

THE HARVEY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

The Harvey School is an independent coeducational boarding and day school located 40 miles north of New York City in Westchester County. The school, founded in 1916, has an average enrollment of 360 in grades 6–12. The curriculum is directed toward a mastery of languages, liberal arts, and sciences.

All students pursue programs that emphasize the acquisition of skills in writing, reading, mathematics, the sciences, ancient or modern languages, history and political science, and the fine arts.

College Placement 2020

Percent to 4-year colleges/universities	95%
Gap Year & Postgrad Experience	4%
Private University	80%
Public University	20%
In-state	25%
Out-of-state	75%
2-year college	1%

At a Glance

- ◆ 272 Students in the Upper School.
- ◆ 71 students in the Class of 2021.
- ◆ 26% of students receive need-based financial aid.
- ◆ 28% racial/ethnic student diversity.
- ◆ Students draw from Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties, and New York City, Connecticut, New Jersey, and abroad.
- ◆ 14 students in our International Student Program from Taiwan and China in a 5/2 boarding program combining dorm-living and family homestay.
- ◆ Students represent various economic, social, and racial backgrounds.
- ◆ Emphasizes educational diversity within a traditional and disciplined framework.
- ◆ Average class size: 10.
- ◆ Technology integrated into curriculum with multiple labs accessible to students, including broadcast/editing, robotics, and 3-D printing labs.
- ◆ Model UN and Robotics teams compete and excel at state and national levels.
- ◆ Offers 15 varsity sports with 31 championships since 2000.
- ◆ Offers 25+ classes in the arts and puts on 10 productions a year in theater, music, and dance.

CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

The academic year is divided into trimesters with one credit awarded for a trimester course and three credits for a full-year course. A minimum of 69 credits is required for graduation. The minimum distribution of course requirements for graduation is as follows:

- ◆ **ENGLISH:** 4 years
- ◆ **HISTORY:** 3 years, including Global Studies, Modern European History, and U.S. History
- ◆ **MATH:** 3 years, including Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2
- ◆ **SCIENCE:** 3 years, including Science Trajectories as a freshman, and at least one lab science.
- ◆ **FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** 2 years of the same language completed in grades 9–12
- ◆ **ARTS:** 2 years (6 trimesters)
- ◆ **SENIOR BRIDGE SEMINAR:** required of all seniors

Students are expected to go beyond the minimum requirements and take four years of a foreign language (either four years of one language or two years of two different languages), four years of mathematics (Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, and Pre-Calculus), and additional science courses. We offer classical and modern languages (Latin, Spanish, and Japanese) and a number of elective courses in the arts, English, history, and other humanities.

Senior course loads are determined for each senior individually during conferences with the student’s academic advisor. Each student must fulfill all academic requirements, be found in good disciplinary standing, and be approved by the faculty before a diploma is awarded.

We offer 22 Honors courses and 10 Advanced Placement courses in a wide range of disciplines (students are typically recommended to participate starting junior year in AP coursework), and encourage all our students to participate in these programs according to their particular abilities and interests. AP courses offered in biology, American history, calculus (AB & BC), chemistry, English, European history, microeconomics, physics, and statistics.

GRADING SYSTEM

There are five letter grades, A through D and F. D- is the lowest passing grade. The trimester grade in a given course is determined by averaging equally the two marking-period grades and the trimester final examination grade. The full-year grade is determined by averaging the three trimester grades. For purposes of averaging, each letter grade is assigned a numerical value as follows: A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.7, D+ = 1.3, D = 1.0, D- = 0.7, F = 0. Cumulative grade-point averages and quintile ranks are determined by averaging all major courses. Courses in Honors and Advanced Placement will be averaged with an additional weighted value. An Honors course will have a value of .3 added to the final grade and an Advanced Placement course will have an additional value of .7 added to the final grade. Fall term grades will be sent to colleges at the end of November, winter term grades will be sent to colleges in mid-March, and final transcripts will be sent by mid-June (usually a week after commencement).

CLASS RANKING

Students are ranked by quintile. The scale below represents the cumulative grade-point average of students from this year’s senior class in the following quintiles, as of the beginning of Fall Term 2020.

1st Quintile	3.90 — 4.25
2nd Quintile	3.70 — 3.89
3rd Quintile	3.40 — 3.69
4th Quintile	3.20 — 3.39
5th Quintile	2.00 — 3.19

GPA	RECOGNITION
4.0+	Cavalier Scholar
3.7–3.99	Head’s List
3.3–3.69	Honor Roll

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

The Harvey School does not report disciplinary actions. If a situation warrants, the school reserves the right to determine which disciplinary actions rise to the level of being reportable for college applications. The nature of the situation deemed reportable will be discussed with the admissions representative.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

What makes Harvey extraordinary is the wealth of opportunities we offer all our students to explore many different areas of study and interest. Our Signature Programs are unique to a Harvey education, challenging and motivating our students to learn new skills and discover their individual passions.

