Our Mission Statement

Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School, a faith-filled community, is enriched by diverse ethnic cultures. Building upon the teachings of the Catholic Church, we strive to develop the whole child as we encourage students to appreciate each other and to share their God-given talents. We challenge students to achieve individual academic success, shared responsibility, and appropriate socialization.
Our School

Founded in 2012, but with roots dating to 1873, Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School is the only school of its type within the City of Harrisburg.

The school consists of two campuses:

- **Holy Family Campus**, located at 555 South 25th Street, housing grades K - 4
- **Cathedral Campus**, located at Liberty and Church Street, housing Pre-K, grades 5 – 8

Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School is operated by the parishes of Saint Patrick Cathedral, Saint Francis and Holy Family, all within the City of Harrisburg. It is composed of both Catholic and non-Catholic students who wish to have an excellent educational program within the city.

We offer the best of two worlds: Holy Family Campus is our “green” campus, where students are able to enjoy 20 acres at the edge of the City. Cathedral campus offers the Inner City and all its arts and cultural opportunities as its campus. In fact, we consider the entire downtown of Harrisburg as our campus, as students are frequently able to visit the State Museum, the Whitaker Center, the Forum, and much more. Our pre-schoolers, both full- and part-timers, enjoy these field trips and frequent trips to the library.

Our Curriculum

Our school follows the prescribed curriculum of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Classes taught include Religion, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, Computer Education, Art, Music and Physical Education. Our class sizes are limited to provide students the optimum degree of personal attention they deserve, but rarely receive, in larger classrooms. Our teachers put the needs of the students first.

Our Staff

Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School provides its students with a dedicated, professional and experienced staff. Every member of the teaching staff, whether lay or religious, is required to have earned at minimum a Bachelor’s degree and to hold a Pennsylvania Instructional I certificate. Our current capacity between the two campuses is 222 with room to grow. Our student to teach ratio is 20:1.

Our Accreditations

Harrisburg Catholic Elementary is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Elementary Schools. We are also accredited by the National Catholic Education Association and the Board of Education of the Diocese of Harrisburg.