

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY  
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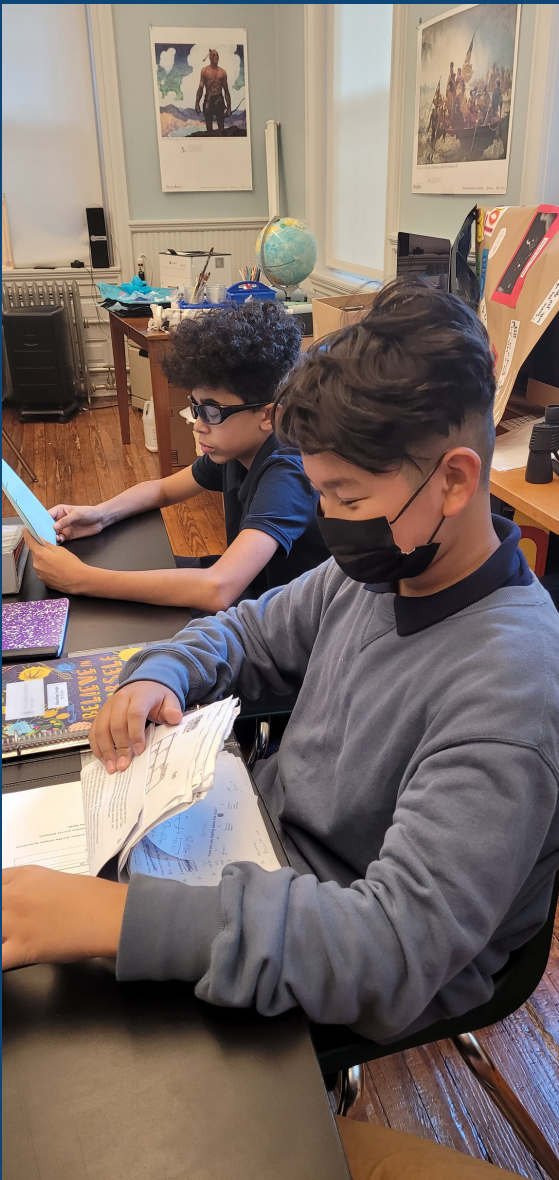


# Learning, Leadership, and Legacy

De La Salle Academy is the only private, independent day school in New York City for academically talented, economically less advantaged students in grades six through eight.

A dedicated middle school since 1984, De La Salle Academy balances between allowing our students to increase their autonomy, while also standing ready to intervene with the support they need to grow. DLSA understands that middle school is a unique time in an adolescent's life in which they are in search of their identity and their place in society.

As a member of ISAAGNY, NAIS, and NYSAIS, and as a registered 501c3, the quality education that a student receives at DLSA is comparable to any private independent day school in New York City.



91%

**of DLSA students are  
first-generation  
Americans.**

95%

**of DLSA students are  
African American,  
Hispanic/Latinx, or  
Asian American.**

53%

**of DLSA students qualify as  
low income.\***

86%

**of DLSA students travel to  
the School from Queens,  
the Bronx, Brooklyn, & NJ.**

98%

**of DLSA students  
receive financial aid.**

74%

**of DLSA graduates  
attend private or  
independent high  
schools.**

98%

**of DLSA alums  
attend college.**

93%

**of DLSA alums  
graduate from  
college in four years.**

DLSA families are from countries around the world including:  
Bangladesh, China, Dominican Republic, Guyana, India, Korea, Nepal, and Nigeria.

\*Based on New York City poverty threshold metrics developed by the Robin Hood Foundation.



We are a diverse community comprised of over 150 students and 26 faculty and staff members.

Upon graduation, our students are well-equipped to become the leaders of tomorrow. We have transformed the lives of over 1,800 academically talented alums and built the foundation for a lifetime of continuous learning.



**Tuition is determined after acceptance and is based on a family's ability to pay.**

Our admission policy is need-blind, which means a family's financial status is not considered when making admissions decisions.

Ninety percent of the operating budget is funded by sources other than tuition.



With the support of caring and dedicated teachers, students are introduced to an innovative yet challenging academic curriculum, strong core values, and character development, all while fostering a sense of community. Our students are:

**Empowered, Compassionate,  
Hard-working, and Reflective.**



When admitting new students, we look at several areas:  
the student report card, academic recommendations, admissions test scores, and  
the personal interview.

It is important to us that we admit students who will be able to have a successful  
academic experience as well as a willingness to fully participate in the DLSA  
community.



Students at De La Salle Academy receive individualized schedules which consist of three core courses (ELA, Math, and World Languages) taught five periods a week.

All students participate in special topics classes, as well as extracurricular activities and clubs. With a student/faculty ratio of 9:1, our average class size of 17 students promotes the cultivation of meaningful student-teacher relationships. In addition to academic courses and extracurriculars, students are enriched through programs that encourage the development of leadership skills, supportive relationships with peers and adults, and mental health.

