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Mercy







# history

On September 24, 1827, Catherine McAuley opened the House of Mercy on Baggot Street in Dublin, Ireland, including the first "Mercy School" – a classroom dedicated to training young women. In 1831, Catherine and two companions took vows to become the first Sisters of Mercy, beginning a religious order to carry on their important service to those who were poor, sick and uneducated. Sisters of Mercy and their companions, associates and co-workers continue Catherine McAuley's mission of education. To ensure that mission into the future, the Sisters of Mercy established Mercy Education in 2017.

The Mercy High School Michigan tradition began in 1945 when the Sisters of Mercy opened Our Lady of Mercy High School at Outer Drive and Southfield Roads 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 a new and larger building in Farmington Hills in 1965. Mercy is proud of our 17,000+ alumnae throughout the world who are now making a difference.

**School Motto:** Women Who Make a Difference

**Patroness:** Our Lady of Mercy

**Founder of the Sisters of Mercy:** Venerable Catherine McAuley

**Colors:** Maroon and Gold

**Mascot:** Marlin

# mission

Compelled by our Catholic *faith*  
and the *spirit* of the Sisters of Mercy,  
Mercy High School is a premier  
college preparatory School that *educates* and  
*nurtures* young women of *diverse* backgrounds  
to *excel* academically, *serve*  
compassionately, and *lead*  
courageously.

# faith

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



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My God, I am yours for time and eternity.  
Teach me to cast myself entirely into the arms  
of Your loving providence, with the most lively,  
unlimited confidence in your compassionate,  
tender pity. Grant me, O most merciful  
Redeemer that whatever you ordain or permit  
may be acceptable to me. Take from my  
heart all painful anxiety; suffer nothing  
to sadden me but sin, nothing to delight me  
but the hope of coming to the possession  
of You, my God and my all, in your  
everlasting kingdom.

The four-year curriculum in Religious Studies provides a solid Catholic foundation with an emphasis on morality, theology, and scripture. Beyond the classroom, Mercy offers students many opportunities to deepen their faith and align experiences to the Core Values and attributes defined in the Mercy Education Profile of the Graduate. The Office of Mission & Ministry strengthens the spirituality of the student body through daily prayer, Mass, retreats, prayer services, Rosary, Youth Mercy Associate program, service projects, organizational outreach, and special Mercy celebrations.

# core values



COMPELLED  
BY MERCY



EDUCATIONAL  
COURAGE



INSPIRED  
BY FAITH



PRINCIPLED  
LEADERSHIP



A VOICE FOR  
DIGNITY AND RESPECT

**Our Core Values are the hallmarks of a Mercy Education.**

**These are the ideals we stand up for and strive to live up to.**

**We hold ourselves to these standards as an institution,**

**as a community and as individuals.**

**Each value is interconnected and necessary as we take**

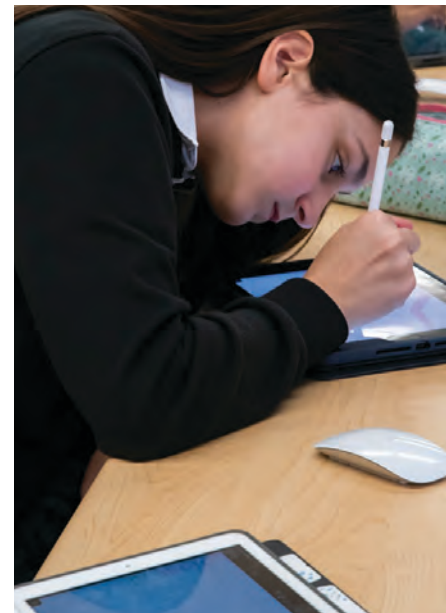
**Mercy into the world.**



# 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 Jesus and the Church, World History, Mathematics, American Literature, World Language, Biology, Speech and an Elective. Through their remaining years, students have a variety of elective course offerings available to provide them with a well-rounded college preparatory education. Academic amenities include: three computer labs; specialty labs for science, world language, digital design; and a robust Robotics Center.

