The Mercy Difference
Mission

Mercy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school immersed in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, educates and inspires young women of diverse backgrounds to lead and serve with compassion.

History

In 1945, Our Lady of Mercy High School opened its doors at the corner of Southfield and Outer Drive in Detroit. The Sisters of Mercy established the school to offer young women the opportunity to receive a value-centered education in an environment of academic excellence. As enrollment grew, Mercy relocated to its present 25-acre campus in Farmington Hills in 1965.

Mercy is part of the Mercy Education System of the Americas. MESA is rooted in the Gospel, through the Catholic faith and the Mercy charism. Inspired by Catherine McAuley, MESA nurtures highly competent and deeply compassionate leaders ready to serve a vulnerable world. Today, Mercy boasts over 15,000 alumnae making a difference.

Patroness: Our Lady of Mercy
Founder of the Sisters of Mercy: Venerable Catherine McAuley
Motto: Women Who Make a Difference
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Mascot: Marlin

Values

Mercy • Service • Human Dignity • Option for the Poor • Justice

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A Comfortable Cup of Tea

Venerable Catherine McAuley, the Founder of the Sisters of Mercy, was known for her compassion at the House of Mercy on Baggot Street in Ireland. A comfortable cup of tea became a symbol to represent Catherine’s warmth.

Mercy High School continues the tradition of serving a comfortable cup of tea. Every spring, our Valedictorian and Salutatorian candidates gather for a congratulatory tea in our Baggot Street conference room and our Mercy Alumnae host Tea for Tuition to benefit our Tuition Assistance Program.

Mercy is a family. Visitors often remark on the welcoming environment at Mercy High School, a tribute to honor Catherine’s emphasis on caring relationships, hospitality, and sisterhood.

“Our charity is to be cordial. Now cordial signifies something that renews, invigorates and warms. Such should be the effect of our love for each other.”

~ Catherine McAuley, Cork Manuscript
Catholic Faith

As a Catholic school, faith formation is an important part of a student’s development while at Mercy.

The four-year curriculum in Religious Studies provides a solid Catholic foundation with an emphasis upon morality, theology, and scripture.

Beyond the classroom, Mercy offers students many opportunities to deepen their faith. The mission of the Campus Ministry Department is to strengthen the spirituality of the student body through the planning and promotion of Eucharistic Liturgies, retreats, prayer services, service projects, and special traditional Mercy celebrations.

Community Service

In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, a Mercy education nurtures growth of the whole person, spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically, and culturally. Students at Mercy participate in community service - a hallmark of Mercy values.

The Mercy Community Action Program encourages a commitment to volunteer service by using the greater community as a classroom. 40 hours of community service completed over 4 years is a graduation requirement, but most girls go far beyond the commitment to share their time and talents with those in need.
Curriculum

Our engaging curriculum allows each student to explore their spiritual and academic interests, while preparing them for life beyond the halls of Mercy.

Freshwomen can expect to take classes in Theology, World History, Mathematics, American Literature, World Language, Biology, Speech and Technology.

Through their remaining years, students have a variety of elective course offerings available to provide them with a well-rounded college preparatory education.

Student Support

Guidance counselors help students navigate issues in their academic, personal, and emotional areas of life. Counselors are also instrumental in the pre-college testing and college application process. Mercy provides each student academic support in the form of tutoring and mentoring. The Academic and Mentoring Educational Support program (AMES) offers support for students with learning differences to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful.

Mercy Life

A Mercy education balances academics, interests outside the classroom, spirituality, and community service.

Mercy offers many opportunities for involvement and participation with over 50 activities, clubs, community service projects, spiritual exploration, and athletics.

The common thread among staff, students, and parents is a commitment to academic excellence, cultural diversity, and integration of Mercy Values into daily life.
Steps in Admissions

1. Attend High School Information Night
2. Attend Open House
3. Schedule a Shadow Visit
4. Take the High School Placement Test
5. Apply online at https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions

Quick Facts

- The school day is 8:00 a.m. - 2:37 p.m.
- Student to teacher ratio 15:1
- Enrollment in each grade averages 170
- Students can take up to seven classes a semester
- Daily Adviser Group
- College prep schedule to promote time management and collaboration

Tuition Assistance

In keeping with our school mission, Mercy is proud to award approximately $500,000 in financial aid annually. A Mercy education may be more affordable than you think!

