

Making a Way for Success

Harmony Public Schools Paves the Way for Black Students to Thrive

Black students at Harmony Public Schools are more likely to Graduate and choose high-demand Careers in STEM than the statewide and national averages.

Nearly 25% of Harmony students are black. Harmony is making an impact on the lives and families of black students across the state of Texas.

100%
of Harmony's Black Students Graduate

81%
of Black Students Graduated Nationwide



Raising the Bar

At Harmony, more black students are reading on grade level than their peers, ESPECIALLY in high school where they perform almost 30% higher than the statewide average.

Meeting Grade Level on STAAR

	English I	English II	Reading	Math 3-8	Algebra 1
Harmony	72%	76%	64%	47%	72%
Statewide	53%	49%	40%	25%	31%

Inspiring Futures



90%

of Harmony's Black Students Enroll in College, in comparison to 51% of Black Students Statewide



90.3%

of Harmony's Black Graduates are First Generation College Students



61%

of Harmony's Black Graduates Choose STEM Majors

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Joshua Ayuk has always dreamed of attending Stanford University. To afford the tuition, he turned to the QuestBridge National College Match, a program connecting high-achieving, low-income students with colleges. QuestBridge reviews candidates holistically, considering academic performance, financial need, and personal qualities.

Born in Italy, Joshua moved to the U.S. at age two with his Cameroonian father and Nigerian mother. He attended Harmony School of Science-Houston and now goes to Harmony School of Innovation-Sugar Land, where he excels academically and will graduate at the top of his class in May 2025.

Joshua's high school transcript is filled with excellent grades and college credits from AP and Dual Credit classes. His favorite subject is Computer Science, where he created an app that impacts others. Besides academics, Joshua is an athlete and activist. He has been on the school football team and participates in the Environmental Awareness Tribune. He also developed a website for school club activities and serves as the administrator for extracurricular program software.

Joshua's familiarity with QuestBridge comes from his siblings, who were finalists. He applied to 12 Ivy League universities and matched with Stanford, receiving a full-ride scholarship. The moment he and his mom opened the acceptance letter was unforgettable, marking the start of a promising future.

Harmony School of Innovation had 14 QuestBridge finalists this year, with six matches. The matched seniors created a WhatsApp group to support each other. Harmony Public Schools is proud of their students' courage, hard work, and dedication.

Rising Above



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Sparking Discovery



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When Raine Brookshire arrived in Houston from Ghana, his mother enrolled him in Harmony School of Discovery - Houston. There, he was introduced to rigorous STEM courses and developed a fascination with studying the stars, finding a personal connection to the pigment patches caused by his vitiligo. He quickly climbed to the top of his class, graduating as Valedictorian with a 4.2 GPA.

As a QuestBridge recipient, Raine accepted an offer from Dartmouth, choosing to study astrophysics before switching to Quantitative Social Science, while still planning to minor in Astrophysics. He credits Dartmouth with opening his eyes to the power of sociological data and storytelling through numbers, a passion sparked by advanced math courses at Harmony.

Raine's achievements extend beyond academics. He participates in inter-Ivy chess tournaments, power lifts, swims with intramurals, volunteers with Dartmouth Tech Consulting Group and Dartmouth Sports Analytics, belongs to Delta Tau Delta fraternity, runs a start-up, and practices Jiu Jitsu. His passion for chess began at Harmony School of Discovery.

Raine's LinkedIn posts reflect his passion for people and storytelling. In a recent post, he emphasized the importance of embracing each moment and the power of influence and awareness in reframing reality.

In June 2025, Raine will graduate from Dartmouth with an impressive resume. His senior thesis combines storytelling, gang activity, and school gun violence, using data to tell a powerful story. Raine attributes his success to his teachers at Harmony School of Discovery, who laid a strong foundation for him to explore his passions. He simply says, "Thank you!" to those who helped him along the way.