Field Hockey (Fall)  
Boys’ Basketball (Winter) ♦ Girls’ Basketball (Winter)  
Wrestling\* (Winter) ♦ Boys’ Baseball (Spring) ♦ Girls’ Soccer (Spring);  
Track (Spring)

**Elementary School:** Soccer Clinic (Fall) ♦ Wrestling\* (Winter)  
Field Hockey Clinic (Spring)

**Fine Arts Activities:** **High School:** Concert Choir ♦ Concert Handbells ♦ ACSI Fine Arts Competition  
Drama Club ♦ Yearbook Club

**Middle School:** Concert Choir ♦ Concert Handbells ♦ ACSI Fine Arts Competition  
Drama Club

**Elementary School:** Grades 1-2 Choir ♦ Grades 3-5 Choir

\* Denotes Club Sport



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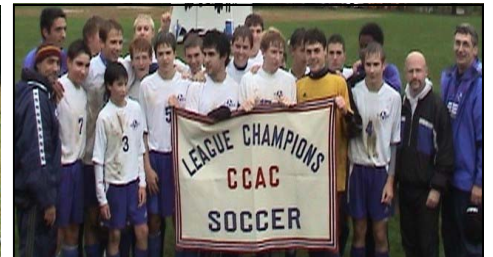
Psalm 127:3-5 states, "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate."

In this portion of Scripture God provides a wonderfully rich metaphor comparing children to the arrows of a warrior. As our children believe in God through faith in Jesus Christ, their lives are straightened and formed. The training provided by the Christian home, the love and support of a Bible-believing and preaching church, and the academic and spiritual training of the Christian school sharpen the arrow so it will be effective. The home, church, and school aim the child toward God's purpose of a life of worship, work, and service.

As the home, church, and school perform their appointed missions in the life of the child in a complementary and mutually supportive way, our young people will be prepared to stand firm in the face of the challenges that life is certain to bring them. The scriptural picture here is one of loving parents, caring pastors, and committed teachers mightily pulling on the bow of preparation so that the arrow is sent swiftly and surely at the target of God's purpose.

With the right preparation and with the guidance and protection of Almighty God, our children will stand in the gate and speak, fearlessly, with any enemy that might pose a threat. (v. 5)

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*Sharpening the Mind - Shaping the Heart*



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## *OUR VISION*

Harrisburg Christian School is a place of love, joy, peace, excitement and challenge because it is a place where the Spirit of God is moving in the lives of people. Parents, pastors, Christian friends, students, teachers, and staff involve themselves in the school because they share an anticipation of God releasing His power in such a way that lives will be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ and students will understand God's purpose and direction for their lives.

Our students will develop and apply a biblical worldview to all of life. They will engage in rigorous and demanding academic course work, and will worship God and study His Word. Each student will acquire highly developed knowledge and skills as well as spiritual integrity and maturity.

HCS graduates will be well prepared for college and university training, but more importantly they will be prepared to take their first steps away from home prepared to defend the Faith, serve God's Kingdom, and to grow in their understanding of God's plan for their lives.

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*Learning to Lead - Living to Serve*

## COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & MILITARY ACADEMIES

**HCS graduates have enrolled at the following institutions of higher education:**

- ◆ Albion College
- ◆ Andrews University
- ◆ Averett College
- ◆ Bob Jones University
- ◆ Dordt College
- ◆ Asbury College
- ◆ Baptist Bible College
- ◆ Bloomsburg University
- ◆ Bradley Academy of Art & Design
- ◆ Bucknell University
- ◆ Calvin College
- ◆ Cedarville University
- ◆ Central Penn College
- ◆ Delaware Valley College
- ◆ Duke University
- ◆ Eastern Nazarene College
- ◆ Eastern University
- ◆ Elizabethtown College
- ◆ Geneva College
- ◆ Greenville College
- ◆ Grove City College
- ◆ Harrisburg Area Community College
- ◆ High Point University
- ◆ Hofstra University
- ◆ Hope College
- ◆ Huntington College
- ◆ Houghton College
- ◆ Hyles Anderson University
- ◆ Indiana University of PA
- ◆ Juniata College
- ◆ Kutztown University
- ◆ Lancaster Bible College
- ◆ Lancaster Institute for Health Education
- ◆ Lebanon Valley College
- ◆ Lee University
- ◆ Lehigh University
- ◆ LeTourneau University
- ◆ Liberty University
- ◆ Lock Haven University
- ◆ Messiah College
- ◆ Millersville University
- ◆ Moody Bible College
- ◆ Mt. Vernon Nazarene University
- ◆ Oral Roberts University
- ◆ Palm Beach Atlantic University
- ◆ Pennsylvania State University
- ◆ Pensacola Christian College
- ◆ Philadelphia Biblical University
- ◆ Philadelphia College of Science and Textiles
- ◆ Practical Bible College
- ◆ Regent University
- ◆ Shippensburg University
- ◆ Slippery Rock University
- ◆ Syracuse University
- ◆ Taylor University
- ◆ Temple University
- ◆ Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology
- ◆ Thompson Institute
- ◆ Towson State University
- ◆ University of Idaho
- ◆ University of Maryland
- ◆ University of Pittsburgh
- ◆ University of Wyoming
- ◆ Valley Forge Christian College
- ◆ Valley Forge Military College
- ◆ West Chester University
- ◆ West Virginia University
- ◆ Wheaton College
- ◆ York College of Pennsylvania



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