Lower Merion School District serves the 62,000 residents of Lower Merion Township and Narberth Borough, a diverse, suburban community located just west of Philadelphia. The ethnic/racial composition of the school district is: 70% White/Caucasian, 8% Black/African-American, 11% Asian Pacific Islander, 4% Hispanic, and 7% Multi-Racial.

**General Information**

- Grades: 9-12
- Enrollment: 1206
- Graduating Class: 282
- Type of School: Public

**Advanced Placement**

22 COURSES

**Art**
- Latin
- Music Theory
- Psychology

**Biology**
- Physics I
- Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism; Mechanics

**Chemistry**
- Spanish Language
- Statistics

**Computer Science A**
- United States History

**Economics**
- United States Government

**Environmental Science**

**French Language**

**Human Geography**

Courses are designated on the student’s transcript with AP.

**International Baccalaureate Diploma**

IB students are required to engage in the full Diploma Program by taking six IB courses in a variety of disciplines and the Theory of Knowledge course, writing an extended essay of 4,000 words of original research, and fulfilling the CAS (creativity, action, service) requirement. Students who opt not to pursue the full diploma may take courses from our suite of IB elective options.

All 26 IB courses are designated on the student’s transcript with IB. Courses include: English, Spanish, French, Latin, History of the Americas, Psychology, Economics, Mathematical Studies (with Introductory Calculus), Mathematics (with Calculus), Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Music, Visual Arts, Theater and Theory of Knowledge.

**Honors Courses**

- English: 1, 2, 3; Creative Expression and Performance 1, 2; Heroes and Monsters: Classic British Lit, Journalism, Modern and Contemporary Literature, Reading and Writing Non-Fiction, Sports and Society, Theater Arts-Drama Survey and Appreciation.
- Mathematics: Algebra 2, Advanced Topics in Linear Algebra and Discrete Mathematics; Computer Science 1, 2; Computer Science Seminar; Geometry; Pre-calculus; Senior Seminar, Visual Programming
- Music: Concert Band, Concert Choir, Freshman Chorus, Music Major, Symphony Orchestra
- Science: Architectural Design, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Aided Drafting and Design; Foundation of Engineering, Genetics, Geology, Human Anatomy/Physiology, Innovation and Intervention Robotics; Landscape Architecture/Horticulture, Meteorology, Physics, Oceanography, Organic Chemistry
- Social Studies: Economics, Global Studies I, Global Studies II, Modern History through Media, Philosophy and Modern Culture, Psychology; Theology and Modern Culture, U.S. Government, U.S. History
- World Languages: French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Japanese 1, 2; Latin 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish 1 (Spanish Speaker), 2, 3, 4, 5

All courses designated on the transcript by the word Honors or the letter H are accelerated and enriched.

**Class Rank**

No class rank is recorded on a student’s transcript. Any institution may request in writing from the School Counseling Department the class rank of any student if class rank is required for admission to that school or needed for any scholarship program. The class rank reported is weighted and includes only major academic subject courses completed in grades 9-11.

**Penn State University Dual Enrollment**

College credit is offered in: Introduction to Business, Social Legal and Ethical Environment of Business, Micro, and Macro Analysis and Policy.
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Minimum Graduation Requirements for Class of 2019

- 4.00 credits of English
- 3.00 credits of Science
- 2.00 credits of Arts and Humanities
- 4.00 credits of Social Studies
  - (Global Studies I, Global Studies II, United States History, and United States Government)
  - (all four years)
- 3.00 credits of Mathematics
- Completion of Senior Project is mandatory

Grading System - Before September 2016

- Grades of 5:
  - A = 93-96
  - B+ = 87-89
  - B = 83-86
  - B- = 80-82
  - C+ = 77-79
  - C = 73-76

- Grades of 4:
  - A- = 90-92
  - B+ = 88-90
  - B = 84-87
  - B- = 81-83
  - C+ = 78-80
  - C = 74-77