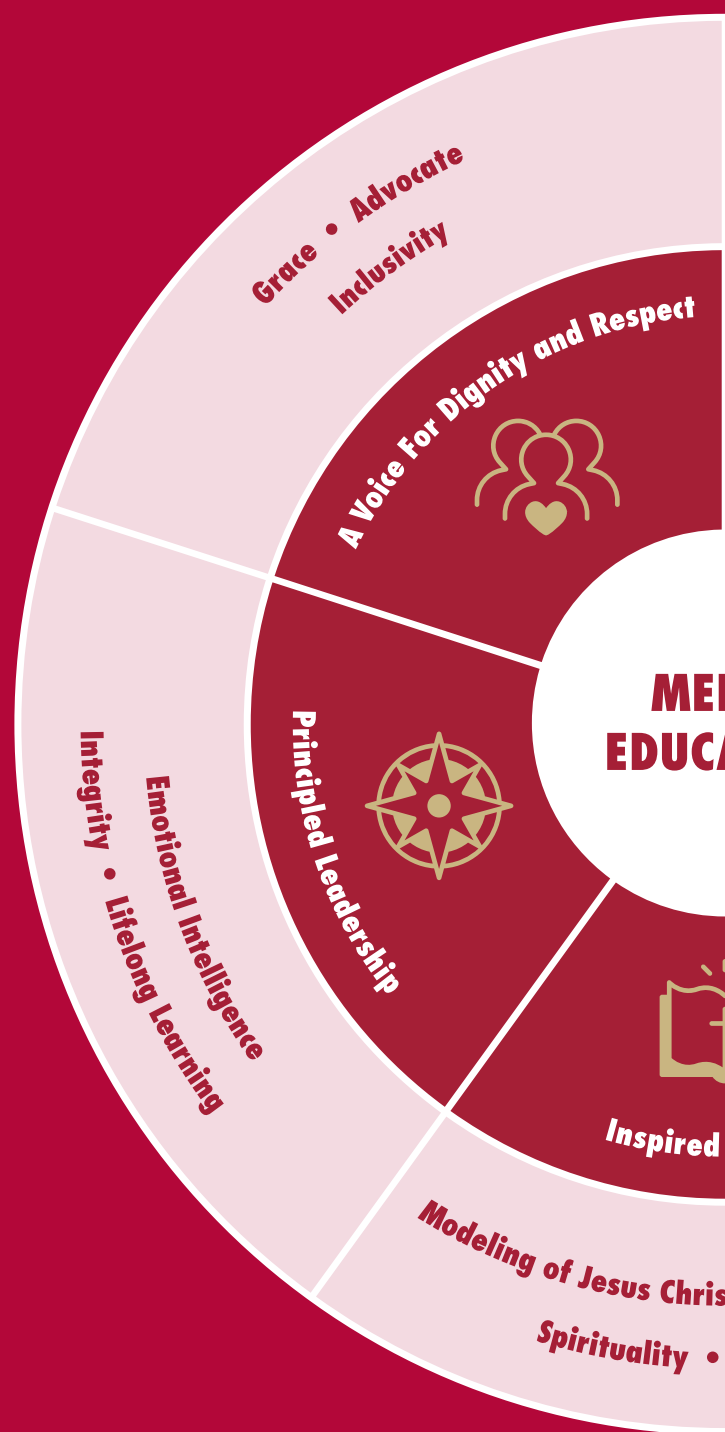


Student **support** and wellness guidance counselors help students navigate issues in their academic, personal, and emotional areas of life.

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. Our Academic Mentoring & Educational Support (AMES) Program includes full-time professionals committed to creating an inclusive academic learning environment.

Our Profile of the Graduate is how students come to manifest and embody our Core Values.

It is the culmination of everything a Mercy Education hopes to achieve. Throughout the student's journey, this blueprint defines the attributes they're expected to acquire and the steps they'll take to gain them. With the Profile of the Graduate, every experience and academic opportunity is linked to and aligned with our Core Values.

