

EDUCATION

EDUCATION. The Harrisonville School District has been recognized for Distinction in Performance by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Harrisonville High School Students consistently score above national and state averages on the ACT. A leading Kansas City business publication, Ingram's magazine, ranked the district in the top three in the metro area in its 2007 edition of Leads and Lists. Harrisonville was the only Cass County school district listed in the top 10 and the top-ranking school district in the south metropolitan area.

The district is composed of six facilities. The Harrisonville Early Childhood Center serves children from birth through Kindergarten. The district offers a free preschool program to three and four year olds and full day kindergarten. Harrisonville Elementary School serves children in grades 1-3 and McEowen houses fourth and fifth graders. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders attend Harrisonville Middle School and the district has one high school which offers a variety of academic and extra-curricular programs. In the past ten years, patrons have supported three bond issues to enhance and expand district facilities. Additions include a performing arts center, state-of-the-art science labs, classrooms, expansion of special education facilities, and elementary school gym and cafeteria and improvements to and expansion of athletic facilities.

The district has an enrollment of 2,610 students and 44% of the certified teachers hold at least a Master's degree. The district teachers average 10.5 years of experience and the student-teacher ration is 17:1.

Harrisonville Christian School (HCS) provides educational opportunities for students grades K-8. HCS has a 2011-2012 enrollment of 205 students. The school is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. Individual students and classes excel in statewide competitions.

Harrisonville is also the location of the Cass Career Center (CCC). CCC has a 2011-2012 enrollment of 447 students. The Center offers vocational training in 13 programs of study and has access to the Missouri Customized Training program, which is a computerized system that assists new businesses in recruiting, screening, testing, and training workers. The CCC has two additional programs: CAPS, which is designed for at-risk students, and a strong Adult Basic Education program (ABE).

Other higher education opportunities within the region include the University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, William Jewell College in Liberty, and Avila and Rockhurst Colleges in Kansas City and the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.



Harrisonville Elementary School – one of Harrisonville's two elementary schools



Harrisonville High School