

Enrollment Process

1. Students must contact their home high school guidance counselor and notify him/her of their interest in attending Harris Academy.
2. Students and parents must complete the Harris Academy application.
3. Students must meet with their home high school assistant principal and/or counselor to determine whether or not Harris is a fit for the student.
4. Immediately following the interview with the director, students must meet with the Harris Academy guidance counselor to discuss:
 - course needs
 - class schedule
 - future plans
6. Upon acceptance, students will attend classes on the second school day following the interview with the director.

Harris Academy has very limited support for Special Education students. Placement at Harris Academy is based upon a Case Conference Decision.

Core Beliefs

- All students can learn
- Our efforts must empower students, not enable them
- All students are valued and respected
- All students will learn in a safe and secure environment



Harris Academy Staff

Mr. Daniel Miller	Social Studies Teacher
Mrs. Abigail Martin	English Teacher
Mr. Jeff Poisel	Math Teacher
Ms. Kristen Sargent	Math Teacher
Mrs. Christy Martin	Child Care Supervisor
Mrs. Sharren Popenfoose	Guidance Counselor
Ms. Carolyn Noble	English Teacher
Mr. Jeff Jones	Soc. Studies/SPED
Mrs. Lisa Gillihan	Media Specialist
Mr. Joe Reagin	Science Teacher
Mrs. Shannon Downs	PLATO Supervisor
Ms. Nicole Houston	Science Teacher
Mrs. Pam Lyon	Cafeteria Manager
Mr. Austin Inge	Director
Mrs. Sandra Nichols	Treasurer/Admin Assistant

"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!"

Mission Statement

The faculty and staff of Harris Academy will provide quality educational opportunities to promote each student's maximum potential, encourage lifelong learning, present a variety of interrelated challenges, and maintain democratic ideals in a positive education environment structured to meet each student's individual needs, enabling students to become fully engaged citizens who can operate in a global society.



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725 South Green Street
Brownsburg, IN 46112

Office Hours:

7:20 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Visit our website at:

<https://www.brownsburg.k12.in.us/Harris-Academy>

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What is Harris?

Program: Harris Academy is a mastery-based small learning community that serves Avon High School (AHS) and Brownsburg High School (BHS) students.

Location: Harris Academy is located in the Harris Education Center in Brownsburg.

Diploma: Students completing all requirements will earn a diploma from their home high school and may participate in the graduation ceremony - with exceptions.

College: Many AHS and BHS graduates who attended Harris Academy are enrolled in colleges and career technical schools. Also, many former Harris Academy students have enlisted in the U.S. Military.

Calendar: Harris Academy's school-year calendar consists of four nine-week quarters and coincides with the Brownsburg Community School Corporation High School Calendar.

Courses: Harris Academy course offerings include courses from the following disciplines: business, English, mathematics, science and social studies. Many courses are self-paced. Online courses, Edmentum, are also offered. A complete list of course offerings is available on our website: www.brownsburg.k12.in.us/harris

Parking: Students who drive must display a current Harris Academy parking tag. Students are required to park in marked spaces only.

Child Care: Child care is provided for the babies of our students .

Student Cafeteria: A vending machine with soft drinks is available.

Meal Service: Breakfast and lunch are available at Harris for all students.

Higher Achievement - Together

Daily Schedule

The Harris Academy school day schedule consists of one "Period 1" (semester-long course) and four "BLOCKS" (quarter-long courses) as follows:

Period 1	7:45 - 8:35
Advisory (M W F)	8:40 - 9:15
BLOCK 1	8:40 - 10:00
BLOCK 2	10:02 - 11:19
BLOCK 3	11:21 - 11:27
LUNCH	12:40 - 1:10
BLOCK 4	1:12 - 2:40

Extended Day: Harris Academy students may (with approval) take classes at their home high school.

Wednesday Early Release: Block 4 students will be released 30 minutes early.

Attendance: Regular on-time attendance is essential for normal progress and is required to receive maximum benefit from the educational experience. When a student exceeds 5 absences of **any kind** in a class during the quarter, parents will be notified. If attendance continues to be a problem, the student will be referred to Project Attend.

Calendars

The Brownsburg Community School Corporation Secondary Calendar will be followed by all Harris Academy students. Any student attending Area 31 will be required to follow the Area 31 calendar, too. AHS students taking a course or courses at AHS will be required to follow the AHS calendar, too.

Harris Academy Programs

Advisory Program: While at Harris Academy, students will be involved in an Advisory course with one teacher. The purpose of this course is to earn an elective credit in exploring college and careers. Students will learn life skills including Personal Finance, Soft Skills, community service, and navigating college and career websites to complete applications.

Mom's Group: An offshoot of Campus life, advisors come to Harris Academy and meet with teen moms who are part of our student body. Parenting issues and skills are discussed. Students can earn "baby bucks" through attendance, taking their babies to the doctor's, etc. These "baby bucks" may be spent at the Baby Boutique at Harris Academy for things like diapers, wipes, and clothes.

Area 31: Many students who attend Harris Academy do not intend to attend a 4-year college or university. Therefore, application to Area 31 is encouraged so that graduates of Harris Academy are able to support themselves upon graduation. **Students who attend Harris Academy as sophomores must apply to Area 31 or take elective courses at their home high school.**

Mandatory Fun: Once a quarter, the staff at Harris Academy will schedule an event for the students. Lunch and activities are scheduled.

Book Club: Mrs. Sample, media volunteer, works with Harris English teachers to find young adult literature of interest to Harris students. This club meets on a weekly basis.

Don't Fear the Future: When feasible, Harris staff will schedule visits to various places of employment, technical schools, and IUPUI. Our goal is that every student graduating from Harris Academy will have a firm plan for their post-secondary life. We do not want students to "Fear the Future".

Harris Beautification: Each spring, the staff of Harris Academy joins with Good Samaritan Episcopal community to give Harris a "spruce up". Students can use this event as a service event for 21st Century Scholars.