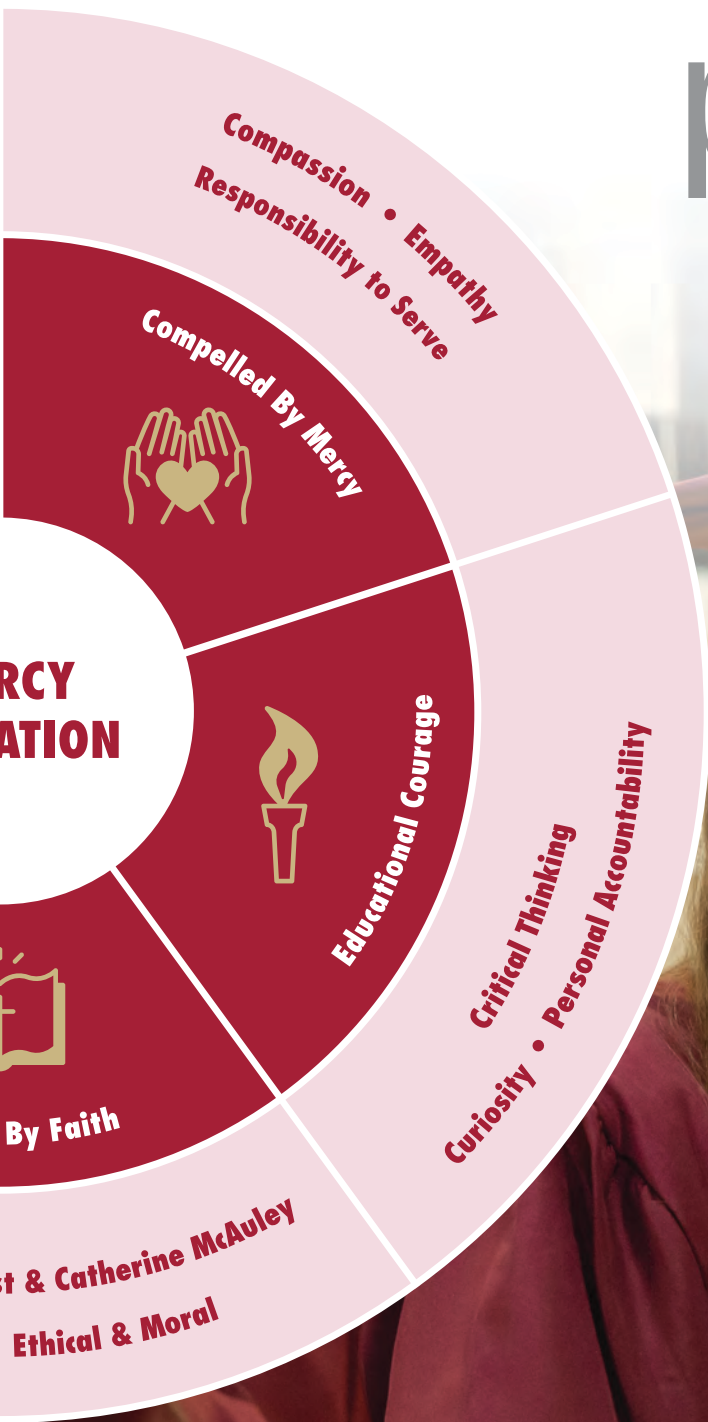


Mercy  
Education

Courageous Action. Selfless Spirit.™

# Mercy Education

## profile of the graduate





# vision

As a shining lamp

of *Catholic* education,

Mercy High School *inspires* young women

of diverse backgrounds to lead

faith-filled lives, use their *Voices*,

and achieve their *goals*.

Our graduates exemplify unity,

*empathy*, knowledge, and leadership

to *make a difference* in the world.

# school life

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

Mercy offers many opportunities for involvement and participation with 45+ activities, clubs, community service projects, spiritual exploration, athletics, arts and STEM.

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



## service

As we pursue a personal relationship with God, we earnestly follow Jesus Christ's example of social justice, love and service.

Our shared sense of social consciousness is fortified by universal empathy and a conviction that all are worthy of God's mercy. This deep awareness and compassion move us to take principled action and serve the needs of others. 40 hours of community service completed over four years is a graduation requirement, yet many students serve above and beyond to share their time and talents.



[We should be] as the

compass that goes round

its circle without stirring

from its center. Our center

is God, from whom all our

actions should spring as

from their source.



The Venerable Catherine McAuley  
Founder Sisters of Mercy



# tradition

Traditions are a tribute to honor The Venerable Catherine McAuley's emphasis on caring relationships, hospitality and sisterhood.

Mercy is a family. Each young woman who walks our halls has a chance to experience what makes Mercy a cherished community steeped in beloved traditions and celebrations.



