



HVA HIGH

SCHOOL PROFILE | 2023-24

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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. **All students at HVAH are full International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Candidates.**



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 commute from the remaining boroughs of New York City. **220** students are currently enrolled at HVAH.

DIVERSITY

- 74%** of our student body qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.
- 28%** of students come from families whose native language is not English.
- 75.7%** of students identify as Black or African American.
- 23.5%** of students identify as Hispanic or Latino.
- 0.8%** of students identify as white or multiracial.



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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%

*Students must achieve a 2.50 GPA in order to receive course credit.

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 full-IB Diploma candidates. All underclassmen at HVAH are completing coursework to be full-IB Diploma 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. Last 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.

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.



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CLUBS

Anime/Japanese Culture Club
 Book Club
 GSA
 HVA Peer Leaders
 IB CAS Club
 KPOP Club
 Men's Group
 National Honor Society
 Ping Pong/Chess Club
 Polyglot Club
 Senior Committee
 Student Senate
 Women's Empowerment Club
 Yearbook Committee

SPORTS

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

CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

History	Science
Global History 1 Honors Global History 2 Honors IB History of the Americas HL Y1 IB History of the Americas HL Y2 IB Psychology SL	Living Environment Honors Chemistry Honors IB Biology SL/HL Y1 IB Biology SL/HL Y2 IB Chemistry SL
English	Language
English 1 Honors English 2 Honors IB English Language & Literature HL Y1 IB English Language & Literature HL Y2	Spanish 1 Honors Spanish 2 Honors IB Spanish SL/HL Y1 IB Spanish SL/HL Y2
Math	Arts
Algebra 1 Honors Algebra 2 Honors IB Math SL Y1 IB Math Analysis SL/HL Y2	Intro to Art Intro to Music Intro to Theatre IB Film SL IB Theatre SL Y1 IB Visual Arts SL/HL Y1 IB Visual Arts SL/HL Y2
Electives	Physical Education
Academic Writing College Prep I/II College Prep III/IV Internationalism Online Elective: Language Study IB Theory of Knowledge Y1 IB Theory of Knowledge Y2	Health Physical Education

“The IB Diploma series at HVAH prepared me to be successful as I began my studies at Columbia. During my first year, I took courses which required critical thinking and the ability to break down complex, abstract concepts. I learned these skills throughout IB, which ultimately allowed for a better understanding of my college coursework.”

– HVA Alum Class of 2022, Columbia University Class of 2026



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

75%
of graduates
attend
selective
colleges.

76%
are first
generation
college
students.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES*

In addition to New York SUNY and CUNY schools, HVAH students from the Class of 2022 and 2023 have been accepted at:

- Adelphi University
- Albright College
- Alfred University
- American University**
- Babson College**
- Barry University
- Bentley University**
- Boston College**
- Bucknell University**
- Canisius College
- Clark Atlanta University
- Clarkson University
- Columbia University**
- College of Mount Saint Vincent
- College of the Holy Cross**
- Cornell University**
- Dartmouth College**
- Drexel University
- Elon University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College**
- Gettysburg University
- Hamilton College
- Hampton University
- Hampshire College**
- Hilbert College
- Hofstra University
- Howard University**
- Iona College
- Ithaca College
- Johnson & Wales University
- Johns Hopkins University**
- La Salle University
- Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
- Loyola University Maryland
- Manhattan College
- Manhattanville College
- Mercy College**
- Middlebury College**
- Morgan State University**
- Mount Saint Mary College
- New York University**
- Norfolk State University**
- Northeastern University**
- Old Dominion University
- Pace University
- Providence College
- Quinnipiac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Sacred Heart University
- Siena College
- Skidmore College
- St. Bonaventure University**
- St. Francis College
- St. John's University
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Thomas Aquinas College
- Susquehanna University
- Syracuse University**
- Temple University
- Trinity College**
- Towson University
- Tufts University**
- Union College
- University of Connecticut
- Union College
- University of Michigan
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Richmond**
- University of Rochester**
- University of San Diego
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia
- Utica College
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Wesleyan University**
- Wheaton College

***Bold** indicates matriculation.