The Mercy High School Financial Aid program consists of Tuition Assistance and Named Scholarships. Financial aid is awarded annually by the Mercy High School Financial Aid Committee on the basis of financial need as determined by FACTS Management Grant & Aid Assessment and/or special requirements of the named scholarships. The total amount of financial aid distributed each year is based upon the availability of funds and the number of qualified applicants.

Getting to School

Each morning, students from over 70 Detroit Metropolitan communities commute to Mercy. Bus service is available in some areas; carpooling is the most popular way to get to school. The Mercy building is open before and after school hours to accommodate early arrival and late departure needs.
Be a Mercy Girl

Join us for Regional Catholic High School Information Nights (6th-8th graders)
September and October dates are listed at https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions

Visit Mercy High School at Open House (6th-8th graders)
Sunday, October 27, 2019  1:00-3:30 or Thursday, January 30, 2020  6:30-8:00
Alumnae and their families are invited for tours a half hour prior at the Chapel.

Attend Prospective Student Events (6th-8th graders)
Robotics Workshop: Saturday, December 14, 2019  9:00-3:00
Passport to France: Saturday, February 8, 2020  9:00-1:00
Please visit our website for more information https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions

Shadow a Mercy Girl for a Day (7th-8th graders)
Shadow visits begin October 2019
Schedule online at https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions/shadow-student

Prepare for the High School Placement Test (8th graders only)
HSPT Prep Course: Saturday, November 2, 2019  8:00-11:00 or 12:00-3:00
Facilitated by Zena Samona Ibrahim '96
Registration online at https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions/hspt

Take the High School Placement Test (8th graders only)
Saturday, November 23 or Saturday, December 7, 2019  7:30-11:00
Registration coming mid-September at https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions/hspt

Submit your Application Online (8th graders only)
Application materials due by Friday, December 13, 2019
Application will be live mid-October at https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions/application

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## Sample Freshwoman Schedule

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### Class Codes
- Pink / H = World History
- Hot Pink / M = Math
- Red / T = Intro to Theology
- Yellow / E = English
- Dark Yellow / I = iExplore
- White = unscheduled time
- Green / L = World Language
- Blue / B = Biology

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## Freshwoman Courses

- Introduction to Theology (semester)
- World History
- Math
- English (American Literature)
- World Language (French, Latin, or Spanish)
- Biology
- Speech (semester)
- iExplore (semester)
- Elective (semester)

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## Graduation Requirements

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Courses Offered by Discipline

ENGLISH
- English 9
- Honors English 9
- English 10-Composition
- Honors English 10-Composition
- English 10-British Literature
- Honors English 10-British Lit.
- Poetry Writing & Analysis
- 20th Century American Lit.
- Shakespeare
- American Authors
- Myth, Tale & Legend
- Women & Literature
- Race Relations in American Lit.
- Studies in Short Fiction
- Literature to Film
- Literature of the American South
- Major British Authors
- World Cultures in Literature
- AP English Lit & Comp
- Journalism
- Advanced Journalism
- Yearbook Design
- Yearbook Production

SCIENCE
- Biology
- Honors Biology
- AP Biology
- Microbiology: Survey of Microorganisms and Lab Techniques
- Microbiology: Host and Microbe Relationships
- Chemistry in the Community
- Chemistry
- Honors Chemistry
- AP Chemistry
- Practical Physics
- Physics
- AP Physics I
- Anatomy & Physiology

MATHEMATICS
- Concepts of Algebra I
- Algebra I
- Honors Algebra I
- Applied Geometry
- Geometry
- Honors Geometry
- Concepts of Algebra II
- Algebra II
- Honors Algebra II w/Trig
- Pre-Calculus
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- AP Calculus
- College Algebra
- Probability & Statistics

