



HARLEM VILLAGE ACADEMIES

HVA HIGH

SCHOOL PROFILE | 2022-23

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OVERVIEW

Harlem Village Academies High (HVAH), founded in 2007, is an academically rigorous, tuition-free charter school located in Harlem, New York. HVAH offers a liberal arts curriculum, driven by the highly-regarded **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program**, in a small classroom setting.



MISSION

Harlem Village Academies (HVA) prepares students to become intellectually sophisticated, wholesome in character, avid readers, fiercely independent thinkers, and compassionate individuals who graduate from college and make a meaningful contribution to society.

ADMISSIONS

HVA is an unscreened charter school, and students are admitted through an open lottery in grades PreK-5. The majority of our high school students matriculate from HVA middle schools. Most live in the surrounding neighborhood of Harlem and in the nearby South Bronx, while some come from all five boroughs of New York City. **250** students are currently enrolled at HVAH.

DIVERSITY

85% of our student body qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

26% of students come from families whose native language is not English.

75.3% of students identify as Black or African American.

24.4% of students identify as Hispanic or Latino.

0.3% of students identify as white or multiracial.

100%
of our juniors
and seniors
are taking
IB courses.

70%
of our juniors
and seniors are
full-IB Diploma
candidates.

GPA DISTRIBUTION

Weighted GPA Bands	Percent
≥ 3.80	14%
3.60 and 3.79	11%
3.40 and 3.59	18%
3.00 and 3.39	21%
2.50 and 2.99	34%
1.00 and 2.49	2%

DISTINGUISHED CURRICULUM

HVA High is an IB World School, and the only high school in Harlem offering students the opportunity to earn the IB Diploma—the highest form of diploma available to high school students anywhere in the world.

Currently, **100%** of HVAH juniors and seniors are taking IB courses, and **70%** of them are full-IB Diploma candidates. Beginning in 2022 with “IB for All,” **100%** of our incoming 9th graders are completing coursework to be full-IB candidates.

ACADEMIC RIGOR

HVAH students learn through exploration and are taught to challenge assumptions. They lead classroom discussions, practice public speaking, and participate in Socratic seminars. Through authentic assessments, students apply skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom to real-world problems, fostering a critical, independent, and creative approach to learning.

ADVISORY

Advisory is the cornerstone of student life at HVA High. Through grade-specific small groups, HVAH advisors provide the targeted academic and social-emotional support students need to excel academically and thrive emotionally. This year we launched Peer Leaders, an initiative pairing seniors with freshman advisories to support the transition to high school, post-secondary planning, and integration into our school community.

COLLEGE READINESS

HVAH places strong emphasis on college readiness. All students participate in a two-year college preparatory program in their junior and senior year. This program includes application support, college advising, and financial aid guidance. We have a dedicated team that supports alumni through their college journey via individual advising, campus visits, and group programming.

“The advanced coursework at HVA High gave me an advantage over my peers in college. In my first year, I felt prepared to take on longer, more rigorous classes and bigger assignments, given that I had already experienced a similar workload.”

– HVA Alumnae & American University Graduate

GRADING & RANK

By policy, HVA does not assign students a class rank.

Honors classes with grades of A through B- receive an added GPA weight of 0.5.

IB classes with grades of A through B- receive an added GPA weight of 1.0.

Weighted course grades are reflected only in the cumulative GPA, not in individual course grades.

As of September 2021, course credit is awarded by semester. Previously, credit was awarded annually.

CLUBS

Anime Club
GSA
HVA Peer Leaders
IB CAS Club
Japanese Culture Club
Village Mentors
Musical Theatre
National Honor Society
Natural Hair Club
Ping Pong/Chess Club
Senior Committee
Student Senate
Unite, Ignite, Empower
Yearbook Committee

SPORTS

Basketball (JV & Varsity)
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Flag Football
Soccer
Softball
Track & Field
Volleyball

CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

History (4 credits required)

Global History 1 Honors
Global History 2 Honors
IB Anthropology
IB History of the Americas Y1
IB History of the Americas Y2

English (4 credits required)

English 1 Honors
English 2 Honors
IB English Language & Literature Y1
IB English Language & Literature Y2

Science (3 credits required)

Chemistry Honors
Living Environment Honors
IB Biology
IB Environmental Systems & Societies
IB Marine Biology

Electives

Academic Writing
College Prep 1
College Prep 2
College Prep 3
College Prep 4
Internationalism
IB Theory of Knowledge Y1
IB Theory of Knowledge Y2

Math (3 credits required)

Algebra 1 Honors
Algebra 2 Honors
IB Math Y1
IB Math Analysis Y2
IB Math Applications Y2

Language (1 credit required)

Spanish 1 Honors
Spanish 2 Honors
IB Spanish Y1
IB Spanish Y2

Arts (1 credit required)

Intro to Art
Intro to Music
Intro to Theatre
Piano
IB Theatre Y1
IB Theatre Y2
IB Visual Arts Y1
IB Visual Arts Y2

Physical Education

Health
Physical Education

100%
of HVAH
students
graduate and
are accepted
to college
each year.

60%
of graduates
attend
selective
colleges.

87%
are first
generation
college
students.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES*

Albright College	Mercy College
American University	Middlebury College
Babson College	Morgan State University
Bentley University	New York University
Boston College	Norfolk State University
Bowdoin College	Pepperdine University
Brown University	Quinnipiac University
Bucknell University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Canisius College	Seton Hall University
Carnegie Mellon University	Skidmore College
College of the Holy Cross	Spelman College
Columbia University	St. Francis College
Cornell University	St. John's University
City University of New York (CUNY) – all campuses	St. Lawrence University
Colgate University	St. Thomas Aquinas College
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Stanford University
Dartmouth College	State University of New York (SUNY) – all campuses
DePauw University	Syracuse University
Drexel University	Temple University
Elon University	Tuskegee University
Fairfield University	Tufts University
Fordham University	University of Michigan
Emory University	University of Miami
George Mason University	University of New Mexico
George Washington University	University of Pennsylvania
Georgetown University	University of Rochester
Hampshire College	University of Virginia
Hobart & William Smith College	Washington University, St. Louis
Howard University	University of Wisconsin at Madison
Iona College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Ithaca College	Wesleyan University
Johns Hopkins University	Yale University
Long Island University, Brooklyn	
Loyola University Maryland	
Macaulay Honors College	

*This is a selected list.
Bold indicates matriculation.