



# HARRISON

## SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

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## 2022-2023 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.

Polk County Public Schools is accredited as a school district through AdvancED. Harrison School for the Arts is recognized as an exemplary school by the Arts Schools Network and 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: 603		Class of 2023: 143
Gender:	69% female	31% male
Ethnicity:	61% white	12% black
	20% Hispanic	7% other

### Faculty/Department Information

Harrison is staffed with 17 arts teachers, 8 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 2022 Statistics

Number of Graduates:	144
Graduated with Honors:	132 (92%)
Community Service Hours	
Senior year only:	Over 18,000 hours
Total all 4 years:	Over 40,000 hours
Attending 4 year schools:	83%
Attending 2 year schools:	12%
Vocational training or military:	1%
Total Scholarships Offered:	\$8.1 million
Graduation Rate:	100%
ACT Average Score	22.6 (Composite)
SAT Average Combined Score	1149 (Math + Reading)
AP Pass Rates for 2022 (all grade levels)	
All courses:	61%
Arts courses:	85%
Number of AP Exams Taken:	551

### 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\*
- Human Geography\*
- Psychology\*
- Spanish Language\*
- Statistics\*
- U.S. Government and Politics\*
- United States 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 2022 were accepted into the following schools:**

**Belmont University, Bethune-Cookman University, Dean College, Central Michigan University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Polytechnic University, Florida Southern College, Florida State University, Franklin Pierce University, Georgia State University, Miami University, Millikin University, New World School for the Arts, Savannah College of Art and Design, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Southeastern University, Stetson University, St. John's University, Saint Leo University, The George Washington University, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Central Florida, University of Florida, University of Pennsylvania, University of South Florida, Western Illinois 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, Polk Arts & Cultural Alliance, 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 four of the last six years.
- In 2021, Harrison had 21 students recognized as recipients of the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition with 8 silver keys, 10 gold keys, one silver medal, and two gold medals.
- 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 American Pavilion Emerging Filmmaker Showcase at the Cannes Film Festival 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.

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