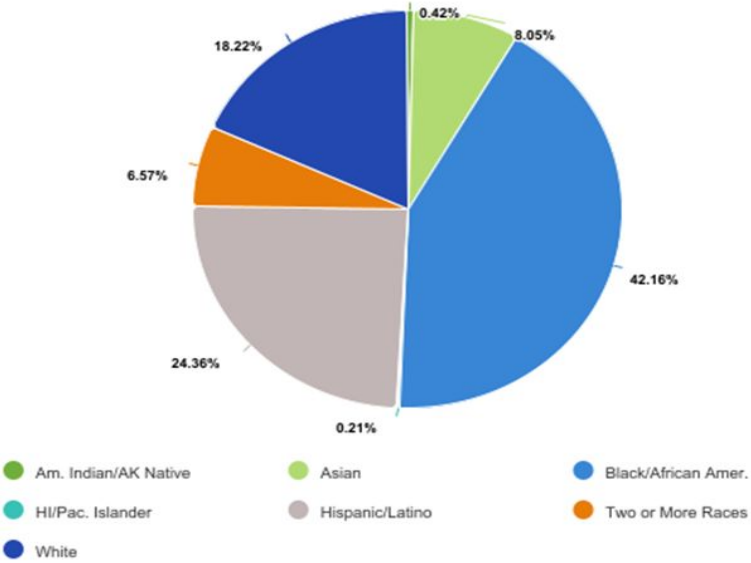
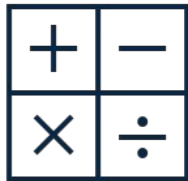


MSDE Harper’s Choice Community School



472
Enrollment



56%
Percent Proficient in Mathematics



92.6%
Attendance Rate



48%
Percent Proficient in English Language Arts



52.5%
Multilingual Learners Making Progress Towards Learning English

Students by the Numbers		Current partners engaged with the community...
40	ADA 504	23 Partners and Growing - Local Children’s Board - At&T - Grace Church - Covenant Church - PTA - Glenmar - Harper’s Choice Association
59 %	FARMs/Economically Disadvantaged	
37	Multilingual Learners	
73	Students with Disabilities	
35 %	Talented and Gifted Students	

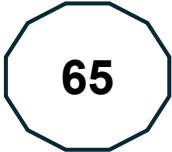


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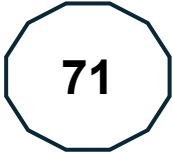
Who participated in our Assets and Needs Assessment?



Students



Families



Staff



Community Members



What did we learn?

Summary of Student Feedback:

A 2025 community school asset and needs assessment survey of 408 students at Harper's Choice Middle School indicates a strong desire for practical, real-world learning and career preparation, with job help (8%) and college/career options (7%) topping personal needs. While students report a welcoming school climate (57%) and strong access to a trusted adult (61%), only 29% feel they have meaningful input in school decisions. Significant gaps exist in resource awareness, with high "don't know" rates for health and attendance services, alongside a preference for text-based communication that differs from family preferences.

Summary of Family Feedback:

A 2025 community school asset and needs assessment survey of 89 families at Harper's Choice Middle School indicates a highly welcoming school climate, but reveals significant communication gaps regarding student well-being, as 26% of families are unsure how to access information on their child's mental health. Families identified mental health counseling (16%) and after-school care (11%) as top student needs, while prioritizing neighborhood activities (18%) and financial literacy (17%) for their households. Recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year focus on increasing the visibility of healthcare resources, expanding family workshops, and improving communication regarding student behavior and leadership opportunities.

Summary of Staff Feedback:

A 2025 community school asset and needs assessment survey of Harper's Choice Middle School staff highlights urgent needs for student mental health services and basic resources, with 70% identifying counseling and 60% citing food access as critical priorities. While staff report a highly welcoming school climate, they identified gaps in connecting curriculum to real-world applications and indicated a need for improved student decision-making opportunities and stronger support systems for families. Recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year focus on enhancing mental health resources, addressing food and clothing insecurity, and streamlining communication protocols for student support.

Summary of Community Feedback:

Community school asset and needs assessment survey for 2025-2026 summarizes feedback from five diverse community organizations collaborating with the school. Partners praised the school's leadership for fostering collaboration, but noted moderate satisfaction with community-based learning and low awareness of available student and family support services. Partners suggested expanding career and mentorship programming, service-learning projects, and restorative justice initiatives, as well as improving coordination of wraparound resources. Recommendations building a more resilient partnership infrastructure, deepening classroom and career connections, establishing a regular communication

	HCMS Collaborative Growth Goals
Rigorous, Community-Connected Classroom Instruction and Expanded, Enriched Learning Opportunities	• Empowered Student Learning: Cultivate teaching agility that embraces diverse perspectives, confidently guiding meaningful classroom discussions. • Welcoming School Environment: Foster student confidence and emotional safety, ensuring every child arrives at the classroom relaxed and fully prepared to learn. • Supportive Staff Classrooms: Optimize instructional settings by delivering tailored, level-appropriate learning that keeps students engaged and motivated. • Thriving Community Spaces: Champion targeted teaching strategies that match student academic needs, encouraging positive behavior through academic success.
Collaborative Leadership, Shared Power, and Voice	• Collaborative Student Accountability: Empower students to partner in shaping consistent school practices, moving toward a community-driven environment. • Active Family Partnerships: Foster shared decision-making by actively listening to families and giving them a direct role in shaping academic expectations. • Mutual Staff Support: Maintain shared power by giving students a formal voice in uplifting staff morale and encouraging academic excellence. • Connected Community Networks: Strengthen school-wide asset sharing to ensure valuable community resources directly reach and support every family.
Integrated Systems of Support	• Purposeful Student Growth: Connect positive behavior directly to personal advancement and real-world career opportunities, ensuring school experiences are deeply meaningful. • Empowered Family Partnerships: Champion family learning as an essential pillar of academic success, equipping parents to collaborate actively in their child's future. • Inclusive Academic Excellence: Strengthen the home-school link by providing standardized, accessible tools that ensure students of all abilities thrive in rigorous classrooms. • Responsive Community Care: Align the passion of local partners into a swift, precise system that delivers timely support exactly where families need it most.
Culture of Belonging, Safety, and Care	• Inclusive Student Ownership: Build a deep sense of belonging by giving students a strong voice in their school experience and ensuring open, equal access to all enrichment opportunities. • Accessible Family Connection: Cultivate an authentic culture of belonging by streamlining communication and proximity, ensuring every family feels fully included and connected.