



Our Curriculum Design

READING

Reading comes alive and is thoroughly enjoyed by our students as our vast collection of carefully selected literary works serve to inspire, educate, and entertain them.

Our Common Core Text Library houses books appropriate for each grade that includes poems, fables, fiction, and intriguing works by both old and young African and non-African authors. Our library contains books like, "I am Malala," where they will be inspired to learn about how one girl stood up for education and changed the world!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

At HILA, we offer an English curriculum that brings rich, knowledge- building content into our classrooms. It is designed to help our students meet the expectations of the new standards while celebrating the joy of reading and writing. This is essential to our learning program because reading is at the heart of learning at HILA!

Every module, in each grade, focuses on a topic essential for building background knowledge, vocabulary, and writing skills. With this curriculum, our students are exposed to works of literature, informational text, and art of the highest quality.

Every text a student touches, within this curriculum, is authentic and of the highest quality. Students use these texts at every turn — to learn, and eventually master, essential reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, and vocabulary.



MATH

Our math program is a Common Core aligned curriculum that equates mathematical concepts to stories, with the aim of developing a conceptual understanding. It is the most widely used math curriculum in the United States and is developed by teachers!

Your child is encouraged to use various mental strategies to solve problems, and to focus on the process instead of the answer.

SCIENCE

Designed from the ground up to address the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in the United States, our Science Curriculum puts students in charge of their learning and enables teachers to seamlessly guide their students on this new instructional path. This unique design means better engagement, deeper understanding, and greater student achievement.

The activity-driven lessons, built into this curriculum, put students in charge of their learning and empower teachers to guide the self-directed learning process and mastery of standards.

One of our exciting science initiatives at HILA, highlights the unique and different approach our students take to a traditional Science Fair. For the entire month of April each year, students from grades 5-9 complete different projects independently. Each year, the month is climaxed with an exhibition of their various projects in front of the entire school!



SOCIAL STUDIES

Our social studies program supports the development of responsible citizenship through the study of the social, economic, and political systems that support and shape the democratic way of life.

Through hands-on activities and cooperative learning groups, students are engaged in critical thinking and problem-solving techniques to explore past events and history that has shaped the present world around them.

In addition, students at HILA will learn about the rich, beautiful culture, and history of Liberia. As they progress through their studies, they will build a strong foundation of historical knowledge of the African Continent and develop a deep understanding of historical change which will allow them to fall in love with the uniqueness of the different cultures and its people. By the end of grade eight, students are prepared to outshine their peers on the History portion of the West African Junior High School Exams.

FRENCH

Our curriculum is based on a simple and rigorous approach aspiring to ensure that each student acquires a perfect written and oral command of the French language. We begin our program from Grade 1 to capture the minds of our beginning learners with little exposure to world languages, which are still especially receptive to language learning through contextual interpretation and imitation.