

Let her achieve. | **CHANGE**
 Help him grow. | **A LIFE.**

Open to students of all faiths and backgrounds, La Salle Academy was established in 2003 as an independent Catholic grade school owned by the Board of Trustees. We educate our students in the traditions of the Christian Brothers and Sisters of St. Joseph. Our mission: To serve economically disadvantaged Philadelphia-area children by offering a rigorous academic program and enrichment activities augmented by social and spiritual support. We offer a Graduate Support Program preparing and resourcing our students through high school and beyond.



Our Governing Body

La Salle Academy is owned and operated by a Board of Trustees, dedicated men and women counted among our region's civic, corporate and philanthropic leaders. They give generously of themselves to provide for the present and secure the future of La Salle Academy and its students.



La Salle Academy
 PHILADELPHIA

More than a Mission,
 a Miracle Every Day



Sponsor a Student

We Help Children Reach Their Full Potential

- 82% high school graduation rate
- 96% daily attendance
- 95% retention rate
- 20-point average increase in Terra Nova (standard achievement) scores over a six-year period

We Ensure Our Program Works by Offering:

- Extended Day (8am - 5pm)
- Extended Year (September - July)
- Experienced, full-time, certified teachers
- Full-time, Masters-degreed Social Worker on staff
- Mandatory homework club
- Enrichment Clubs
- Graduate Support Program
- LSA Connects Program

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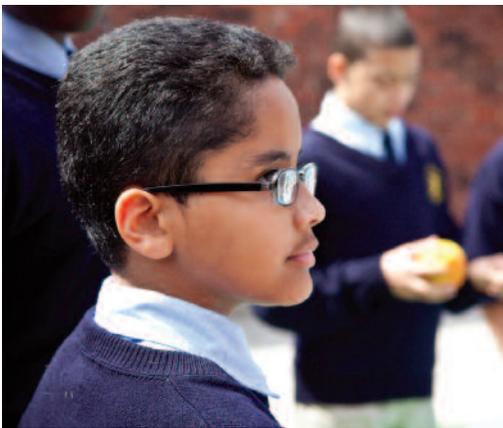
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*Opening Minds.
 Changing Hearts.*



"I am proud to come to a good school with good people, and to share my achievements with family and friends."

Steven, La Salle Academy Student

Our Commitment

La Salle Academy provides small class sizes of no more than 15 students. Our Extended Day and Extended Year program allows for the academic, social, emotional and spiritual supports necessary for students to become successful, lifelong learners. We have a full time Social Worker on staff and a Graduate Support Program to keep students on track.

We serve the "poorest of the poor" whose parents and guardians desire, but cannot afford, a Catholic education. Our average student family income is under \$19,000 and 96% of those families qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program.

Our goal is to help our students become lifelong learners, to help them reach their full potential, to lift them up and, by doing so, lift up their families.

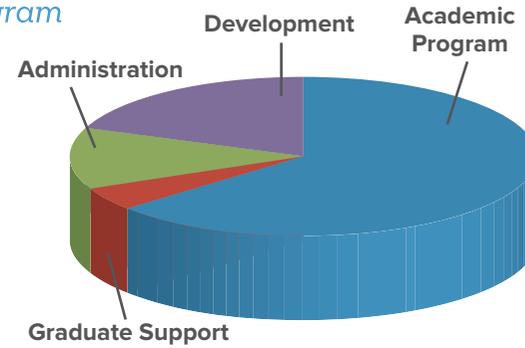
Our Success is Proven

La Salle Academy students show dramatic improvement in their Terra Nova Standardized (cognitive skill achievement test) test scores from the time they enter our school in 3rd grade until the time they leave us in 8th grade.



Operating Expenses By Program

Purpose	Amount
Academic Program	832,000
Graduate Support	69,000
Administration	142,000
Development	239,000
Total	\$1,282,000



Student Demographics

- Average income for a family of four is under \$19,000
- 96% of our families qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program
- 9% of our students live with a grandparent or another non-parent family member
- 67% of our students are from single-parent homes
- 5% of our students have one parent incarcerated

Our current student body is uniquely diverse:

- **54% Latino**
- **34% African American**
- **11% Caucasian**
- **1% Vietnamese**



*Inspiring hope.
Achieving success.*

SPONSOR A STUDENT

*Please Help us Make a Difference
– One Student at a Time*



La Salle Academy families struggle with extreme poverty and many inner city issues. They understand that a high quality education for their children could change their lives. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, the families of our students pay only \$250 a year in tuition. That is less than 1% of our operating budget and **it costs more than \$10,000 per year to educate each student.**

The La Salle Academy Sponsor a Student program relies on individual donors *like you*, corporations, and foundations. We rely on your kindness and your willingness to donate. These critical and treasured donations help us provide an enriching, faith-based education to children who might otherwise be lost in a failing public school system. These funds help us give our students the life skills he or she needs to help break free from the generational cycle of poverty, addiction, job loss and low graduation rates.

Our Sponsor a Student donors support students through a Full-Year Sponsorship of \$10,000, a Half-Year Sponsorship of \$5,000 or a Quarter-Year Sponsorship of \$2,500 over the six years that they are in school. The six-year commitment equates to their time studying at LSA. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. To become a part of our Sponsor A Student Program, please fill in a pledge card. You can also contact Megan G. Thomson, Development Director at 215-739-5804. Additional information is available via email or on our website www.LaSalleAcademy.net.

With prayerful appreciation,
Sister Jeanne McGowan, SSJ
President

"Working with our graduates through high school graduation and even on to college and employment lets us see all the hard work of those associated with La Salle Academy come to fruition."

Margaret Anne Birtwistle, SSJ
Graduate Support Director



With our Extended Day (8am-5pm) and Extended Year (September through July), La Salle Academy students spend, on average, 585 more hours annually in school than their public school peers.