



Lower School

We know you'll agree: Harrisburg Academy's Lower School, our elementary school, is the region's most intentional and well-rounded educational environment.

Tuition

Tuition in Lower School is \$17,700 and includes supplies, daily hot lunch, and field trips. Need-based financial aid is also available to qualified students, but is often limited to a maximum discount of 50 percent.

Approach

The Lower School educational program goes beyond reading, writing, and arithmetic — just as you would expect from Central Pennsylvania's #1 Private School. Our curriculum is enhanced to include physical education, library, computer science, hands-on lab science, fine and performing arts, and Spanish.

Responsive Classroom®

The Academy proudly uses Responsive Classroom® as a classroom management tool — and has for nearly two decades. Why? Responsive Classroom helps us set the tone for character development and exemplary classroom experiences.

The approach teaches children to be independent learners and more considerate people. The techniques also teach conflict resolution, demonstrate how to compliment and question respectfully, and motivate students to achieve their fullest potential.

The Daily 5™

Use of The Daily 5™ is another effective way for Academy teachers to capitalize on how well they know their students in order to customize the instruction and improve academic outcomes. Teachers guide individual goal setting for comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and vocabulary.

"When planning for our son's education, we had concerns about the effect of program cuts in school districts and decided to consider Harrisburg Academy. The opportunity for foreign language instruction, music and strings, art, and a true liberal arts education rather than "teaching to the test" is priceless to us. We have made sacrifices to make it work and will continue to do so because it is the right place for our son to grow."

- Mark & Jennifer Haas
Parents of Brian '29

Student Wellness

The safety and care of our students is an important focus of our efforts. We are committed to character development; all students receive developmentally appropriate social/emotional curriculum delivered by our school counseling staff.

Science and Technology

Hands-on lab science motivates and increases our youngest students' scientific interest and introduces them to new concepts. Additionally, our technology program teaches students how to navigate computer programs that increase their skill and expand on ideas being taught in the classroom, as well as computer science applications like Scratch and Code.org.

Additionally, we offer after-school science and technology clubs for Kindergarten through 4th grade students.

