

# WORLD LANGUAGES CHALLENGE EXAMS

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Students should plan to arrive no later than 3:45 p.m. Students who have completed the equivalent of first year high school World Language may take the exam. This exam will determine whether or not students have mastered the necessary content to bypass Spanish, French, or German I and are ready to move ahead to Level II. In order to be eligible to be placed in Level II, you must take this challenge exam and achieve an acceptable score.

The exam will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m. and will conclude at 5:15 p.m. Dictionaries and electronic translators are not allowed for these exams.

**Thursday, April 15, 2010 | 4:00 p.m.**

**French Exam in Room #108**

**German Exam in Room #127**

**Spanish Exam in Room #121**

The goal of the World Languages Challenge Exams is to ensure the proper placement of each student to provide the best possible chance for success in their first year of study at La Salle. **The challenge exams are intended for students with previous formal instruction/experience in French, German, or Spanish. If you are unsure whether or not you should take the Challenge Exam, please contact the Academic Office at 503.353.1411 before the April 15<sup>th</sup> testing date.**

The World Languages page of La Salle's web site contains detailed information regarding requirements for the Spanish program. **If you are interested in taking the Spanish Challenge Exam, you must visit the World Languages page (from the home page at [www.lshigh.org](http://www.lshigh.org) click on "Academics," then "Teacher Pages," then *World Languages*) prior to the exam.** It outlines the most important content of the Spanish I course. The exam is broken into five sections: reading, writing, speaking, listening, and grammar. Review the document title "Topics and skills covered in Spanish I" for the list of essential skills required to enter Spanish II. The "Prompts for speaking section" document allows you to practice for that section of the exam. The last document outlines the scoring criteria for the exam.

If you take the Challenge Exam, you will be asked if we may share the results of your test with your current Spanish teacher. If you answer yes, your teacher will be given a copy of your results **without** your name on it. The goal is to provide your teacher with information that may assist them in planning their future lessons. It may not be used as part of your grade. If you answer no, we will not share any information about your exam with your current teacher.

## COMPUTER SKILL EXAM

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Students wishing to enroll in the Multimedia and Website Development, Computer Game Programming, or Robotics courses must take a computer skill exam. The exam will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m. and will conclude by 5:30 p.m. Additional information on the proficiency exam will be available at the Class of 2014 Enrollment Night on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. A list of essential skills covered on the exam is available for download from the Computer Department page of the La Salle website (*from the home page at [www.lshigh.org](http://www.lshigh.org) click on "Academics," then "Teacher Pages," then "Computers"*).

**Computer Skill Exam | Wednesday, April 14, 2010 | 4:00 p.m. | Computer Lab**

# MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT EXAM

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Students who enroll at La Salle come from approximately 77 different schools. Taking this math placement exam enables La Salle's Mathematics Department to determine the appropriate math level for your student: one that will challenge, but not overwhelm. This exam will evaluate their mastery of Pre-Algebra and Algebra I skills to help in determining the best placement from Extended Algebra up to Honors Geometry. A list of essential skills covered on the exam is available for download from the Mathematics Department page of the La Salle website (*from the home page at [www.lshigh.org](http://www.lshigh.org) click on "Academics," then "Teacher Pages," then "Mathematics"*).

Students should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early. Do not bring a calculator. Students are required to show their work. The exam will begin promptly at the scheduled time. Allow two hours to complete the exam.

If the student has math credit from an accredited high school math program, and passed with a grade of "C" or better, they do not have to take the challenge exam. Instead, please provide an official transcript from the high school and the student will be placed accordingly.

**Saturday, April 17, 2010 | 10:00 a.m.**

**Make-Up Exam: Monday, April 19, 2010 | 4:00 p.m. | Room #135**

# INTEGRATED SCIENCE CHALLENGE EXAMS

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Students may challenge the Integrated Science course by passing a two-part exam. The first portion is a written test covering the metric system, periodic table, scientific method, microscopy, ionic compounds and molecules, matter and energy. Students passing the written portion with a 70% or higher will move on to the second portion of the exam. The second portion is a laboratory experience with a written report. Students who pass both parts of the challenge exam will be placed in Biology or Honors Biology. Application forms will be available on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Class of 2014 Enrollment Night. A list of essential skills covered on the exam is available for download from the Science Department page of the La Salle website (*from the home page at [www.lshigh.org](http://www.lshigh.org) click on "Academics," then "Teacher Pages," then "Science"*).

**Part I | Tuesday, April 13, 2010 | 4:00 p.m. | Room #207**

**Part II | Tuesday, April 20, 2010 | 4:00 p.m. | Room #207**