- Grades of 3:
  - A = 93-96
  - B+ = 87-89
  - B = 83-86
  - B- = 80-82
  - C+ = 77-79
  - C = 73-76

- Grades of 2:
  - A- = 90-92
  - B+ = 88-90
  - B = 84-87
  - B- = 81-83
  - C+ = 78-80
  - C = 73-76

- Grades of 1:
  - A- = 90-92
  - B+ = 88-90
  - B = 84-87
  - B- = 81-83
  - C+ = 78-80
  - C = 73-76

- Other grades:
  - I = Incomplete
  - M = Medical Excuse
  - WP = Withdraw Pong
  - WF = Withdrawing
  - P = Passing in Pass/Fail
  - F = Failing in Fail/Fail
  - AU = Audit (no credit)
  - NG = No Grade (no credit)

Calculation of Grade Point Average

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated at the end of each school year using only final grades in the five major academic areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages. Honors, AP, and IB level courses are calculated on a weighted 5.0 scale and College Prep courses are calculated on a 4.0 scale. The GPA is reported on a weighted 5.0 scale.

Advanced Placement Exams - 2018

- Total Candidates: 368
- Grades of 4: 218
- Grades of 3: 194
- Grades of 5: 271

- 82.7% of all AP exam scores were 3, 4, or 5
- All scores: total exam score average of 3.72

IB Exam Scores - 2018

- A total of 519 IB exams were taken. 84% of all exams earned a 4, 5, 6, or 7. The average score of all exams was 4.6.

National Merit, National Achievement Scholarship Program, and National Hispanic Recognition Program for the Class of 2018

- Finalists: 9
- Semifinalists: 10
- Commended: 13

On average more than 13% of each graduating class is recognized by the National Merit Program.

A Sampling of Colleges Harriton Class of 2018 is Attending (Alphabetical):

- American University, Barnard College, Cabrini University, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Clemson University, Cornell University, Drexel University, Franklin and Marshall College, Grinnell College, Harvard University, Ithaca College, James Madison University, LaSalle University, Lehigh University, Lynn University, McGill University, New York University, Northeastern University, Penn State University, Pomona College, Syracuse University, Temple University, The George Washington University, Tufts University, University of California-Berkeley/Los Angeles/Santa Barbara/Santa Cruz, University of Chicago, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, United States Merchant Marine Academy, United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, West Chester University.

- In addition, students are attending universities in Canada, England, Scotland, and the Netherlands.

Testing - Number of Students Tested

- ACT: 132
- SAT: 179

100% took either SAT or ACT or both.

ACT Summary - 2018

- ELA: Middle 0-23, Mean 9.7
- English: 24-34, Mean 28.6
- Math: 24-31, Mean 26.8
- Reading: 24-34, Mean 29
- Science: 24-32, Mean 27.2
- STEM: 0-27, Mean 14.3
- Composite: 24-32, Mean 27.6

SAT Summary - 2018

- Evidence Based: Middle 560-700, Mean 640
- Reading & Writing: 540-710, Mean 620
- Mathematics: Total 1120-1420, Mean 1250

Continuing Education

- Approximately 96% of Harriton High School graduates continue a program of higher education. Approximately 88% of the class enroll in 4-year colleges, 7% in 2-year colleges. The 5% who do not attend higher education enroll in the military, participate in a gap year, or are employed full-time.

Recent Awards and Accomplishments

- Harriton is a two-time recipient of the Department of Education’s Blue Ribbon School Award and consistently ranks among the nation’s finest in Newsweek and US News ratings.
- Harriton Science Olympiad won their fourth consecutive state championship – their 20th in the last 21 years – and finished third at the national competition.
- Harriton buildOn raised more than $70,000 to construct a school in San Pablo, Nicaragua.
- The 11th annual Mr. Harriton competition raised more than $30,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.
- Harriton’s fourth annual Mini-THON raised more than $45,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund and childhood cancer research.
- Harriton students received local, state and national recognition in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and were selected to both the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) and National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Honor Ensembles.