

Students experience state government first hand by participating in the Youth-In-Government conference held in April each year at the Ohio State House in Columbus!



## HVYC

Hawthorne Valley Youth Council (HVYC) consists of 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Adult advisors are committed to encouraging and developing our youth to become tomorrow's leaders...today.

### Develop the leader in YOU!

Be recognized for your accomplishments!

Earn community service hours toward graduation!

HVYC follows the typical school schedule of August extending to June.



## What parents are saying about HVYC

"My daughter has been told by her teachers that she is a leader. Her fellow students are amazed at her level of knowledge."

"She is excited about the youth council and looks forward to attending the meetings."

"Thank you for taking the time to invest in my teen's life."

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Training tomorrow's leaders today.  
7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

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## Our Mission– Our Purpose

### Vision

“If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him.” John F. Kennedy

### Mission

The mission of HVYC is to serve the common good of the community and provide a voice for youth while organizing constructive community projects, strengthening relationships among all members of the community, promoting youth activism in governmental affairs, and acting as a resource for any city organization upon request. Direction of HVYC includes issues brought up by individuals, groups, and organizations upon approval by the HVYC. Further, HVYC offers incentive based activities giving students the opportunity for goal projection and accomplishment

### Learn By Doing

- Youth volunteer for community service to help bridge the gap between youth and adult citizens.
- Earn community service credit for High School graduation.
- Be recognized for community service, participate in local trips, travel to

Columbus, Ohio for the 3-day Youth In Government conference.

- Learn how both local and state government work by participating at the local level and creating legislative bills that may impact the State of Ohio and rule on cases heard by the Ohio Supreme Court.
- In addition to finding their voice and passion, students learn debating skills, respect for themselves and others



*“The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service”*  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Volunteerism is exemplified in the Hawthorne Valley Youth Council; pictured below are HVYC students, advisors and community volunteers assembling Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need – an annual event.



## What students are saying about Hawthorne Valley Youth Council

- “Becoming a part of the Youth Council was an experience that I will never forget. Everyone was very welcoming. “
- “Being a part of the Youth Council has many rewards; you get to plan your own events & activities & get the community involved.”
- “If you become part of the Youth Council you’ll never regret it!”
- “You will definitely have the most enjoyable and rewarding experience of your life!”
- “You get to visit with people in power, such as your own Mayor and other Mayors in the surrounding communities.”
- “I learned a lot about government and about myself.”
- “I believe that my experiences in the program will prepare me for my future.”
- “I met new people and developed skills from the experience.”