Freshman Science Trajectories:

Science Trajectories is an immersive and challenging freshman science program developed by the Harvey faculty. It is designed to inspire scientific inquiry, generate passion for the sciences, and showcase the dynamic teachers in our science department. With the trajectory model, students are guided into the field of science that best fits their goals and aspirations, determining their own individual course of study. This exciting curriculum inspires a scientific commitment and dedication within our community, while providing a rich and positive scientific experience for all our students.

One Acts/Playwriting:

This workshop-style course creates an ongoing opportunity for playwrights to share their work and constructively respond to those of their peers. Through a series of scene-writing exercises, students are introduced to the concepts of dramatic structure and dialogue for the stage. Each student completes a one-act play by the end of the course, and two of those plays — entirely student-directed and performed — are chosen to be presented in the spring term. Alumni of this class have gone on to become playwrights and attend some of the most prestigious writing programs in the country.

Robotics:

There is a worldwide demand in all STEM-based fields for students with hands-on problem solving skills. The Harvey robotics program offers students the chance to become confident innovators and thinkers by offering courses in which students work independently and in teams to design, build, and code robots. Students learn real-life skills like project planning & management, teamwork & collaboration, time management, problem solving, networking, and working under pressure with strict deadlines.

Scintilla*:

Scintilla — Latin, meaning “spark” — is a yearlong interdisciplinary, immersive learning experience with faculty and students coming together to form learning communities around a common area of interest. Each Scintilla Learning Community Group culminates with a two-week intensive program of exploration at the end of spring term.

* May not run due to COVID-19.

Senior Bridge Seminar:

Students use design thinking to develop and maintain an action plan to meet academic and personal challenges inherent in both senior year and in the transition to college. Our seniors gain experience designing their own road maps and following them to personal growth and in-depth, independent learning.

Writer's Odyssey:

With Homer's intrepid Odysseus as the literary guide, ninth grade English jumps off the page, transforming into a Writer's Odyssey. English 9 takes students on a journey from one genre island to the next through their exploration of related texts, including “The House on Mango Street,” “Macbeth,” and “Lord of the Flies.”

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

The school has a strong co-curricular and athletics program to complement its academic program. The program's purpose is not only to allow the student to pursue his or her individual interests but also to provide a structure in which a student will be able to exercise a position of constructive leadership. The school is committed to expanding its co-curricular offerings and encouraging the participation of its entire student body in sports, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities. Programming ranges from a full host of arts offerings, 15 different varsity sports, Model UN, community service, and, most recently the addition of a nationally recognized robotics program. Participation in after-school activities is mandatory for day students in grades 6–10 and all boarding students.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Harvey has a small international student population, with 14 students from two (2) countries. International students take the same curriculum as American students with two exceptions: a foreign language other than English is not required (although it may be taken as an elective), and all students must enroll in an English reading/writing workshop during their first two years. International students at Harvey are not “exchange students” but matriculate at Harvey typically as freshman or sophomores intending to graduate from our school and continue their education at American colleges and universities. The program is currently in its ninth year. Members of the first five graduating classes are all attending American colleges and universities representing a variety of educational school communities, including: Barnard College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Chapman College, Columbia University, Emory University, Fordham University Business School, John Hopkins University, Northeastern University, New York University, Maryland Institute College of Art, Parsons School of Art and Design, Rutgers University, and the University of Southern California.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES & MATRICULATIONS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2019 & 2020

(#) Denotes multiple students applied

* Denotes a matriculated school and (#) after asterisk denotes multiple matriculations

