

# Harrisburg Elementary

Tomahawks

## Our demographics

**School principal:** Teryn Dalton      **Began at school:** 2018    **In district:** 2009    **In education:** 2009

**Grades served:** K – 5      **Enrollment:** 898      **Economic status:** 18% free & reduced lunch

**Diversity:** 75% White, 4% Hispanic, 9% African-American, 5% Other

**Number of teachers:** 45    **Classified:** 10    **Administrators:** 3    **Counselors:** 2    **Media specialist:** 1

**Other:** Nurse, Elementary Stem Specialist, Reading Coach, Speech, ESL, Psychologist, Technology Coach

**Teachers with advanced degrees:** 48.6%    **Teacher attendance:** 96.7%    **Student attendance:** 96.6%

## Our mission

We strive to provide authentic learning opportunities that encourage all students to reach their full potential as students, as leaders and as citizens.

## Our facilities

**Date main building was built:** 2014      **Date of renovations:** N/A

**Square feet:** 120,608      **Number of computers:** 240      **Number of classrooms:** 48

**Specialty areas:** 1 science lab, 3 computer labs, gym, 45 smart panel TVs

## Our school programs

- **STEAM Enrichment Course** – Students participate in a course that extends science and technology instruction in a lab-based environment.
- **Uniform Dress Code** – All students have a uniform dress code designed to promote positive behavior and clear expectations.
- **Honor Choir** – The choir is open to Grade 5 students with strong musical interest.
- **Drama Club** – The club is open to Grade 5 students and is an arts integration program for students who love to perform.
- **iLead** – This is a leadership development program designed for selected young men and women in fifth grade. This program allows students to cultivate and develop the necessary traits needed to become a leader and a strong contributor to society. This program also encourages involvement from male community members and fathers that integrate themselves into our school culture and provide positive male leadership.
- **iRead** – This is a school-wide buddy reading program developed and implemented to help build students' reading fluency and confidence, while building a relationship with a student on a different grade

level. This program allows students to mentor younger students and build friendships through a common love of reading.

- **Fourth/Fifth Grade Chorus** – The chorus is open to fourth- and fifth-grade students who enjoy singing.
- **Tomahawk Team Days** – Students are given the opportunity each month to learn about an important charitable cause in our community. Students will be allowed to dress in a way that promotes either school spirit or the selected cause and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the cause. This program encourages students to become community minded and to give charitably.

### After school programs

- **Art Club**
- **Ballroom Dancing**
- **Chess Club**
- **Code4 Kids**
- **Disc Golf**
- **Drama Club**
- **Fit Kids**
- **Girl Scouts**
- **Girls on the Run**
- **Kids on the Ball**
- **Let Me Run**

### Our parent support programs

- **Parent/Teacher Association (PTA)**
- **School Improvement Council (SIC)**
- **Quarterly ESL Parent Nights**
- **Parent/Community Volunteer Programs**
- **ILead Leadership Program**
- **Annual Volunteer Breakfast**
- **Responsibility-Centered Discipline Parent Nights**

### Our school strengths

- **Diverse academic and enrichment programs** – In addition to the core subject areas, we offer visual and performing arts programs, including art, music, physical education, keyboarding and STEAM.

We have a reading coach and technology coach who support teachers as well as students. We offer a gifted-talented program as well as a reading enrichment program that meets the needs of our students on all levels. We also offer Study Island and RAZ Kids computer-based programs designed to support our classroom instruction, both in the classroom and at home.

- **Strong community and parent involvement including excellent communication** – We believe that learning is a team sport and that we can't be successful without support from staff, students, parents and the community. We have a supportive PTO that works to match classrooms with parent volunteers, provides funding for programs and technology that are needed in the school, grounds and building enhancement projects, and focuses on encouraging the team atmosphere we rely on. We have an active School Improvement Committee that seeks feedback to ensure our programs are meeting the needs of our families. We keep our parents informed in a variety of ways including weekly parent emails from teachers, weekly parent ConnectED phone calls, regularly-updated website and a variety of social media outlets.
- **Cooperative learning teams** – We work hard to establish a team culture in our school. Each grade works together as a team to meet the needs of the students and to contribute to the overall school team. Teachers in individual grade levels meet weekly to collaborate on the best ways to provide instruction and to analyze performance data. Teachers work together to adjust and modify if necessary to make sure the needs of all students are being met. Teachers focus on a standards-driven instructional model which is matched with interdisciplinary approaches to deliver the best possible instruction to students. We require all subject areas to incorporate a balance of whole-group instruction and small-group instruction, as well as individual conferencing to make sure each child is met on his/her level. Administration and support staff are a large part of the team and are involved in all staff meetings.
- **Foundations for Learning** – We believe that we are building tomorrow's future through love, learning and leadership! In order to achieve this, we follow five foundations to ensure our students are successful at school and beyond!

Be Kind.

Be Respectful.

Be Responsible.

Be Ready to Learn.

Be Safe.