

# MUSIC PRODUCTION LAB

Immaculate High School, Danbury

2019-2020  
PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount=\$6,909  
Project Cost=\$30,849



16 Students Impacted  
Grades 9 - 12

**PURPOSE:** To build a state-of-the-art computer lab for the development of modern, cutting-edge music curricula and coursework at Immaculate High School. Grant funding permitted the purchase of desktop iMacs for the school computer lab. This enabled the use of GarageBand, an Apple-only music production software that is great for beginners to music production.

**IMPACT:** The use of the GarageBand high-powered software allowed the instructor to demonstrate GarageBand-specific functions and techniques. Live demos through screen-sharing enable lessons to be specific and practical for students. The technology was new to many of the students but as they worked with it, students' acquired skills in GarageBand allowed them to have deeper and deeper encounters with music. The project-based learning gave students a chance to stretch their attention spans through extended in-class work time. Though tasks that require focus can be challenging for today's students, by midyear, students could easily apply themselves for 30-40 minutes of focused work in one class period. By the end of the year, the students developed a new attitude towards music. They realized it was not something to be afraid of, nor an ability reserved for a talented few. They realized that anyone could create a song if they persist.

**FUTURE PLANS:** The equipment in the music lab will be used for music instruction over coming years. Further funds may be acquired through school fundraising efforts for optional additional equipment.