WORLD LANGUAGE
- French I
- French 2
- Honors French 2
- French 3
- Honors French 3
- AP French
- French for Careers
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- Honors Spanish 2
- Spanish 3
- Honors Spanish 3
- Spanish 4
- AP Spanish
- Latin 1
- Latin 2
- Honors Latin 3
- AP Latin

ART
- Drawing
- Intermediate Drawing
- Painting
- Ceramics
- Intermediate Ceramics
- Jewellery
- Film & Animation
- Fibres
- Photography
- Digital Graphics
- Sculpture

COMPUTER/BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY
- Explore: Creating solutions for real problems
- Accounting I
- Entrepreneurship, Marketing & Media
- Life Skills & Personal Finance
- AP Computer Science Principles

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
- Intro to Theology
- Christian Morality
- The Bible
- Women in the Bible
- Catholic Theology
- Christian Tradition
- Justice & Peace
- Relationships
- World Religions
- Prayer & Spirituality

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- Swim/Physical Education
- Health
- Nutrition & Exercise
- Lifeguard Training
- Lifetime Fitness
- Fitness Swim/Weight Training

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics I
- AP Calculus
- AP English
- AP French
- AP Latin
- AP Spanish
- AP American History
- AP U.S. Government & Politics
- AP World History
- AP Computer Science Principles

HONORS COURSES
- Honors English 9
- Honors English 10-Composition
- Honors English 10-British Literature
- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Algebra I
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra II Trig
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors French 2
- Honors French 3
- Honors Spanish 2
- Honors Spanish 3
- Honors Latin 3

PERFORMING ARTS
- Glee
- Advanced Glee
- Mercyaires Honor Choir
- Orchestra
- Advanced Orchestra
- Speech
- Oral Interpretation
- Acting 1
- Acting 2
- Broadcasting
- Theatre Production
- Actor’s Workshop
- Directing
- Set Design
- Video Production

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT
- Introduction to Engineering
Technology

At Mercy, we use technology with the intent to lead, inspire, create and communicate. Students powerfully take ownership of their learning through innovative tools that enable collaboration with teachers, peers and other community members. This seamless infusion of technology embodies best educational practices and contributes to the academic success of our students.

- All teachers are Apple Teacher certified, equipped with an iPad, MacBook Air, Apple TV, and operate the Apple Classroom App.
- All students utilize an iPad with powerful Apps including iMovie, Keynote, Notability, Animation Creator, ArtRage and more.
- Instructional resources, paperless grading and collaborative editing tools are available through Schoology, PowerSchool and Google Drive.
- Freshwomen take the iExplore course where they learn multimedia skills with a focus on STEM. Other advanced technology courses offered include: Photography, Film & Animation, Video Production, Digital Graphics, Introduction to Engineering, and Computer Science.
- Students have the opportunity to be technology teachers and program innovators through the iPad student tech team called the iWizards and the Riveters FIRST Robotics Team.
- On campus amenities include three computer labs, Digital MakerSpace Room, 3-D Printer, Collaborative Corner, I.T. Department and Support Staff.
- Mercy has offered a 1:1 computing program since 2005 and has been an Apple Distinguished School since 2013.
Athletics

Mercy High School upholds a strong tradition of competitive athletics in 18 sports.

Mercy participates in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the Detroit Catholic High School League (CHSL).

73 Mercy student athletes committed to play a college sport in the last five years.

Mercy Athletics By The Numbers

26 State Championships 20 State Runners-Up
31 State Final Four 34 State Quarter-Finalists
77 Regional Championships 154 Catholic League Championships
82 District Championships 22 Oakland County Championships

Teams

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Equestrian
- Field Hockey
- Figure Skating
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Pompon
- Skiing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swim/Dive
- Tennis
- Track/Field
- Volleyball

Facilities

- Gymnasium
- Swimming Pool
- Full-Size Track
- Eight Tennis Courts
- Two Fields for Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer
- Two Softball Diamonds
- Indoor & Outdoor Batting Cages
- Athletic Trainer
- Weight Room
- Lower Level Strength & Conditioning Space Coming Soon!