#### Required Courses include:

- Algebra I
- American Studies I and II
- Ancient Civilizations
- Arithmetic
- English Language Arts
- Geometry
- General Science
- Living Sciences
- Physics
- World Languages (Spanish/French)

#### Special Topics Courses include:

- Applied Philosophy
- Art
- Civil and Human Rights
- Doing Science
- Drama
- Introduction to Emotional Intelligence
- Math Lab
- Moral and Ethics
- Music
- Politics and Society
- Public Speaking
- Science and Society
- Sociology
- Tell Us a Story

#### Extracurricular Activities and Clubs include:

- Choir
- Crochet
- Debate
- Disney Pixar (Story Writing)
- DLSA Makers
- DLSA Players
- Getting Fit
- Introduction to Meditation and Art Practice
- Knitting
- Music Lesson (Guitar and Keyboard)
- Origami
- Physical Alignment
- Pins and Needles (Sewing)
- Qi Gong
- Table Tennis
- Young Engineers Club

#### Additional Programming includes:

- Advisory
- 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade retreats
- Support groups
- Individual counseling
- 7th grade evaluation



# 100% of DLSA Alums Graduate High School

Aquinas High School  
Archbishop Molloy High School  
Avenues: The World School  
Berkeley Carroll School  
Berkshire School  
Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School  
Brearley School  
Brooklyn Friends School  
Browning School  
Calhoun School  
Capital Prep Harlem Charter School  
Cardinal Hayes High School  
Cardinal Spellman High School  
Cate School, CA  
Chaminade High School  
Chapin School  
Church Farm School  
Collegiate School  
Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School  
Concord Academy  
Convent of the Sacred Heart  
Cristo Rey New York High School  
Dana Hall School  
Dominican Academy  
Dwight-Englewood School  
Emma Willard School  
Episcopal School  
Ethical Culture Fieldston School  
Fordham Preparatory High School  
Friends Seminary  
George School  
Grace Church School  
Groton School  
Hackley School  
Harmony High School  
Harvey School  
Hewitt School  
Horace Mann School  
Hotchkiss School

Kent School  
Kew Forest School  
La Salle Academy  
Lawrenceville School  
Lehman Manhattan  
Loomis Chaffee School  
Loyola School  
Marymount School  
Masters School  
Nightingale-Bamford School  
Notre Dame School  
Packer Collegiate Institute  
Peddie School  
Phillips Andover Academy  
Phillips Exeter Academy  
Pine Crest School  
Poly Prep Country Day School  
Regis High School  
Riverdale Country Day School  
Rye Country Day School  
Spence School  
St. Barnabas High School  
St. Catharine Academy  
St. Francis Preparatory School  
St. Jean Baptiste High School  
St. Mark's School  
St. Vincent Ferrer High School  
Taft School  
Thacher School  
Trevor Day School  
Trinity School  
University High School  
Westover School  
Wilby High School  
Xavier High School

As well as selective/public high schools in and around New York City.

Matriculation list includes Classes of 2018-2022.



# 98% of DLSA Alums Attend College

Adelphi	New School
American University	New York University
Babson College	Northeastern University
Barnard College	Oberlin College
Bates College	Pace University
Binghamton University	Princeton University
Borough of Manhattan Community College	Providence College
Boston College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Boston University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Bowdoin College	Rutgers University
Brandeis University	Scranton University
Brown University	Scripps College
Carnegie Mellon University	Skidmore College
Case Western Reserve University	Smith College
Catholic University of America	Sophie Davis
City College	South Atlanta College
Clark University	St. John Fischer
Colby College	St. John's University
Colgate University	SUNY Albany
College of the Holy Cross	SUNY Binghamton
Columbia University	SUNY Farmingdale
Connecticut College	SUNY Geneseo
Cornell University	SUNY Oswego
CUNY Lehman	SUNY Purchase
Dartmouth College	SUNY Stony Brook
Davidson College	Swarthmore College
Dickinson College	Trinity College
Drexel University	Tufts University
Emory University	Tulane University
Fairfield University	U.S. Military Academy, West Point
Fashion Institute of Technology	Union College
Florida Institute of Technology	University of Chicago
Fordham University	University of Hartford
Franklin and Marshall	University of Kentucky
George Washington University	University of Miami
Georgetown University	University of Michigan
Grinnell	University of New Haven
Hamilton College	University of North Florida
Harvard University	University of Pennsylvania
Haverford College	University of Rochester
Hobert and William Smith	University of San Diego
Hunter College	University of Virginia
John Hopkins University	Virginia Military Institute
Lafayette College	Washington U. in St. Louis
Lehigh University	Wellesley College
LeMoyne College	Wesleyan University
Long Island University	Widener
Loyola Marymount University	Williams College
Loyola University, MD	Yale University
Macalester College	
Macauley Honors College	
Manhattan College	
Marist College	
McDaniel College	
Middlebury College	
Mount Holyoke College	

Matriculation list includes Classes of 2014-2018.

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# The De La Salle Difference

- Dedicated middle school
- Provides access and opportunity
- Offers rigorous academics, ethical, emotional and moral formations
- Responsiveness and commitment to student and family



## DLSA's Mission Statement:

To offer academically talented, economically less advantaged children of diverse backgrounds a life-changing educational experience in grades 6-8, where they are empowered to reach their full potential. With the support of caring and dedicated teachers, students are introduced to an innovative yet challenging academic curriculum, strong core values, character development, and they learn to foster a sense of community. Upon graduation, our youngsters are well-equipped to become the leaders of tomorrow. De La Salle believes in a need-blind admissions process to ensure that students are evaluated based solely on their merits and not on their families' ability to pay.



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