Advisor Group  
Alumnae Tea For Tuition  
Auction  
Baccalaureate Mass  
Christmas Assembly  
Daily Prayer  
Ethnic Bazaar  
Father Daughter Dance  
Focus:HOPE Food Drive  
Freshwomen Fun Fair

Golf Outing  
Grandparent Mass  
Heart of Mercy  
Homecoming  
Honors Convocation  
Kairos  
Link Crew  
Make a Difference Day  
Maroon & Gold Raffle  
May Crowning

Moving Up  
New Student Welcome Day  
New Parent Party  
Parent Night  
Senior All Night Party  
Senior Class Alumnae Luncheon  
Senior Parking Spot Painting  
Spirit Week  
Valedictorian & Salutatorian Tea  
White Dresses & Roses at Graduation



# tuition assistance

A Mercy Education may be more affordable than you think. In keeping with our school mission, Mercy is proud to award approximately \$1M in financial aid and scholarships annually.

## QUICK FACTS

- The school day is 8:00 am - 2:40 pm
- Average classroom size is 22
- Students can take up to seven classes a semester
- Dual enrollment college credit opportunities
- Daily Adviser Group
- College preparatory schedule to promote time management and collaboration

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.

## accessibility

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.

# ADMISSION INFORMATION



## Be a **Mercy** Girl

Thank you for your interest in Mercy High School. We are proud to be a Catholic, college preparatory school Educating Women Who Make a Difference since 1945. Please visit our website for the latest Admissions news and information: [mhsmi.org/admissions](http://mhsmi.org/admissions).

### Join Us For Information Night (6th-8th graders)

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 • 6:30 PM • Register at [mhsmi.org/admissions](http://mhsmi.org/admissions).

### Visit Us at Open House

Sunday, October 27, 2024 • 1:00-3:00 PM • Alumnae tours 12:30 PM at the Chapel entrance.

Sunday, March 2, 2025 • 1:00-3:00 PM • Alumnae tours 12:30 PM at the Chapel entrance.

Pre-register at [mhsmi.org/open-house](http://mhsmi.org/open-house). Walk-ins welcome!

### Shadow a Mercy Girl for a Day (8th graders- 1st semester, 7th & 8th graders- 2nd semester)

Shadow visits begin September 23, 2024. • Schedule a visit at [mhsmi.org/shadow-student](http://mhsmi.org/shadow-student).

### High School Placement Test Prep Course

Saturday, November 2, 2024 • 8:00-11:00 AM or 12:00-3:00 PM • Register for a session at [mhsmi.org/hspt](http://mhsmi.org/hspt).

### High School Placement Test

Saturday, November 23, 2024 or Saturday, December 7, 2024 • 7:45-11:00 AM • Learn more and register at [mhsmi.org/hspt](http://mhsmi.org/hspt).

### Class of 2029 Application

Application will be available on our website October 1, 2024. Please submit all materials by December 13, 2024.

First round acceptances and celebration on Friday, January 24, 2025.

### Tuition Assistance

All financial aid materials need to be submitted to FACTS Management by December 13, 2024.



## Mercy High School Admissions Office

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248.476.2484 • [admissions@mhsmi.org](mailto:admissions@mhsmi.org)







# freshwoman sample schedule

Daily Schedule	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1st Hour / Prayer 8:00-8:52	H		H	H	H	H
2nd Hour 8:57-9:46	E	E	E		E	E
3rd Hour 9:51-10:40		L	L	L	L	L
Adviser Period 10:44-11:04	20 Minute Break Each Day					
4th Hour 11:08-11:57	M	M		M	M	M
5th Hour 12:02-12:51	I	I	I	I		I
6th Hour 12:56-1:45	B	B	B	B	B	
7th Hour/Closing Prayer 1:50-2:40 Sign Out 2:40-2:45		J	J	J	J	J

## CLASS CODES

Pink / H = World History      Yellow / E = English      Green / L = World Language      Hot Pink / M = Math  
 Dark Yellow / I = Elective      Blue / B = Biology      Red / J = Jesus & The Church      White = unscheduled time

## Freshwomen Courses

Jesus and the Church (semester) • World History • Math • English 9 • Biology  
 World Language (French, Latin, or Spanish) • Speech (semester) • Elective (semester)

## Graduation Requirements

English	8 semesters	Health	1 semester
Mathematics	8 semesters	Phys Education/Swim	1 semester
Social Studies	6 semesters	Speech	1 semester
Science	6 semesters	Visual/Performing Arts	2 semesters
World Language	4 semesters	Electives	4 semesters
Religious Studies	7 semesters		



# spirituality

The Office of Mission & Ministry connects the Mercy Core Values and Mission to our Catholic faith, develops student ministerial leaders, enhances staff, student and family spiritual experiences and promotes our Mercy charism within the local community, Archdiocese of Detroit, and Metro Detroit area.

