



HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY

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DEMOGRAPHICS

1,937 students enrolled in grades 9-12

White	67.9%
Hispanic Origin	15.1%
Multi-Racial	6.4%
African-American	5.5%
Asian	4.4%
Native Am./Pacific Islander	.5%

ACT AVERAGE SCORES 2023-2024

Hardin Valley Academy	21.5
Knox County Schools	20.1
Tennessee	19

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2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

SACS Accredited • One of 16 public high schools in Knox County, TN

ACADEMY STRUCTURE

Hardin Valley Academy is comprised of five academies based on the Knox County Schools' 865 Academies initiative:

- The Academy of Business & Law
- The Academy of Health Science
- The Academy of Liberal Arts, Communications, & Design
- The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math
- The Academy of Freshmen

The Academy of Freshmen introduces students to all 35 of their pathway options. Freshmen then apply for a pathway of study that determines their academy. They move into one of the four career academies at the start of their sophomore year.

ENDORSEMENTS

Each career 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.

Endorsees are recognized at graduation by graduating first among their academy peers and wearing special cords. They also receive an embossed academy seal on their physical diploma and an identification on their academic transcript.

For the Class of 2024, 89 students earned an academy endorsement.

SCHEDULING

The academic program is organized on a block schedule consisting of eight credits each year: four in the fall and four in the spring.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Hardin Valley is the fastest-growing sector of Knox County, which has a total population of over 494,000 residents. Major local employers include:

- US Department of Energy/Oak Ridge
- Y-12 Nuclear Security
- Covenant Health Systems
- Mercy Health Systems
- Warner Brothers/Discovery
- Denso Manufacturing
- University of Tennessee

EARLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

One of Tennessee's top community colleges, Pellissippi State, is located one mile from HVA. Over 300 juniors and seniors take dual enrollment courses on the college campus. Eligible students have the opportunity to earn up to 30 college credits as part of a partnership with Pellissippi State.

CLASS OF 2024 POSTSECONDARY PLANS

Four-year college	48.6%	Workforce	2.8%
Two-year college	38.9%	Military	2.4%

2024 GRADUATES ENROLLED AT:

Alabama A&M University
Anderson University
Arizona State University, Tempe
Auburn University
Austin Peay State University
Belmont University
Brigham Young University
Brigham Young University (Idaho)
Carson-Newman University
Cooper Union for Adv. of Science & Art
East Tennessee State University
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Freed-Hardeman University
George Washington University
Harding University
Jacksonville State University
Lee University
Lincoln Memorial University
Lipscomb University
Maryville College
Miami University (Oxford)
Middle Tennessee State University
Morehead State University
Nashville State Community College
New York University
Northeast State Community College
Northeastern University
Oklahoma City University
Pellissippi State Community College
Purdue University
Roane State Community College
Samford University
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
South College
Stephens College
Tennessee College of Applied Technology
Tennessee State University
Tennessee Technological University
Texas A&M University
The Ohio State University
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
University of Alabama
University of Alabama, Huntsville
University of Illinois, Chicago
University of Kentucky
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Rhode Island
University of Southern Indiana
University of the Cumberland
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Tennessee, Martin
University of Wyoming
Walters State Community College
Western Kentucky University

CURRICULUM

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED

AP Art Studio 2D
AP Art Studio 3D
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Chinese
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP Environmental Science
AP French
AP German
AP Government
AP Human Geography
AP Physics 1
AP Physics CM
AP Physics CEM
AP Psychology
AP Research
AP Seminar
AP Statistics
AP US History

HONORS COURSES OFFERED

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 Anatomy/Physiology
Intro to Organic/Biochemistry
Spanish II, III
World History

NIC INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

AWS Welder I
Carpentry I
Electrical I
Core Curriculum Plumbing I
HVAC Employment
NCCER

EXTRACURRICULARS

54 campus organizations
20 athletic teams
10 performing arts groups

GRADING POLICIES

All courses are averaged into the cumulative GPA. Honors, DE, AP, and NIC courses are weighted according to the scale below. Additional points are added to final averages in honors courses (three points), NIC and DE courses (four points), and AP courses (five points - only if students take the AP exam).

GRADING SCALE & QUALITY POINTS

GRADE	CP	HONORS	AP/DE/NIC	
A (90-100)	4	4.5	5	Prior to Fall 2022, the grading scale was A: 93+, B: 85-92, C: 75-84, D: 70-74, and F: 0-69.
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	

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Knox County Schools reports class rank in deciles following midterm grades of senior year.

DECILE	GPA RANGE
1	4.5893 - 4.3462
2	4.3393 - 4.1458
3	4.1346 - 3.9423
4	3.9412 - 3.7114
5	3.7105 - 3.48
6	3.4792 - 3.2292
7	3.2083 - 3.0208
8	3.0192 - 2.6739
9	2.6667 - 2.2708
10	2.25 - .24

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Knox County Schools requires a minimum of 28 credits and a passing score on a civics exam to graduate.

SUBJECT	CREDITS
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Wellness/P.E.	1.5
Personal Finance	.5
World Language	2
Fine/Performing Art	1
Elective Pathway	3
Other Electives	8