

2019-2020 SCHOOL PROFILE

as of 10/1/2019

THE
LEHIGH VALLEY
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
FOR THE ARTS

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Charter Arts Mission Statement:

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative academic approach to learning and a development of talent in the arts. Built upon passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in themselves and what they can accomplish.

Charter Arts is located minutes away from historic downtown Bethlehem, the heart of the Lehigh Valley. Located approximately 60 miles northeast of Philadelphia, the Lehigh Valley is home to many notable colleges and universities. A diversity of cultures and historic preservation are prominent features of the area. Charter Arts currently enrolls students from 44 surrounding area school districts and 10 counties.

Curriculum

The college preparatory curriculum is designed to develop individual potential while meeting the entrance requirements of America's competitive colleges and universities. The program of studies contains a full complement of college preparatory courses and each academic discipline offers honors level rigor. Advanced placement courses are available in English, Math, American History, Science, Art History, Music Theory and Spanish. Students participate in a comprehensive Artistic Arts program for three hours each day.

Modified Block: Charter Arts' academic schedule operates with courses meeting every other day for a full school year.

NATIONAL MERIT QUALIFIERS (Cumulative Statistics)

Finalists (3) Semi-Finalists (5) Commended Students (7)

SAT SCORES (August 2018-July 2019)

Mean Total Score: 1078
Evidenced-Based R & W: 583
Math: 495

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English – 4 credits
History – 4 credits
Mathematics – 3 credits
Science – 3 credits
World Language – 2 credits
Community Service/Internship - 1 credit
(60/45/30/15 hours based on years of attendance)
Graduation Project (P/F)
Elective Credits (Class of 2020 [2]; Class of 2021 [3])
Charter Arts Major – 16 credits
(artistic credits are prorated for 10/11/12th grade transfer students)

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts School Performance Profile Score

89.2

153 graduates in the Class of 2019

57% attending a four year college

24% attending a two year college

8% attending conservatory/professional/tech school program

11% going into the workforce

GRADING SCALE

100-97	(A+)	4.0-3.85	79-77	(C+)	2.4-2.2
96-93	(A)	3.8-3.65	76-73	(C)	2.1-1.8
92-90	(A-)	3.6-3.5	72-70	(C-)	1.7-1.5
89-87	(B+)	3.4-3.2	69-65	(D)	1.4-1.0
86-83	(B)	3.1-2.8	64-45	(F)	0
82-80	(B-)	2.7-2.5			

Charter Arts does not provide class rank. GPAs are not weighted and are based on a 4.00 scale. Pass/withdrawn grades are not factored into a students' GPAs.

Student/Staff Population

Our student population is 640 with a high degree of diversity and 156 students in the current senior class. Of our 68 faculty members, 42.6 percent have advanced degrees. They share an average of 8.1 years of teaching experience. The current staff to student ratio is 1 to 9.3.

AP 5 YEAR SCORE

SUMMARY

(2015-2019)

* 90.1% of total
AP students
with scores 3+

Test	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Art History	0	4	9	13	5	31
Music Theory	15	20	30	15	1	8
Studio Art 2D Design Portfolio	18	10	8	1	0	37
English Language and Comp	15	31	40	13	1	100
English Literature and Comp	12	27	31	5	0	75
US History	4	11	31	23	10	79
Calculus AB	2	2	10	16	28	58
Calculus BC	0	0	8	1	1	10
Spanish Language	0	7	5	0	1	18
Biology	0	0	24	10	2	36

Core Subject Course Offerings:

Found. of Reading & Writing (CP & Honors)	Western Civilization (CP & Honors)	Algebra 1 CP
Principles of Literary Analysis (CP & Honors)	US History I (CP & Honors)	Algebra II (CP & Honors)
American Literature (CP & Honors)	US History II (CP, Honors & AP)	Geometry (CP& Honors)
AP English Language & Composition	American Government (CP & Honors)	Algebra 3/Trigonometry CP
British Literature (CP & Honors)	Psychology	Pre-Calculus Honors
AP English Literature & Composition	Sociology	Calculus Honors
	Contemporary World Issues	AP Calculus AB
French (<i>Foundations, Connections, Communication & Intensive Practice</i>)	Biology (CP & Honors)	AP Calculus BC
Spanish (<i>Foundations, Language & Culture, Communications, Intensive Practice, AP Spanish Language & Culture</i>)	Chemistry (CP & Honors)	Personal Finance
Mandarin (<i>Foundations, Language & Culture, Connections, Communications</i>)	Physics (CP & Honors)	
	Physics II	Charter Arts Seminar
	Environmental Science (CP & Honors)	Health & Wellness
	Anatomy & Physiology (CP & Honors)	Jr. Seminar: College & Career Planning
	Astronomy	
	AP Biology	

Artistic Major Curriculum By Department:

Dance

Ballet 1, 2, 3, 4
Early Dance History
Modern Dance History
Ballet History
Sr. Seminar Dance
Improvisation 9/10
Composition 11/12
Modern Technique
Jazz Technique
Tap Technique
Pointe
Conditioning

Literary Arts

Intro to Literary Genres
Intro to the Spoken Word
Character Development
Film Studies
Exploration of the Romantic Style
Journalism & Media Studies
Politics of the Written Word
Writing Workshop
Screenwriting
Modernism & Postmodernism
Children's Literature
Literary Arts Publications
Adv. Film Theory & Practice
Young Adult & Contemporary Literature
Literary Arts Senior Seminar