## Faith in Action

- All School Mass
- Daily Prayers
- Rosary
- Baggot Street Speaker Series
- Prayer Services
- Therapy Dog Days
- Prayer Labyrinth
- Youth Mercy Associates
- Make a Difference 365
- Bibles and Bagels: Student Led Bible Study
- Focus: HOPE Food Drive
- Service Immersion Trip
- Organizational Outreach
- Student Ministry Leadership Team
- Strangers No Longer Student Advocacy Group
- School Wide Advent and Lent Penance Service

Beginning with the Class of 2028, the Mercy Faith In Action program will provide service opportunities of personal interest that are reflective of our faith, Mercy Critical Concerns, Core Values and Mission so students may be better inspired to be a beacon of Christ's love for others. Learn more at [mhsmi.org/service-program](http://mhsmi.org/service-program).



## Retreats

The Office of Mission & Ministry offers a four-year retreat program. A different retreat is offered for each grade level. After four years, a student will have a better understanding of herself, her relationship with others, and most especially her relationship with God.

**Freshwomen** – We welcome the incoming 9th grade class in a special and meaningful day of prayer and community. Students are introduced to who we are as a Mercy school, emboldened by the Gospel and the message of Catherine McAuley.

**Sophomores** – Students spend the day understanding why, as Christians, we are called to serve. This retreat is held off campus at the Colombiere Retreat Center.

**Juniors** – With the theme of Finding God in All Things, Juniors are called to look at life through a different lens, a lens that focuses on God. This retreat is held off campus at the Colombiere Retreat Center.

**Seniors** – We are proud to continue our beloved Mercy tradition, the KAIROS retreat. Seniors are invited to enter into "God's Time" as they attend a meaningful four-day retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.



# 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 now and after graduation.



- All teachers are Apple Teacher certified and are equipped with an iPad and a MacBook. Apple TVs are deployed to all classrooms to facilitate screen sharing and view instructional video content.

- Recognized by Apple as a Distinguished School for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment since 2013.

- All students utilize an iPad with powerful Apps including iMovie, Keynote, Pages, Notability and more.

- Instructional resources, paperless grading and collaborative editing tools are available through our Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology.

- Real time grades and attendance information is available to our families through our Student Management System (SMS), PowerSchool.

- Our I.T. Department and Support Staff are on site and available every school day.

- Our students and staff have access to a wide variety of robust software tools such as Microsoft Office 365, Adobe Creative Cloud and Google Suite.

- 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 innovators through various extracurricular activities including our FIRST Robotics Team (The Riveters), CyberPatriots, Coding Club and STEAMspirations: Women Empowering Tomorrow.





# courses offered by discipline

## ENGLISH

English Foundations  
 English 9  
 Honors English 9  
 English 10  
 Honors English 10  
 Mythology  
 Women's Literature  
 Studies in Short Fiction  
 World Cultures in Literature  
 AP Lang & Comp  
 AP English Lit & Comp  
 Journalism  
 Advanced Journalism  
 Yearbook Design  
 Yearbook Production  
 Contemporary Literature  
 Creative Writing  
 Women in British Literature  
 Advanced Composition

## MATHEMATICS

Math Lab  
 Concepts of Algebra  
 Algebra I  
 Honors Algebra 1  
 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

## SOCIAL STUDIES

World History  
 Historical Context of Christian Tradition  
 AP World History  
 American Government  
 AP U.S. Government & Politics  
 American History  
 AP American History  
 Economics  
 Contemporary Issues  
 Psychology  
 AP Psychology  
 Law in Action  
 AP African American Studies

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Jesus and the Church  
 Christian Morality  
 The Bible  
 Women in the Bible  
 Catholic Theology  
 Historical Context of Christian Tradition

Justice & Peace  
 Relationships  
 World Religions  
 Prayer & Spirituality

## SCIENCE

Biology  
 Honors Biology  
 AP Biology  
 Microbiology: Survey of Microorganisms and Lab Techniques  
 Microbiology: Host and Microbe Relationships

