



Middle School

Harrisburg Academy has created a program that empowers Middle School students in the classroom, on the playing field, and on the stage. Our goal is not for students to survive in Middle School, but rather, to THRIVE.

Tuition

Tuition in Middle School is \$19,300 and includes supplies and textbooks, daily hot lunch, and many local field trips. Need-based financial aid and merit scholarships are also available to qualified students, but discounts generally do not exceed 50 percent.

Learning Structure

The Academy is dedicated to making the Middle School years a smooth transition for our students. To make this first year of Middle School a successful one, the 5th grade students have one teacher for social sciences and language arts, and one teacher for math and science. Sixth and 7th grade students have a “looped” team structure for core subjects. Then, in 8th grade, students have core and elective classes with both Middle and Upper School faculty. This model intentionally provides the necessary structure and exposure as students grow and develop in the middle school years.

Middle School Curriculum

Core curriculum offerings in Middle School include mathematics, English, science, social studies, and world languages (Spanish, French, and Latin). The curriculum is further enhanced by health and fitness, computer science, music, and fine and performing arts classes. Curriculum-enhancing field trips, creative outlets, and class-bonding social events, like dances and after-school outings, are a vital part of the Academy’s Middle School experience.

Technology Integration

Technology integration is an area of increased focus in Middle School, as teachers enrich the learning experience with student projects and presentations that showcase technology skills. All Middle School students, 5th through 8th grades, participate in the Academy’s Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, in which students are required to bring their own laptop (Mac or PC) to school every day.

Co-Curricular Activities & the Arts

Co-curricular opportunities include athletics and a wide range of clubs, such as Robotics and Ski Club, as well as ensembles such as band, orchestra, choir, and musical productions. Middle School students are also introduced to academic competitions, including MathCounts, the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair (CASEF), National History Day, and C-SPAN’s StudentCam.

“At Harrisburg Academy, we recognize what it means to thrive in Middle School is to have a safe place to work on your identity. All students have a voice in the way things are going in school and the way they see the world outside. They’ll talk through issues, and they can have real conversations with one another where every voice is considered equal.”

- John Binnert
Head of Middle School and Upper School

