

# 2019-2020 SCHOOL PROFILE

as of 11/8/2019

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 10/11/12<sup>th</sup> grade transfer students)*

### GRADING SCALE (effective for 16/17, 17/18, and 18/19)

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			

### GRADING SCALE (effective beginning in 19/20)

100-97	(A+)	4.0	79-77	(C+)	2.3
96-93	(A)	4.0	76-73	(C)	2.0
92-90	(A-)	3.7	72-70	(C-)	1.7
89-87	(B+)	3.3	69-67	(D+)	1.3
86-83	(B)	3.0	65-66	(D)	1.0
82-80	(B-)	2.7	Below 65	(E/F)	0.0

## The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts PA School Performance Profile

# 84.2

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

## 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.

**Charter Arts provides decile rank (i.e. top 10%) to college/universities for our students in the college application process. Student GPAs are not weighted and are based on a 4.00 scale. Pass/Fail courses, as well as when a student withdraws from a course (WP or WF), are not factored into a student's GPA.**

## 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 &amp; Intensive Practice</i> )	Biology (CP & Honors)	AP Calculus BC
Spanish ( <i>Foundations, Language &amp; Culture, Communications, Intensive Practice, AP Spanish Language &amp; Culture</i> )	Chemistry (CP & Honors)	Personal Finance
Mandarin ( <i>Foundations, Language &amp; 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	<b>Music</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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)
Colombia 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)	