



Hardin Valley Academy

School Profile 2023-2024

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One of 16 public high schools in Knox County, Tennessee

CEEB Code: 431-102

Mitchell Cox, Executive Principal

Student Demographics

- 2128 students grade 9-12
- African American 8.8%
- Asian 4.8%
- Caucasian 71%
- Multi-Racial: 4.6%
- Native American /Pac. Islander: .5% Hispanic Origin: 13.7%
- English Language learners: 5.8%

Graduation Requirements: 28 credits

English: 4 credits

Social Studies: 3.5 credits (W Hist/Geo; US History; Gov ½ credit; Econ ½ credit)

Personal Finance: ½ credit

Math: 4 credits, at least one above Alg 2*

Science: 3 credits (Bio, Chem or Physics, 1 additional Science)

Wellness: 1 credit

PE: ½ credit

World Language: 2 credits, same language

Fine Art: 1 credit

Electives: 11 (3 of which are pathway courses)

*Students are required to take math each year of high school All students are required to take the ACT/SAT & Civics exam.

HVA is now on a year-long, A/B schedule; students take four 90 minute classes alternating every day for a total of 8 credits per year.

School and Community

- 4 career academies based on the Knox County 865 Academies initiative: The Academy of Business & Law, The Academy of Health Science, The Academy of Liberal Arts, Communications, and Design, and the Academy of Science Technology Engineering Math as well as the Academy of Freshmen.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, KCS went online on 3/12/2020 for the remainder of the school year. Students were not given any new instruction for the remainder of the school year, but were allowed to turn in work to increase their semester grades.
- 20-21 school year: KCS offered in person and virtual options; there is no designation on the transcript indicating if the student was in person or virtual.
- 21-22 school year, students attended HVA in person.
- Hardin Valley is the fastest growing community in Knoxville/Knox County.
- Major employers in the area: US Dept of Energy/Oak Ridge; Y-12 Nuclear Security; Covenant Health Systems; Mercy Health Systems; Discovery, Inc.; Denso Manufacturing; the University of Tennessee.
- One of Tennessee's top community colleges is located one mile from HVA; over 300 juniors and seniors take dual enrollment (DE) courses on the college campus.
- Early College Experience. Class of 2024 has the opportunity to earn 30 college credits while enrolled in high school.
- HVA has been recognized as a 2020 Special Olympics Unified Champion School, the only high school in the state to receive such recognition.
- HVA uses SCOIR for its college guidance management system.

Grading Scale, Policy and Rank

- Beginning with 2022-2023, KCS changed the grading scale to a 10 point scale (per Tennessee BOE).
- Report by deciles; no rank beyond Valedictorian/Salutatorian
- All courses are averaged into cumulative GPA
- Honors, DE, AP, NIC and Statewide Dual Credit (SDC) are weighted
- 3 points added to final class average for Honors courses
- 4 points added to final class average for SDC, National Industry Certification (NIC)
- 5 points added to AP Final Grade if students take the AP Exam.

Quality Points Guide (starting 2022-2023)

Grading Scale	CP	Honors	NIC/AP/DE
A (90-100)	4	4.5	5
B (80-89)	3	3.5	4
C (70-79)	2	2.5	3
D (60-69)	1	1.5	2
F (0-59)	0	0	0

Quality Points Guide (prior to 2022-2023)

Grading Scale	CP	Honors	NIC/AP/DE
A (93-100)	4	4.5	5
B (85-92)	3	3.5	4
C (75-84)	2	2.5	3
D (70-74)	1	1.5	2
F (0-69)	0	0	0

Cumulative Grade distribution by Decile (August, Class of 2024)

Decile	GPA Range	Decile	GPA Range
1	4.5929 - 4.3214	6	3.375 – 3.1042
2	4.32 - 4.1042	7	3.0893 – 2.7708
3	4.0962 - 3.88	8	2.7619 – 2.375
4	3.66 - 3.3958	9	2.3556 – 1.78
5	3.66 - 3.3958	10	1.7708 – 0.3889

AP Art Studio 2D	AP German
AP Art Studio 3D	AP Government
AP Biology	AP Human Geo
AP Calc AB	AP Language
AP Calc BC	AP Physics 1
AP Chemistry	AP Physics CM
AP Chinese	AP Physics CEM
AP CSA	AP Psychology
AP CSP	AP Research
AP English Lit	AP Seminar
AP Env Science	AP Statistics
AP French	AP US History

Student Achievements & Recognitions
 2023 Governor's School Attendees: 7
 National Merit Semi Finalists: 2
 National Merit Finalist: 1

Honors courses: Algebra I, II, Biology I, II, Chemistry I, II, Chinese I, II, III, IV, English I, II, French II, III, IV, Geometry, German II, III, IV, Human Anat/Physiology, Intro to Organic/Biochemistry, Spanish II, III, World History

SDC: American History, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Speech, Statistics

NIC (Industry Credentials): NCCER, AWS Welder I, Carpentry I, Electrical I, Core Curriculum Plumbing I, HVAC Employment Ready Certification, CompTIA IT Fundamentals; CIW Web Design Specialists; Certified Nursing Assistant; Certified EKG Technician; Certified Pharmacy Technician; Precision Management Instruments, AutoCAD; SolidWorks Associate; Human & Social Sciences; HootSuite; OSHA Safety & Health Fundamentals Certificate; Microsoft Office Specialist Certification

Academy Endorsement Requirements

Each academy offers an endorsement that outlines a defined pathway of study. Endorsement candidates go beyond graduation requirements to complete an academic research course, clinical experience, digital portfolio, and practicum or work based learning placement. Endorseees are recognized at graduation with special cords worn around the neck, graduating first among their academy peers, and embossed academy seal on the physical diploma and an identification on the endorsee's academic transcript. Endorsements are key for each student's post-secondary option whether they be collegiate, technical-school, career readiness, or military enlistment.

For the Class of 2023, 87 students earned an academy endorsement.

Colleges and University where class of 2023 are enrolled
Total amount of scholarship offers: \$23.5 million

4 year college: 49% 2 year college/technical school: 44% Work Full-time: 5% Military Service: 2%

Agnes Scott College
 Appalachian State University
 Belmont University
 Berea College
 Bowdoin College
 Brigham Young University
 Butler University
 Carson-Newman University
 Clemson University
 Cleveland State Community College
 Columbia University
 East Tennessee State University
 Eastern Kentucky University
 Eastern Nazarene College
 Gwinnett Technical College
 Harding University
 Indiana University (Bloomington)
 Iowa State University
 Kennesaw State University
 Lake Forest College
 Lee University
 Maryville College

Middle Tennessee State University
 Milligan University
 Oregon State University
 Pellissippi State Community College
 Presbyterian College
 Roane State Community College
 South College
 Southern Adventist University
 SUNY College of Environmental Science
 and Forestry
 Tennessee College of Applied Technology
 Tennessee State University
 Tennessee Technological University
 Texas A&M University
 The University of Tampa
 The University of Tennessee
 (Chattanooga)
 The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
 The University of Tennessee (Martin)
 Troy University
 Tusculum University

University of Alabama in Huntsville
 University of Arizona
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Dubuque
 University of Florida
 University of Kentucky
 University of Maryland
 University of Arizona
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Dubuque
 University of Florida
 University of Kentucky
 University of Maryland (College Park)
 University of Nebraska (Lincoln)
 University of South Alabama
 University of South Carolina
 University of Wisconsin (Madison)
 Vanderbilt University
 Walters State Community College
 West Virginia State University
 Western Kentucky University