



HVA HIGH

SCHOOL PROFILE | 2024-25

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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-6. 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

86% of our student body qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

30% of students come from families whose native language is not English. Some of the languages our students speak include Arabic, French, Spanish, Mandingo, Wolof, Soninke, Twi, Fula.

76.5% of students identify as Black or African American.

23.5% of students identify as Hispanic or Latino.



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of our juniors
and seniors are
full-IB Diploma
candidates

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

*“HVA has been successful
at the most important
work in public education
today: providing
students with rigorous
and meaningful
educational experiences
while ensuring the
comprehensive supports
and structures necessary
to enable high levels of
achievement.”*

— David Weiss, Head of U.S. Public
Schools for the International
Baccalaureate Organization

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. Peer Leaders pairs peer- and teacher-nominated 12th grade ambassadors 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.
- The highest possible weighted GPA for the Class of 2025 is 4.52.



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CLUBS

Anime/Japanese Culture Club
Arts & Crafts Club
Book Club
Creative Writing Club (The Scribes)
HVA Peer Leaders
IB CAS Club
KPOP Club
National Honor Society
Ping Pong/Chess Club
Senior Committee
Student Senate
Theatre Club
Women's Empowerment Club
Yearbook Committee

SPORTS

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

CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

History

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

English

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

Math

Algebra 1 Honors
Algebra 2 Honors
IB Math SL Y1
IB Math Analysis SL/HL Y2

Electives

Academic Writing
Research Methods
IB Business and Management SL Y1
IB Psychology SL Y1
IB Psychology SL Y2
IB Theory of Knowledge Y1
IB Theory of Knowledge Y2

Science

Life Science: Biology Honors
Physical Setting:
Chemistry Honors
IB Biology SL/HL Y1
IB Biology SL/HL Y2
IB Chemistry SL Y1

Language

Spanish 1 Honors
Spanish 2 Honors
IB Spanish SL/HL Y1
IB Spanish SL/HL Y2

Arts

Intro to Art
IB Film SL
IB Visual Arts SL/HL Y1
IB Visual Arts SL/HL Y2

Physical Education

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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75%
of graduates
attend
selective
colleges

76%
are first
generation
college
students

In the Class of 2023
and 2024, we have:

**9 Questbridge
Match Scholars**

1 Gates Recipient

1 Posse Scholar

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES*

In addition to New York SUNY and CUNY schools, these are some of the schools HVAH students from the Class of 2023 and 2024 have been accepted at:

American University (DC)

Babson College (MA)

Bates College (ME)

Bentley University (MA)

Boston College (MA)

Brandeis University (MA)

Bucknell University (PA)

Canisius College (NY)

Clark Atlanta University (GA)

Clarkson University (NY)

Clark University (MA)

Columbia University (NY)

College of the Holy Cross (MA)

Connecticut College (CT)

Cornell University (NY)

Dartmouth College (NH)

Drexel University (PA)

Elon University (NC)

Emory University (GA)

Fordham University (NY)

Franklin & Marshall College (PA)

Gettysburg University (PA)

George Mason University (VA)

Goucher College (MD)

Hampton University (VA)

Hampshire College (MA)

Haverford College (PA)

Hobart & William Smith College (NY)

Hofstra University (NY)

Howard University (DC)

Ithaca College (NY)

Johnson C. Smith University (NC)

Loyola University Maryland (MD)

Manhattan College (NY)

Manhattanville College (NY)

Marist College (NY)

Mercy College (NY)

Morgan State University (MD)

Muhlenberg College (PA)

New York University (NY)

Norfolk State University (VA)

Pace University (NY)

Providence College (RI)

Quinnipiac University (CT)

Reed College (OR)

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rutgers University (NJ)

Sacred Heart University (CT)

Siena College (NY)

Skidmore College (NY)

St. Bonaventure University (NY)

St. Francis College (NY)

St. John's University (NY)

St. Lawrence University (NY)

Susquehanna University (PA)

Syracuse University (NY)

Temple University (PA)

Trinity College (CT)

Towson University (MD)

Tulane University (LA)

Tufts University (MA)

Union College (NY)

University of Chicago (IL)

University of Connecticut (CT)

University of Michigan (MI)

University of Puget Sound (WA)

University of Richmond (VA)

University of Rochester (NY)

University of Virginia (VA)

Ursinus College (PA)

Utica College (NY)

Virginia Commonwealth University (VA)

Wheaton College (MA)

***Bold** indicates matriculation.