Chemistry in the Community  
 Forensic Science  
 AP Environmental Science  
 Human Genetics  
 Chemistry  
 Honors Chemistry  
 AP Chemistry  
 Physics  
 AP Physics 1  
 Anatomy & Physiology

## COMPUTER/BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

Intro to STEM: Creating Solutions for real problems  
 Accounting 1  
 Entrepreneurship, Marketing & Media  
 Life Skills & Personal Finance  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 AP Computer Science A

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

## 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  
 Latin Poetry and Prose  
 Honors Latin 3  
 AP Latin

## PERFORMING ARTS

Marlin Chorus  
 Varsity Chorus  
 Mercyaires Honor Choir  
 Orchestra  
 Speech  
 Acting 1  
 Acting 2  
 Theatre Production  
 Childrens' Theatre Touring Company  
 Directing  
 Oral Interpretation  
 Makeup & Costume Design

## HONORS COURSES

Honors English 9  
 Honors English 10  
 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

## ART

Drawing  
 Intermediate Drawing  
 Painting  
 Intermediate Painting  
 Ceramics  
 Intermediate Ceramics  
 Jewelry  
 Intermediate Jewelry  
 Film & Animation  
 Fibers  
 Intermediate Fibers  
 Photography  
 Intermediate Photography  
 Digital Graphics  
 Sculpture  
 Printmaking  
 AP 2D Art & Design  
 AP 3D Art & Design  
 AP Drawing

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Physics I  
 AP Calculus  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Lang & Comp  
 AP English Lit & Comp  
 AP African American Studies  
 AP French  
 AP Latin  
 AP Spanish  
 AP American History  
 AP U.S. Government & Politics  
 AP World History  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Psychology  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP Macroeconomics  
 AP Microeconomics  
 AP 2D Art & Design  
 AP 3D Art & Design  
 AP Drawing  
 AP Art History

## LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT

Broadcasting  
 Introduction to Engineering  
 Statistics



Mercy High School upholds a strong tradition of competitive athletics in 22 sports.

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

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

## Mercy Athletics by the Numbers

- 31 State Championships
- 22 State Runners-Up
- 39 State Semi-Finals
- 43 State Quarter Finals
- 90 Regional Championships
- 100 District Championships
- 180 Catholic League
- 26+ Oakland County Championships

[mercymarlins.com](http://mercymarlins.com)

## Teams

- Archery
- Basketball
- Boardercross
- Bowling
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Equestrian
- Field Hockey
- Figure Skating
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Pompon
- Sailing
- 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 • M-Zone Indoor Athletic Training Facility • Golf Simulator • Updated Locker Room



# activities and clubs



Animal Rights Club  
Art Club  
BASE  
Business Professionals of America (BPA)  
Coding Club  
CyberPatriots  
Dance Program  
Debate Club  
Fall Play  
FEMClub  
Festival of One Acts  
Film Club  
Fish Bowl: Mercy Spirit Club  
Forensics Team  
French Club  
French Honor Society  
Girls and Money  
Girls Who CAD  
GREEN Club  
Healthy Habits

Hellenic Student Association  
HOSA  
Human Relations Council  
International Thespian Society  
Junior Classical League  
Link Crew  
Mercy Book Club  
Mercy Mimes  
Mercy Peer 2 Peer  
Mercy Yogis  
Middle Eastern Student Association  
Mock Trial  
Model United Nations  
National Honor Society  
Nigerian Student Union  
Peace Club  
Performing Arts Camp Staff  
Pre Med Club  
Pretty Brown Girl  
Pro-Life Club

Quiz Bowl  
Rebirth the Earth  
Red Cross Club  
Robotics Team: The Riveters 1481  
Science Club  
Self Defense Club  
Service for Purpose  
South Asian Student Association (SASA)  
Spanish Honor Society  
Spirit Choir  
Spring Musical  
Stars and Stripes Club  
STEAMspirations: Women Empowering Tomorrow  
Student Council  
Student Ministry Team  
Team One Love  
Threads For Change  
Youth Mercy Associates

\* Clubs vary year to year and students may apply to start a new club.







## 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 academic edge to gain acceptance to superior colleges and universities.

