



HARRISON

SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

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2020-2021 SCHOOL PROFILE

The Lois Cowles Harrison Center for the Visual and Performing Arts offers an enriched arts education for students with a demonstrated talent in the arts. The program develops both the academic and artistic skills of students interested in artistic careers as well as an appreciation of the arts for those who may choose other fields.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as Harrison School for the Arts, the school is located in Lakeland, Florida. Harrison was created in 1989 in partnership with the Polk Museum of Art, the City of Lakeland, and Florida Southern College.

Students are dually-enrolled in their co-curricular academic classes in a traditional high school setting at Lakeland High School, which is adjacent to the Harrison campus. Students are afforded the benefits of a wide range of both regular and honors courses, with opportunities for advanced placement credit in their academic classes offered at Lakeland High School.

Harrison School for the Arts and Lakeland High School conduct classes on a seven-period day. Each period is 50 minutes in length. Students are able to earn 28 credits in four years. Harrison students must earn a minimum of 10 credits in arts-specific classes, including three arts-specific credits during their junior and senior years, to graduate from Harrison School for the Arts.

Admissions and Enrollment

Harrison School for the Arts is a public high school of choice in Polk County, Florida, open to high school students who meet admission requirements and are selected through an audition process. Auditions are conducted each winter to select students for enrollment the following school year.

School Demographics

Total Enrollment:	595	Class of 2021:	132
Gender:	67% female	33% male	
Ethnicity:	64% white	11% black	
	18% Hispanic	7% other	

Faculty/Department Information

Harrison is staffed with 17 arts teachers, 12 of which have advanced degrees, who teach in one of 12 departments:

Chorus	Jazz	Musical Theatre
Creative Writing	Motion Picture Arts	Technical Theatre
Dance	Orchestra	Theatre
Guitar	Piano	Visual Arts

Class of 2020 Statistics

Number of Graduates:	118
Graduated with Honors:	114 (97%)
Community Service Hours	
Senior year only:	Over 14,000 hours
Total all 4 years:	Over 40,000 hours
Attending 4 year schools:	70%
Attending 2 year schools:	23%
Vocational training or military:	2%
Total Scholarships Offered:	\$5.4 million
Graduation Rate:	100%
ACT Average Score	24.2 (Composite)
SAT Average Combined Score	1188 (Math + Reading)
AP Pass Rates for 2020 (all grade levels)	
All courses:	59%
Arts courses:	89%
Number of AP Exams Taken:	316

Mission Statement

Harrison School for the Arts provides an opportunity for talented students to develop their artistic and academic abilities to the fullest extent, instilling in each student self-discipline, self-esteem, and a working knowledge of and greater appreciation for the arts.

AP Course Offerings

- 2D Studio Art
- 3D Studio Art
- Art/Draw Portfolio
- Music Theory
- Art History*
- Biology*
- Calculus AB*
- Calculus BC*
- Capstone - Seminar*
- Chemistry*
- English Language*
- English Literature*
- Environmental Science*
- Human Geography*
- Latin*
- Macroeconomics*
- Psychology*
- Spanish Language*
- Statistics*
- U.S. Government and Politics*
- United States History*
- World History*

*indicated courses offered through Lakeland High School and scheduled based upon availability.

Grading Scale

A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = 0 - 59

Curricular Specifics

- Courses are offered at the regular, honors, and advanced placement levels.
- Dual enrollment courses are offered through Polk State College.
- Honors courses receive an additional .5 weighting.
- Advanced placement and dual enrollment courses receive an additional 1.0 weighting.
- Transcripts sent through FASTER state, "Lakeland High School"
- Harrison seniors are ranked separately from Lakeland High seniors.

Graduates of the Class of 2020 were accepted into the following schools:

Eastman School of Music, New York University, Emory University, Flagler College, Valdosta State University, Loyola University New Orleans, Drake University, Crane School of Music, Savannah College of Art and Design, New World School of the Arts, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Florida Polytechnic University, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Ringling College of Art, Webber International University, Clark Atlanta University, The University of Pennsylvania, University of Alabama, Art Institute of Tampa, Florida Southern College, Southeastern University, University of Florida, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, University of North Florida, and Florida Gulf Coast University.

School Affiliations and Recognitions

- Harrison is recognized as an Exemplary School by the Arts Schools' Network.
- Harrison's professional affiliations include Art Schools Network, Florida Alliance for Arts Education, Americans for the Arts, National Association of College Admission Counseling, Southern Association of College Admission Counseling, American School Counselor Association, and Florida School Counselor Association.
- Harrison has had at least one of 25 winners in the state-wide "Arts For Life!" scholarship competition each of the last three years.
- In 2018, four Harrison students were recognized at the regional level of the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition with 2 Honorable Mentions, 2 Silver Keys, and 7 Gold Keys.
- The Harrison Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, and Chamber Winds have all performed at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.
- The Harrison Dance Department features an American Ballet Theatre® Affiliate Teacher, certified in the ABT® Curriculum.
- Harrison student films have been accepted into numerous film festivals, including the Sunscreen West, Los Angeles, Gasparilla, and Palm Beach International Film Festivals.
- The Harrison Women's Chorus was invited to perform at the National ACDA Convention in Minneapolis in 2017.
- The Harrison Symphony Orchestra performed for the second time at an invitation-only music festival in La Croix Valmer, France in the summer of 2018.

ADMINISTRATION

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