



Harrisburg Global Academy

A K-8 Tuition Free Public Charter School



August 21, 2026

Dear HGA Families,

We share your disappointment regarding the delay to our first day of school and sincerely apologize for the disruption this may cause your family. We want to provide additional clarity about this unexpected change.

Late last week, during one of the last remaining final inspections, an inspector found what they indicated was an improperly installed fire damper in the HVAC system of the school. On Friday afternoon, we held a meeting with the entire HGA design and construction team, the state inspector, and the State Office of School Facilities, which is responsible for final approval of the building's use as a school. Following extensive discussion and review, the inspectors determined that we need to remove and reinstall 11 fire dampers before they will approve the school for occupancy. This past weekend was spent coordinating all of the materials and subcontractor crews needed to uninstall the existing work, design, build, and ultimately reinstall it per the direction of the inspectors.

By late Sunday evening, we realized that the magnitude of this work would not allow us to meet the targeted opening date. On Monday, we began the process of working with the school board, the authorizer, and the state to make sure that we had all the permissions necessary to delay the opening. By Tuesday, we received all of the necessary approvals and notified families as quickly as reasonably possible.

Harrisburg Global Academy is otherwise ready to welcome our students. Our classrooms and furniture are in place, curriculum and technology have been delivered, and our entire staff is fully hired and has been working hard throughout pre-planning. Our school is ready, our teachers are ready, and we are excited to welcome our students. **Our new first day of school is Tuesday, September 8, 2026.**

Open House — You're Invited!

While we finalize the required work, we are excited to open our doors and welcome families inside for our Open House:

Thursday, September 3, 2026 at Harrisburg Global Academy



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- **Kindergarten families only:** 9:00–11:00 AM
- **Grades 1–6:** 12:00–2:00 PM and 4:00–6:00 PM

During the Open House, families will be able to:

- Meet your child's teacher and visit their classroom
- Tour the building and see our completed learning spaces
- Drop off school supplies so students are ready for the first day
- Ask questions of our staff and leadership team

Please plan to attend during the time slot for your child's grade level; within your slot, this is a come-and-go event, so stop by at any time that is convenient for your family. We can't wait to show you the beautiful spaces where your children will learn and grow this year.

Kindergarten Staggered Entry

To help our youngest learners have a calm, welcoming start, kindergarten students will begin the year on a staggered entry schedule. Each kindergartner will attend one small-group day before all students begin together on the first full day. Attending in smaller groups allows teachers to give each child individual attention as they learn classroom routines and get comfortable in their new school.

- **Tuesday, September 8** — Last names A–F
- **Wednesday, September 9** — Last names G–L
- **Thursday, September 10** — Last names M–R
- **Friday, September 11** — Last names S–Z
- **Monday, September 14** — All students (first full day)

Your child's teacher will confirm your assigned entry day at the Open House and by email. If your assigned day presents a hardship for your family, please contact the front office and we will gladly work with you.

What to Expect Next

In the coming days, families can expect:



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- An updated school calendar ensuring students receive a full year of instruction and all required instructional days.
- Updated information regarding after-school enrichment clubs, which will continue as planned when possible or have start dates adjusted to align with the new calendar.

We are truly sorry for the inconvenience and disappointment this delay creates. Please know that our team is working diligently to complete the required modifications while ensuring all safety requirements are fully met.

Our first day may be later than we planned, but our excitement, preparation, and commitment to providing an exceptional teaching and learning experience have not changed. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued confidence in Harrisburg Global Academy. We cannot wait to welcome our students!

Explore. Learn. Lead.

With gratitude for your patience and partnership,

The Harrisburg Global Academy Team