

The logo for The Conservatory at Harker is set against a black rectangular background. The word "The" is written in a white, elegant cursive font at the top. Below it, the word "CONSERVATORY" is written in a white, all-caps, sans-serif font. Two thin white horizontal lines are positioned above and below "CONSERVATORY". At the bottom, the words "AT HARKER" are written in a white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

The CONSERVATORY AT HARKER

Certificate Program Overview

Anyone who is part of a performing arts class, ensemble, or production is already a part of ***The Conservatory*** family. For those looking for a more in-depth experience in their art form, one that will showcase for college their innate talents and passions, consider joining our ***Certificate Program***.

What is The Certificate Program?

The Certificate Program was designed for students who desire a more extensive experience in theater, musical theater, vocal or instrumental music, dance, or technical theater within The Conservatory Program. A student in The Certificate Program chooses one of these areas as a 'major' during their high school years, receiving exceptional training in their art form and special recognition on their college applications. The Certificate Program caters to students who simply love to be on or backstage, as well as those considering a life in the arts. *You do not need to dream of a profession in the arts to be in The Certificate Program.* In fact, most of our Certificate graduates are not pursuing a career in their art form, but continue to perform in college and well beyond.

Most performers at Harker join the Certificate program for the collegiate-level accredited classes, high training standards, outstanding productions, and state-of-the-art rehearsal and performance venues. And, simply because they love to perform. During senior year, our College Counseling program highlights their students' work in the Certificate Program. Showcasing their unique strengths in their college applications is a huge bonus.

The Certificate Program is an investment in your art form and your future and is designed for the serious and committed performing arts student. If you look at our classes, programs, performances, and Senior Showcase, and just want to be a part of that - the Certificate Program is right for you.

Is the Certificate Program manageable on a Harker schedule?

Absolutely. The Certificate Program is unique to Harker and was designed with the Harker academic schedule in mind. Your mentor (a teacher within the performing arts department) will guide you through each year of the program, making sure that you stay on track with your productions, ensemble, classroom, and workshop requirements and do so with an eye toward prioritizing academics.

You will most certainly be able to do other activities, such as robotics or a sport, but the arts should be one of your **top two passions** that you wish to devote time to in the upper school for you to be successful in the program. Details of each Certificate Program's requirements can be found on the resources page of the Harker website under Performing Arts.

Note: All Certificate Programs have the same number of academic requirements.

All interested 9th and 10th graders must attend a mandatory meeting with at least one parent at the end of ***Conservatory Kick-Off on Wednesday, August 23rd, 5:15-7:30 pm***, where the program will be explained in greater detail.