

# EDUCATION

**E** DUCATION. Harrisonville schools maintain a AAA classification with one early childhood center, two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. This AAA rating is the highest classification given to Missouri schools by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The schools have also received the accredited classification under the Missouri Schools Improvement Program Standard. The certified staff's average years of teaching is 14 years. Of the 178 teachers in the district, 65% have been with the district for five or more years. The district-wide teacher/pupil ratio is 1:15. Free transportation is provided to all students living outside of a one-mile radius of their school. Cass R-IX Schools have a 2006-2007 enrollment of 2,507 students.

In 1997, *Persona Magazine* ranked the Harrisonville Cass R-IX District the top school district in the Kansas City, Missouri, metropolitan area. The magazine rated 34 schools in the Kansas City metropolitan area, including 15 from Kansas and 19 from Missouri. Harrisonville Cass R-IX ranked third overall in top academic achievement based on ACT/SAT scores and graduation rates. The Harrisonville Cass R-IX District continues to support a learning environment that is highly conducive to education and achievement.

Harrisonville Christian School (HCS) provides educational opportunities for students grades K-8. HCS has a 2006-2007 enrollment of 180 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 2006-2007 enrollment of 617 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