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Archery
Animal Rights Club
(BASE) Black Awareness Society for Education
Boardercross
(BPA) Business Professionals of America
Campus Ministry
Cyber Patriots
Debate Club
Fall Play
FEMClub
Fishbowl Spirit Club
Forensics
French Club
French Honor Society
GREEN Club
Gritty Games Club
Healthy Habits Club
HOSA - Future Health Professionals
Human Relations Council
International Thespian Society
iWizards
Junior Classical League
Marlin Harmony
Mercy Works
Mock Trial
Model United Nations
National Honor Society
Peace Club
Pro-Life Club
Quiz Bowl
Robotics Team
Sailing
Science Club
Spanish Honor Society
Spirit Choir
Spring Musical
Student Government
Tri-M Music Honor Society
Youth Mercy Associates
College Preparatory Curriculum

Mercy offers a comprehensive program of study in liberal arts and sciences. Advanced Placement and Honors classes are offered in all academic areas. On average, 80% of Mercy students who take AP exams score 3 or better.

Critical thinking and strong written and verbal communication skills are emphasized. Group work and research are incorporated into disciplines to prepare students for the collaborative and dynamic nature of college and professional careers.

Given the competitive college application process, Mercy continually strives to give students the needed academic edge to gain acceptance to superior colleges and universities.

2019 Graduation Statistics

- 150 Mercy women in the Class of 2019
- $13 million earned in college scholarships
- 16,000 hours of community service
- 25 AP Scholars, 6 AP Scholars with Honor,
  1 AP Scholar with Distinction
- 2 Summa Cum Laude
- 30 Magna Cum Laude
- 13 Cum Laude

The University of Michigan and Michigan State University were the top 2 schools attended by the Classes of 2010-2019.
Adrian College
Albion College
Alma College
Aquinas College
Arizona State University
Ball State University
Boston College
Bowling Green State University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr
Butler University
Calvin College
Central Michigan University
Chapman University
City University of New York
Clemson University
College of Creative Studies
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia University Ann Arbor
Cornell University
DePaul University
Eastern Michigan University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida A&M
Fordham University
Franklin University Switzerland
Georgetown University
Grand Valley State University
Hampton University
Harvard University
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
Hope College
Howard University
Indiana University
Jacksonville State University
John Carroll University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
SUNY
Kalamazoo College
Lawrence Technological University
Loyola University
Madonna University
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan
Miami University Ohio
Michigan State University
New York University
North Carolina A&T State University
Northeastern University
Northern Michigan University
Northwood University
Oakland University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Rollins College
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary’s College
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Siena Heights University
Tiffin University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy West Point
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dayton
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Kentucky
University of Manchester
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mount Union
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Toledo
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Valparaiso University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Washington University St. Louis
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

*Partial list of colleges and universities attended over the past four years.
Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry offers a four-year retreat program. Each year is different, providing unique experiences so that after four years the student will have a better understanding of herself, her relationships with others, and most importantly, her relationship with God. Freshwomen, Sophomores and Juniors have on-campus retreats, while Seniors are off-site at the Colombiere Retreat Center for Kairos.

Link Crew

Created by the Boomerang Project, Link Crew is an international, research-based high school transition program that welcomes new students and helps them feel comfortable throughout the first year of high school.

Built on the belief that students can help other students succeed, all 9th grade students are assigned to a crew of seven to ten Freshwomen and two Link Leaders.

Link Leaders are Juniors and Seniors trained in leadership and the Link Crew philosophy. The Link Leaders are positive role models who guide 9th graders toward discovering what it takes to be successful at Mercy High School.

They plan and facilitate a Freshwoman Welcome Day, hold monthly meet-ups, social events, academic activities and a diversity retreat during the school year.

Mercy Spirit of Service to Others

The service program of Mercy High School encourages Christian service to the school and greater community. We believe the Gospel and Mercy Values of Human Dignity, Mercy, Justice, Service and Option for the Poor are at the heart of everything we do. Our volunteer program promotes the school’s philosophy of learning to care, serve and be the hands of God.
Campus

Mercy’s 25-acre campus is located in Farmington Hills, Michigan on the corner of Middlebelt and 11 Mile Roads.

The facility is approximately 20 miles northwest of Detroit, providing easy access to the abundant cultural and educational centers of the metropolitan area.