



# Harrison Educational Foundation

The Harrison Educational Foundation encourages excellence in education by generating and distributing private funds for curriculum enrichment programs to benefit the students of the Harrison Central School District in Harrison, New York. The Foundation seeks to achieve its goals by providing opportunities for creative teaching and learning experiences and by encouraging community and district partnerships.

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The Harrison Educational Foundation (HEF) operates independently from the Board of Education. Funds raised are used for special projects and programs beyond the scope of the school budget. School administrators, teachers and parents are encouraged to submit grant applications. Decisions are made to fund grants based on the perceived value of the application to students.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused exclusively on supporting academic enrichment programs at each of the six schools of the Harrison Central School District.

***Over the past seven years, contributions to the Foundation have funded more than 100 grants totaling over \$1 million.*** Examples include:

At the Elementary Schools: Laptop Computers to complement inquiry based teaching; Classroom Libraries supporting the science curriculum; Mural Installations with visiting artists; Community Green Gardens; and a wide variety of reading enrichment programs, including visiting authors, RealeWriter Book Publishing Software, Phonemic Awareness Libraries, Family Literacy Workshops, Literacy Kits and Fluency Labs;

At LMK Middle School: Sponsorship of Writing Competitions; Spotlight Night; SmartMusic Program; and numerous innovative and creative art, science and technology programs;

At Harrison High School: Black Box Planetarium Theater; Performing Arts Center Sound and Lighting Systems for state-of-the-art student performances; Installation of Interactive Smartboards in science classrooms; Apple Language Labs; Shakespeare Students on Stage; Law Day; and the 'Writers Among Us' Literary Awards.

In 2010 the Harrison Central School District and the Harrison Educational Foundation are teaming up to bring significant additions and improvements to science programs in Harrison schools. The HEF Black Box Planetarium Theater will re-open its doors this spring with brand new state-of-the-art optical/digital technology. This represents the first of several major HEF grants aimed at Harrison science programs in the coming year.

For 15 years, support for HEF has funded hundreds of curriculum enrichment grants - some large and highly visible - many small, yet highly effective. Foundation grants help pilot and expedite academic programs that immediately support broad student populations, and they help achieve the district's overall goals and objectives. Please visit our website if you need additional information or would like to contribute to HEF.

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