

Music Curriculum and Policies

2025-2026 School Year

The Music Curriculum at La Salle Academy is in compliance with state and national core curriculum standards, skills-based, progressive, and comprehensive in its scope. The curriculum was designed and written by all music teachers PreK through high school in the Diocese of Scranton. In Music class, students learn music by doing; that's a lot of hands-on experience! We learn through various activities involving singing, playing instruments, music composition and improvisation, lyric writing, creative drama, play-acting, movement, dance, visual arts, and listening activities.

Our goal is not to make each student a musician, but to offer each student exposure to the world of music and all it has to offer. This includes faith formation through the beautiful music of the Catholic Church and active participation in the Mass. This also includes music of different cultures and countries, music of different instruments, music of different rhythms, and music that your child might not otherwise ever hear! Research consistently shows that music as part of your child's education helps your child excel in other academic areas. Music also allows for opportunities of social interaction and religious formation. Your child will definitely benefit from having music in the school curriculum!

Grading is based on the following components:

- **Student learning:** assessed through a combination of traditional assessments, performance-based tasks, demonstration of concepts, written or creative assignments, project-based work, and listening exercises.
- **Participation and behavior:** conduct during classroom activities, liturgies, and concerts.

Grading is as follows:

- O = Outstanding-** Student consistently demonstrates above average understanding and application of material covered.
- S = Satisfactory** - All work has been satisfactorily completed and the student demonstrates adequate understanding of material covered.
- I = Improvement Needed** - The Student needs to improve in comprehension, conduct, and/or participation.
- U = Unsatisfactory** - Student has failed the grading period.

It is my honor and pleasure to instruct your child in Music Education. Thank you for choosing La Salle Academy and Catholic Education!

Sincerely,

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