

School perseverance and success in LaSalle • English-speaking sector at a glance



The mission of MHS is to mobilize partners in Montreal and become a focal point for initiatives that promote school perseverance. Its main strategy is to support the development of local joint-action plans for targeted areas on the Island of Montreal. MHS is documenting the determinants of school perseverance in these areas to help mobilize stakeholders, develop a common understanding of the issues, and shed light on local priorities.

In 2011, **17.6%** of students at LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School leave school without a diploma or qualification; boys drop out at a higher rate than girls (**22.8%** versus **12.8%**).

Lester B. Pearson School Board: **83.7%** high school graduation rate in 2011; the targets are **86%** for 2015 and **88%** for 2020.

12.5% of Lester B. Pearson School Board students drop out in 2011; the rate is **20.8%** on the Island of Montreal.

LaSalle

POPULATION:

- **74,276 residents**
- **12,860 families** with children – relatively average in terms of the number of families compared with other areas of the Island of Montreal
- **15,605 children and youth** under the age of 20 (4,130 children 0 to 4 years old and 11,475 young people 5 to 19 years old)

ESTABLISHMENTS:

- **23** child and daycare centres and 2 drop-in daycare centres
- **7 public schools** (4 preschools and elementary schools, 1 high school, 1 adult education centre, 1 vocational training centre) (1 elementary school is in a deprived area)

ATTENDANCE:

- **1,553 spaces** in child and daycare centres
- **2,612 students** (0 in prekindergarten (4 years old), 147 in kindergarten, 872 in elementary, 957 in high school, 485 in adult education programs, and 151 in vocational training programs)

SERVICES TO THE POPULATION (INCOMPLETE LIST):

- Over **18 community organizations** and resources for young people and for families with children under 18
- 1 library, 7 parks and green spaces with playgrounds, 1 skateboard park, 2 community gardens, 1 bike path, 1 arena and 1 sports centre, 7 swimming pools and a family aquatic centre, and 4 other sports facilities
- 4 cultural venues (Maison Flemming, Théâtre champêtre, Salle Jean-Grimaldi, Centre culturel et communautaire Henri-Lemieux)

The population of LaSalle:

Less than the Montreal average of 16.3%

A range of underprivileged conditions depending on sub-territory. **12%** of the population of LaSalle lives in the most unfavourable conditions. The proportion varies from 3 to 100% depending on sub-territory, with 100% of the population of LaSalle Heights living in the most unfavourable conditions.

- Materially: 1 sub-territory among the most underprivileged on the Island of Montreal
- Socially: 2 sub-territories among the most underprivileged on the Island of Montreal

Less than the Montreal average of 40.9%

3,185 immigrant families, or **37.6%** of families with children under 18, including 1,425 families in the sub-territory of LaSalle-Nord; 12 to 76% of immigrant families depending on sub-territory

Less than the Montreal average of 42.1%

106 allophone students in elementary school (**12.2%**) and **182 allophone students** at LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School (**19%**)

Less than the Montreal average of 43.5%

778 immigrant students, 50 of whom are foreign-born (1st generation immigrants) and 728 of whom have at least one foreign-born parent (2nd generation immigrants)

Less than the Montreal average of 68.1%

- **374 elementary students** are immigrants (**42.9%**)
- **404 students at LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School** are immigrants (**42.2%**).

Less than the Montreal average of 70.7%

in brief

In 2011, nearly one in five students leaves LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School without a diploma or qualification. Boys drop out more than girls.

More than one in three kindergarten students begins school vulnerable in at least one school readiness domain. There is a high risk of vulnerability in the domain of physical health & well-being.

Over 40% of elementary and high school students are immigrants (1st and 2nd generation).

The entire population of LaSalle Heights lives in the most unfavourable conditions. One elementary school is in an underprivileged area. One parent in eight lacks any sort of diploma, degree or certificate.

The Community Learning Center (CLC) is active at Riverview Elementary School and in the LaSalle's English-speaking community. There are many services for families with children under 18, and an organized service structure exists in the area.

The families of LaSalle

More than the Montreal average of 12.7%

Depending on sub-territory of LaSalle:

- 8.5 to 23.1% of parents lack a diploma, degree or certificate
- 14.2 to 31.2% of families live below the low-income cut-off
- 26.2 to 45.8% of all families are single-parent families
- 83.1 to 95.6% of these families are led by women

More than the Montreal average of 24%

Comparable to the Montreal average of 13.9%

13% of children 0 to 17 years old live in families that receive social assistance

More than the Montreal average of 27.3%

More than the Montreal average of 84.1%

The youth of LaSalle

More than the Montreal average of 34.6%

25.6% to 54.3% of kindergarten students are vulnerable in at least one school readiness domain¹.

- There is a high risk of vulnerability in the domain of physical health & well-being.

More than the Montreal average of 19.9%

24.8% of elementary school students have handicaps, social maladjustments or learning difficulties (SHSMLD). Among these, 79.2% are maladjusted or have learning difficulties (SMLD).

Less than the Montreal average of 27.4%

22.9% of LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School students are SHSMLD, with 77.6% being SMLD.

Comparable to the Montreal average of 3%

1.9% of students enter elementary school later than the expected age of 6 years; 2.5% leave elementary school after the expected age of 12 years; and 3% of students enter LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School later than the expected age.

Less than the Montreal average of 89.7%

In elementary cycle 3, the pass rate varies from school to school, both in English language arts (71 to 73% in reading, 69 to 71% in writing) and in mathematics (69 to 73%).

The pass rate is 87% for all Secondary V departmental exams at LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School.

- Less than the Montreal average
- More than the Montreal average
- Comparable to the Montreal average

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¹ 2008 data. The data, by CLSC territory, from The 2012 Quebec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten (QSCDK) will be available as of spring 2014.
Sources: Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Montréal, Direction de santé publique (based on the 2006 census; 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012); Collectif quartier (n.d.); Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (2008); Lester B. Pearson School Board, 2010, special commissions by Montreal Hooked on School, 2012 and 2013; McAndrew et al. (2010); Charlemagne system (...), December 2011, November 2012; MELS, DRSI, information portal, compilation of the Direction générale de Montréal, November 2012; MELS, AGIR system, January 2012; Ministère de la Famille et des Aînés (2011); Québec en forme (2010); Statistics Canada (2006 and 2011 censuses); Table de concertation jeunesse LaSalle (2011); Table de développement social de LaSalle (information portal); Ville de Montréal (based on 2006 census; 2011, 2012; information portal).