



2016 - 2017 QUICK FACTS

HARPETH HALL AT A GLANCE

Mission Statement:

Harpeth Hall is an independent college preparatory school for young women where each student realizes her highest intellectual ability in the sciences, the humanities, and the arts, and discovers her creative and athletic talents. Harpeth Hall develops responsible citizens who have global perspectives and make meaningful contributions to their communities and the world. With a tradition of excellence and a commitment to life-long learning, Harpeth Hall educates young women to think critically, to lead confidently, and to live honorably.

Core Purpose:

Our core purpose is to nurture a sense of wonder; to instill a will and facility for learning; and to promote cultural understanding, environmental stewardship, and service to others. The pursuit of these goals will inspire students and faculty to combine knowledge with goodness and reflection with action.

FACULTY AND FINANCIALS:

- **86** faculty members, **72** of whom are full-time
- **69** hold Master's degrees
- **12** hold Doctorate level or other advanced degrees
- Average tenure at Harpeth Hall: **10 Years**
- **20%** of faculty is male
- Harpeth Hall's endowment is **\$39.3 million**
- **16%** of students received financial aid for 2016-2017

STUDENTS:

- **686** in 2016-2017
- **284** in the Middle School
- **402** in the Upper School
- Median class size is **14**, with a **7:1** student-teacher ratio
- **14.3%** are students of color
- Harpeth Hall students live in **38** different ZIP codes and entered Harpeth Hall from **115** sending schools

Harpeth Hall offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that balances traditional classroom methods with stimulating dialogue and creative approaches to learning that develop techniques for problem solving. In addition, Harpeth Hall's curriculum is enhanced by our signature programs including: Winterim, One Schoolhouse, Service Learning, Life Balance/Advisory, The Center for STEM Education for Girls, and SEEK.

Signature Programs

WINTERIM

Harpeth Hall's Winterim program is unique. For three weeks in January, freshmen and sophomores engage in focused seminars and special experiences in the Fine Arts, Fitness, Humanities, Media Literacy, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and Service Learning. Juniors and seniors may choose off-campus internships, independent study, and academic travel abroad.

ONE SCHOOLHOUSE

Harpeth Hall is a member of a nationwide consortium of independent all-girls' schools that formed the first ever online school dedicated to secondary education for girls. The 2009-2010 school year marked the first year of the school with class offerings such as Multivariable Calculus, Genetics, Differential Equations, and Women in Art and Literature. Course offerings expand each year. Guided by current research on how girls learn best. The curriculum for One Schoolhouse's Online School for Girls focuses on several key principles: emphasizing connections among participants; incorporating collaboration into the learning experience; inspiring and rewarding creativity; and engaging in real-world problems and applications while having students probe the social and ethical dynamics that define and stretch our global society. For more information, please visit www.oneschoolhouse.org.

LIFE BALANCE/ADVISORY

Many transitions come in the early teenage years. Life Balance classes meet once a week to empower Middle School students to deal with these changes. In the upper school, the course continues to provide a venue for students to explore age appropriate topics. Life Balance complements the academic curriculum and focuses on the following principles of wellness: leadership, relationships, emotional life, mind/body connection, meaningful life purpose, movement and nutrition. The objective of Life Balance and Advisory is to instill in students a sense of self-worth and respect for others as well as a sense of values from which to make decisions.

SERVICE LEARNING

Harpeth Hall cultivates leaders and inspires a life-long tradition of service. While our service learning program is voluntary, in the last 15 years, 100 percent of Harpeth Hall students have participated in service projects by partnering with various agencies in Nashville and abroad, contributing more than 11,700 service hours last year. In 2015-2016, 65 girls received the President's Volunteer Service Award.

THE CENTER FOR STEM EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

In 2010, Harpeth Hall was awarded an Edward E. Ford Foundation Leadership Grant that made possible the creation of The Center for STEM Education for Girls. Under the leadership of Director Dr. Stacy Klein-Gardner, the Center works to improve education for and increase participation by girls in science, technology, engineering and math at Harpeth Hall and around the globe. In addition to growing STEM opportunities for our students, Harpeth Hall hosts a 10 day summer STEM Institute for Girls as well as the two day STEM for Girls Conference that annually brings together over 200 educational leaders to learn best practices and innovative teaching methods for girls in STEM fields.

SEEK

Through the SEEK (Scholars Engaged in Extending Knowledge) Fellowship Program, Harpeth Hall offers seventh and eighth grade students the guidance and financial support necessary to expand their learning beyond that of the standard curriculum. A SEEK scholar chooses to delve more deeply into a topic of her interest in history, literature, film, science, technology, engineering, politics, world cultures or mathematics. She may wish to develop her talents in the area of creative writing, art, music, photography, dance, or drama. Whatever area of interest the scholar wishes to pursue culminates in the presentation of her finished work to her teachers and peers in the spring. She is then honored at the SEEK Fellowship Assembly in the spring.