Mercy students can pursue dual enrollment opportunities at universities to enhance their high school experience and transcript as well as earn college credit. Three college courses are offered at Mercy by professors from Lawrence Technological University. Students also take classes at the University of Michigan - Dearborn, University of Detroit Mercy, Oakland University, Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College and others depending on interest and location. Students can take courses during the summer or take advantage of the dual enrollment State of Michigan program if courses are taken during the school year.

## 2024 Graduation Statistics

- 139 Mercy Women in the Class of 2024
- \$11+ million earned in college scholarships
- 11,479 hours of community service
- 8 College Bound Athletes
- 24 AP Scholars,  
15 AP Scholars with Honor,  
13 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 5 Summa Cum Laude
- 37 Magna Cum Laude
- 9 Cum Laude

The University of Michigan and Michigan State University were the top two schools attended by the Classes of 2011-2024.



# colleges accepted

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 Florida  
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  
Yale

\*Partial list of colleges and universities accepted over the past five years.



# performing arts



The Mercy Performing Arts Department offers a complete four-year curriculum in the areas of theater arts, vocal and/or instrumental music along with a dance program as an extracurricular activity in the fall of each school year. All classes are performance based, including classes in technical and communication studies. Not only may a student elect a four-year program in the department, but she may also choose to be part of several extracurricular organizations sponsored by the Performing Arts faculty.

## Courses

- Speech (required)
- Acting I & II
- Childrens' Theatre Touring Company
- Directing
- Theatre Production
- Oral Interpretation
- Broadcasting
- Marlin Chorus
- Varsity Chorus
- Orchestra
- Makeup & Costume Design
- Mercyaires Honor Choir

## Extracurricular Activities

- Fall Play
- Spring Musical
- Forensics
- Mercy Mimes
- Performing Arts Camp Staff
- International Thespian Society Troupe 5693
- Dance Program
- Festival of One Acts
- Spirit Choir

The Performing Arts Department is a member of the Detroit Catholic Forensic League (DCFL), the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) and the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA).





## visual arts

While the art curriculum provides a program designed for the college bound art major, it also remains flexible to meet the elective needs of all students. All classes are semester classes and focus on studio art production. Lessons in art history, art criticism, aesthetics, art careers, studio etiquette, and technology are also integrated. Mercy High School honors the State of Michigan requirement of two semesters of visual, performing, or applied art classes.

- Four studio classrooms and two computer labs
- 24 individual looms and two floor looms for the Fibers class
- Drawing and painting studios with easels and a variety of still-life objects
- A ceramics studio equipped with 11 potter's wheels, a slab roller, and a clay extruder
- Four ceramics kilns with high fire capacity and a jewelry kiln in a separate room for safety/venting purposes
- A jewelry studio with acetylene/oxygen jeweler's torches, drills, and a variety of metal working tools
- Two labs with 52 computers and the Adobe Creative Suite and Final Cut Pro

## Courses

- Drawing, Intermediate
- Ceramics, Intermediate
- Fibers, Intermediate
- Jewelry, Intermediate
- Sculpture
- Digital Graphics
- Film and Animation
- Printmaking
- Photography, Intermediate
- Painting, Intermediate
- Portfolio Development for College Admission, College Scholarship, and Advanced Placement Art & Design Exams
- AP 2D Art & Design
- AP 3D Art & Design
- AP Drawing





# Mercy

difference

## International Coalition of Girls' Schools

Mercy High School is a Founding Member of the International Coalition of Girls' Schools, a powerful global network that is united in elevating women's leadership worldwide by educating and empowering our students to be ethical, globally minded changemakers. ICGS is the leading advocate for girls' schools, connecting and collaborating globally with individuals, schools, and mission-aligned entities dedicated to educating and empowering girls.

International Coalition of Girls' Schools



# icgs

Advancing Girls' Education Globally

[girlsschools.org](http://girlsschools.org)

## Girls' School Advantage

- **Greater Cultural Competency**
- **Stronger Community Involvement**
- **Increased Civic & Political Engagement**
- **Fostering Her Voice**
- **Develops Leadership Skills**
- **Builds Self Confidence**
- **Dedicated to How Girls Learn**
- **Inspirational Environment**
- **Academic Achievement**
- **Fosters Increased Interest & Confidence in STEM**
- **Excellent Mentoring**
- **Free From Stereotypes**
- **Higher Aspirations**
- **Prepares Girls for the Real World**

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