



Admissions Standardized Testing Policy August 2022

Effective for the 2023-2024 school year (2022-2023 admissions season), La Salle College Preparatory will no longer accept any standardized test scores as a part of our admissions process.

One of La Salle College Preparatory's core principles is ***Inclusive Community***. In the spirit of this core principle, the administration team at La Salle has taken a deep, introspective look at the ways in which we can create an even more inclusive environment in all aspects of our school operations. In reviewing historical data and current trends, we have come to the following conclusions:

- **Standardized tests do not fully project student success:** We have found that grades and the rigor of classes are stronger predictors of academic readiness for high school.
- **Standardized testing adds undue stress and burden upon families:** Students and parents are pressured to participate in costly testing prep or other high-stress preparedness during their last year in junior high.
- **The HSPT does not provide us with enough data for accurate course placement:** Tests developed for course placement are a much more accurate tool in determining alignment with student schedules.

Based on the above conclusions, La Salle **will not be accepting any standardized test scores (HSPT, ISEE, etc.) for consideration or review** as a part of the admissions process. Test scores sent to La Salle will not be considered.

To supplement our holistic approach to evaluating admissions applications, the transcript, teacher recommendations, student/parent interview process, and admissions engagement opportunities have been elevated to ensure we are able to fully understand each student and family who applies for admission to La Salle College Preparatory.

It is our hope that this new testing policy will positively impact each student and family considering La Salle College Preparatory for their high school experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Admissions Team at admissions@lasallehs.org.



Placement Test Opportunities, Policies, and FAQs

With the changes to our standardized testing policy, La Salle will be offering Optional Placement Testing on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Our placement tests have been developed by our faculty and will provide prospective 9th grade applicants with the opportunity to place in advanced or honors courses if offered admission to La Salle.

Available placement tests will include English, biology, social studies, math, and world languages. Prospective families will have the opportunity to register for one or more of the placement tests after submitting their admissions application. **Note that the placement tests will not be used as a measure or evaluation tool for the admissions application review process.**

Students who choose not to participate in the placement testing process will be placed in standard courses (Ex. Algebra 1, World Language 1, etc.) if offered admission to La Salle. Placement appeals will not be considered if a family chooses not to participate in the placement test process.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is my child required to participate in the placement test process?

No, you do not have to participate in the placement test process. However, you will be offered standard freshman courses upon entry.

How does my child prepare for the placement tests?

The placement tests are a tool to gauge a student's readiness for advanced courses and higher levels of academic rigor. Advanced preparation is not needed and is not recommended.

If my child does not do well on the placement tests, will this impact their opportunity for admission?

No, placement tests will only be used for student course placement. Test results will not be shared with the Admissions Review Committee. Only course placement will be shared to ensure families are informed if they have been offered honors/advanced placement upon admission (if applicable).

My child is applying for the Presidential Merit Scholarship. How will this new policy affect them?

Students applying for the Presidential Merit Scholarship are encouraged to take all placement tests, as the number of honors/advanced placement courses they qualify for upon entry will be a factor in determining our top Presidential Merit Awardees.

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