Academy of Art University	Emerson College (5)*(1)	Mount Saint Mary College	St Bonaventure University (2)
Adelphi University	Emmanuel College	Muhlenberg College (4)*(1)	St. John's University (4)*(2)
Albright College (2)*(1)	Endicott College (5)*(1)	Nazareth College (2)	St Lawrence University (5)*(1)
American University (2)*(1)	Fairfield University (2)	University of New Hampshire (2)	Stevens Institute of Technology*
Arizona State University (6)*(1)	Florida A&M University	University of New Haven (2)	Stonehill College
The University of Arizona (6)*(2)	Florida Atlantic University	University of New Orleans	Suffolk University (2)
Arts University Bournemouth*	Florida Institute of Technology	New York University (6)*(4)	SUNY University at Albany (3)*(2)
Bard College	Fordham University (7)	Nichols College (2)	SUNY College at Brockport
Bates College	Franklin and Marshall College (5)*(1)	University of North Carolina	SUNY Buffalo State (2)*(1)
Belmont University (2)*(1)	Franklin Pierce University	Chapel Hill*	SUNY University at Buffalo (5)*(1)
Bentley University (3)	Franklin University Switzerland	University of North Carolina	SUNY New Paltz (4)*(1)
Binghamton University (9)*(1)	Furman University (2)*(1)	Wilmington	SUNY College at Geneseo (3)
Boston College*	George Washington University (7)*(5)	North Carolina Central University	SUNY Oswego
Boston University (3)*(1)	Georgia State University	North Carolina State University	SUNY Stony Brook University (2)
Brandeis University*	Gettysburg College (4)	Raleigh	Susquehanna University (3)
Brooklyn College CUNY*	Goucher College	Northeastern University (2)*(2)	Syracuse University (15)*(8)
Bryant University (5)*(1)	Grambling State University*	Northern Vermont University	Temple University
Bucknell University (2)*(1)	Hampton University	Norwalk Community College*	Culinary Institute of America
Butler University*	University of Hartford (4)	Otis College of Art and Design	The New School (4)*(2)
California College of the Arts	High Point University (8)*(1)	Pace University (6)	University of Toronto
University of California-Davis (2)	Hobart William Smith Colleges (5)*(1)	University of the Pacific	Tufts University (2)*(1)
University of California-Irvine (2)	Hofstra University (6)*(1)	Pennsylvania State University (4)*(1)	Tulane University
University of California-Riverside	Howard University	Pennsylvania State University	Union College (6)*(2)
University of California,	University of Illinois-Urbana-	Harrisburg	University of Leeds
San Diego (2)*(1)	Champaign (3)	Pratt Institute (2)	The University of Warwick
University of California,	Indiana University-Bloomington (8)	Providence College (5)*(2)	University of Vermont (9)*(6)
Santa Barbara (2)	Iona College (4)*(1)	University of Puget Sound	Villanova University (2)*(1)
University of California-Santa Cruz	Ithaca College (12)*(1)	SUNY at Purchase College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Case Western Reserve University	James Madison University*	Quinnipiac University (20)*(4)	Virginia Tech*
Cazenovia College	Johns Hopkins University*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (5)*(2)	Virginia State University*
Champlain College (2)	Johnson & Wales University (8)*(4)	Rhode Island School of Design*	University of Washington
Chapman University (4)*2	Keene State College	University of Rhode Island (5)	Wayne State University
College of Charleston (2)	La Salle University (2)*(1)	Rhodes College*	Wesleyan University*
Chestnut Hill College	University of La Verne	University of Richmond*	Westchester Community College*
University of Chicago*	Lafayette College (8)*(1)	Rider University (6)*(1)	Western New England University (4)
University of Cincinnati	Lasell University (2)	Ringling College of Art and Design	Wheaton College (3)*(1)
Clark Atlanta University (2)	Le Moyne College	Roanoke College (3)	Whittier College
Clarkson University (3)	Lehigh University (3)*(2)	Rochester Institute of Technology (6)	University of Wisconsin (2)
Clemson University	Lewis & Clark College	Roger Williams University (6)*(2)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)
Colby-Sawyer College (2)	LIM College*	Rollins College (2)	Xavier University of Louisiana
University of Colorado Boulder (4)*(1)	London College of Fashion	Rutgers University (3)*(1)	
Columbia College Chicago	Loyola Marymount University	Sacred Heart University (5)*(3)	
Columbia College Hollywood	Loyola University (4)	Saint Anselm College	
Columbus College of	Lynn University*	Saint Michael's College	
Art and Design*	Manhattanville College (5)	Salve Regina University	
Connecticut College (2)	Marist College (9)*(3)	San Diego State University*	
University of Connecticut (6)	Maryland Institute College of Art (4)	University of San Francisco	
University of Connecticut	Marymount University	Santa Clara University	
at Stamford (2)*(1)	Massachusetts College of	Sarah Lawrence College	
University of Connecticut	Art and Design	Savannah College of	
at Waterbury	University of Massachusetts-	Art and Design (4)	
Cornell University (2)*(2)	Amherst (3)	School of the Art Institute	
University of Delaware (4)	University of Massachusetts-Lowell*	of Chicago (4)*(2)	
Denison University (2)	Merrimack College	School of Visual Arts (2)	
University of Denver (5)*(3)	Miami University-Oxford (4)*(1)	Seton Hall University	
Dickinson College (4)	University of Miami (4)*(2)	Siena College (3)	
Drexel University (7)*(1)	University of Michigan (2)*(1)	Skidmore College (8)*(3)	
Eckerd College (2)*(1)	Monmouth University	University of South Carolina	
Elon University (11)*(2)	Montana State University*	University of South Florida	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Montana	Southern New Hampshire University	