Visual Art

2D Design Foundation
Composition & Color
Analytical Drawing
Anatomy & The Figure
Painting & Palette Control
3D Design & Sculpture
Prof. Practices for Young Artists
Advanced Studio(s)
Contract Art Studio
Art History 1: Eastern & Western Traditions
Art History 2: Renaissance to Modern
Art History 3: Architecture & Sculpture
AP Art History
AP 2D Studio

Theatre

Voice & Movement: Beginning & Advanced
Acting Fundamentals
Theatre History/Stagecraft
Theatre History 2
Acting I & II
Modern American Drama
Fundamentals of Directing
Advanced Acting
Theatre Seminar 12
Playwriting Structure

Production Arts

Elements and Principles of Design
Lighting and Stage Management
Foundations of Theatre & AV Production
Storytelling for Design
Stagecraft Practicum
Costume Design Studio
Creative Process for the Designer
History of Design
Scenic Design & Practicum

Wind Ensemble	Woodwind Technique	Music 11/12 Choir	Foundations of Musicianship
String Ensemble	Percussion Technique	Contemporary Music Ensemble	Harmony – Common Practice
Percussion Ensemble	Strings Technique	Women’s Choir	Harmony in Practice
Guitar Ensemble	Piano Technique	Touring Choir	Music History: 20 th Century
Jazz Ensemble	Guitar Technique	AP Music Theory	Music History: Antiquity to Baroque
Orchestra	Brass Technique	Composition & Arrangement	Music History: Classical
Chamber Ensemble	Bass Technique	Composition & Songwriting	Music History: Romantic
Music Elective(s)	Vocal Technique(s): VT9-VT12	Foundations of Music Theory	Jazz/Modern Music Rep. Ensemble
	9/10 Choir	Harmony: Chromatic Vocabulary	

REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF COLLEGES ENROLLING CHARTER ARTS GRADUATES

Academy of the Arts (CA)	Hofstra University (NY)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (NY)
Adelphi University (NY)	Howard University (DC)	Rider University (NJ)
Albright College (PA)	Indiana University of PA (PA)	Rutgers University (NJ)
Amer. Acad. for Dramatics Arts (NY)	Ithaca College (NY)	Sarah Lawrence College (NY)
Arcadia University (PA)	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	Savannah Coll. of Art and Design (GA)
Ball State University (IN)	King’s College (PA)	Shenandoah Conservatory (VA)
Bard College (NY)	Kutztown University (PA)	School of the Museum of Fine Arts (MA)
Bennington College (VT)	Lafayette College (PA)	Shippensburg University (PA)
Berklee College of Music (MA)	LaSalle University (PA)	Slippery Rock University (PA)
Bloomsburg University (PA)	Lebanon Valley College (PA)	St. John’s University (NY)
Boston Conservatory (MA)	Lehigh University (PA)	St. Joseph’s University (PA)
Boston University (MA)	Liberty University (VA)	State University of NY Purchase (NY)
Bowling Green State Univ. (OH)	Lock Haven University (PA)	Susquehanna University (PA)
Brigham Young Univ. (UT)	Long Island University (NY)	Syracuse University (NY)
Bryn Mawr College (PA)	Manhattan School of Music (NY)	Temple University (PA)
California Institute of the Arts (CA)	Mannes College of Music (NY)	The University of Hartford (CT)
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	Mansfield University (PA)	Towson University (MD)
Cedar Crest College (PA)	Marist College (NY)	Tyler School of Art (PA)
Columbia College of Chicago (IL)	Maryland Institute of Art (MD)	University of California (CA)
Columbus Coll of Art & Design (OH)	Marymount Manhattan Coll. (NY)	University of Cincinnati (OH)
Cornell University (NY)	Massachusetts College of Art (MA)	University of Maryland (MD)
Delaware Valley College (PA)	Millersville University (PA)	University of Massachusetts (MA)
DeSales University (PA)	Montclair State University (NJ)	University of Michigan (MI)
Drew University (NJ)	Moravian College (PA)	University of North Carolina (NC)
Drexel University (PA)	Muhlenberg College (PA)	University of Pittsburgh (PA)
Duquesne University (PA)	New England Conservatory (MA)	University of Southern Florida (FL)
East Carolina University (NC)	New York University (NY)	University of the Arts (PA)
East Stroudsburg University (PA)	Northwestern University (IL)	University of Utah (UT)
Eastern University (PA)	Oberlin Conservatory of Music (OH)	University of Vermont (VT)
Elizabethtown College (PA)	Ohio State University (OH)	Ursinus College (PA)
Elon University (NC)	Ohio University (OH)	Vassar College (NY)
Emerson College (MA)	Oklahoma City University (OK)	Virginia Commonwealth Univ.(VA)
Fordham University (NY)	PA Academy of Fine Arts (PA)	Wagner College (NY)
George Mason University (VA)	Pace University (NY)	West Chester University (PA)
George Washington Univ. (DC)	Peabody Conservatory of Music (MA)	West Virginia University (WV)
	Penn State University (PA)	Westminster Choir College (NJ)
	Point Park University (PA)	
	Pratt Institute (PA)	