



Harrisburg Global Academy

A K-8 Tuition Free Public Charter School



Dear Harrisburg Global Academy Families,

Welcome to Harrisburg Global Academy! I'm Jessica Rivas, and I'm honored to serve as your founding principal.

I began my career as a classroom teacher and have spent 13 years in education, including seven in school leadership, building strong school cultures where students feel they belong, families feel like partners, and teachers feel supported. I hold a degree in Child and Family Development from UNC Charlotte, a Master's in School Administration from Queens University, an Educational Specialist degree from Appalachian State, and I'm currently pursuing my Doctorate at UNC Chapel Hill. I'm also bilingual in Spanish and passionate about our school's commitment to world language instruction. As a mother of three, I know firsthand what it means to trust a school with the people you love most — and that drives everything I do as a leader.

I'm also thrilled to introduce our Assistant Principal, Kimenya Ramet. Kimenya brings over 25 years of experience in education across North and South Carolina, including roles as Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, Special Education Administrator, and Master Teacher. She is passionate about building meaningful relationships, supporting teachers, and ensuring every student succeeds, and her door is always open to our HGA families.

We have several exciting events coming up and want to make sure you have all the details:

Meet & Greet

Join us Friday, July 18th from 10:00AM–12:00PM at the Harrisburg Sports Complex (10167 Harrisburg Road, Fort Mill, SC) to meet our team and fellow HGA families. This is a drop-in event — stop by anytime during the window that works for you.

Required Kindergarten Screening (Incoming Kindergarten Students Only)-

1525 Crane Road Waxhaw, NC

Sign up for a time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AEAA23A3F9C43-64674169-harrisburg>



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Open House:

Thursday, August 20th, with two sessions to choose from: 12:00-2:00 or 4:00–6:00 PM.

School Calendar:

You can find our complete school calendar anytime at <https://hgacharter.org> Remember, this is for this year only to accommodate construction.

Parent/Student Handbook:

Please review our Parent/Student Handbook at <https://hgacharter.org/student-handbook/>

Uniforms:

Uniform ordering information is available through our Land's End school uniform portal:
<https://www.landsend.com/co/account/school-uniforms?selectedSchoolNum=900208711>

School Supplies:

Supply packs can be ordered here (just click your student's grade level):
<https://schoolsupplypacks.com/collections/standard-school-packs>

Bus Transportation:

Bus transportation request forms and other information will be sent out by the end of July. Bus routes and assignments will go out the first week of August.

We're so grateful you've chosen HGA for your family, and we can't wait to welcome you into our community!

Jessica Rivas

Principal

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