

The

Mercy

Difference





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



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.

Traditions

Heart of Mercy
Moving Up
Make a Difference Day
Baccalaureate Mass
Honors Convocation
Adviser Group
Kairos
Link Crew
Spirit Week
Homecoming
Ethnic Bazaar
Christmas Assembly
Auction
Sweepstakes Drive
White Dresses &
Roses at Graduation
Senior All Night Party
Tea For Tuition
Father Daughter Dance
Golf Outing
Valedictorian &
Salutatorian Tea
Frosh Fun Fest
New Parent Party



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.



SUSCIPE

My God, I am yours for time and eternity.

Teach me to cast myself entirely
into the arms of your loving Providence
with a lively, unlimited confidence in your
compassionate, tender pity.

Grant, O most merciful Redeemer,
That whatever you ordain or permit
may be acceptable to me.

Take from my heart all painful anxiety;
let nothing sadden me but sin,
nothing delight me but the hope of coming
to the possession of You
my God and my all,
in your everlasting kingdom.

Spiritual Retreats

Faith on Friday

Community Service

Mass

Chaplain

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Daily Morning Prayer

Campus Ministry



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>



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.

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

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.

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Be a Mercy Girl

Welcome from the Admissions Office

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.

While this is a unique school year, please know we are here to help your family and future Marlin through the Mercy Admissions process. We invite you to read through the brochure and check out the supplement about our COVID-19 School Plan and learning models to see how Mercy is helping our students continue to grow academically, spiritually and socially.

We look forward to meeting you!

Amy Sill Iacobell '93 & Kelly Stirling McSweeney '93

There's a place for you at Mercy. Experience the sisterhood!

Virtual Catholic High School Information Nights (7th & 8th graders)
October 2020

In-person tour of the campus (8th graders)

Sign-up for a safe and socially distant tour date on our website beginning October 2020.

Submit Your Application Online (8th graders)

Application materials due by Friday, December 18, 2020

Application will be live mid-October at <https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions/application>

Take a virtual tour anytime at [mhsmi.org](https://www.mhsmi.org).

Stay connected to the latest Mercy Admissions news, prospective student events, virtual shadow opportunities and more at <https://www.mhsmi.org/admissions>.



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Admissions Info



Schedule & Courses

Sample Freshwoman Schedule

DAILY SCHEDULE	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
1ST HOUR 8:00-8:50	H		H	H	H	H
2ND HOUR 8:55-9:44	E	E	E		E	E
3RD HOUR 9:49-10:38		L	L	L	L	L
ADVISER PERIOD 10:42-11:02	20 MINUTE		BREAK	EACH	DAY	
4TH HOUR 11:06-11:55	M	M		M	M	M
5TH HOUR 12:00-12:49	I	I	I	I		I
6TH HOUR 12:54-1:43	B	B	B	B	B	
7TH HOUR 1:48-2:37		T	T	T	T	T

CLASS CODES

PINK / H = WORLD HISTORY

YELLOW / E = ENGLISH

GREEN / L = WORLD LANGUAGE

HOT PINK / M = MATH

DARK YELLOW / I = iEXPLORE

BLUE / B = BIOLOGY

RED / T = INTRO TO THEOLOGY

WHITE = UNSCHEDULED TIME

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)

Graduation Requirements

English 8 semesters

Mathematics 8 semesters

Social Studies 6 semesters

Science 6 semesters

World Language 4 semesters

Religious Studies 7 semesters

Health 1 semester

Phys Education/Swim 1 semester

Speech 1 semester

iExplore 1 semester

Visual/Performing Arts 2 semesters

Electives 3 semesters



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

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History
 AP World History
 American Government
 AP U.S. Government & Politics
 American History
 AP American History
 Economics
 Contemporary Issues
 Psychology
 Law in Action

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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

MATHEMATICS

Math Lab
 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

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

COMPUTER/BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

iExplore: Creating solutions
 for real problems
 Accounting I
 Entrepreneurship,
 Marketing & Media
 Life Skills & Personal Finance
 AP Computer Science A
 AP Computer Science Principles

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 I
 Spanish 2
 Honors Spanish 2
 Spanish 3
 Honors Spanish 3
 Spanish 4
 AP Spanish
 Latin I
 Latin 2
 Latin Poetry and Prose
 Honors Latin 3
 AP Latin

ART

Drawing
 Intermediate Drawing
 Painting
 Intermediate Painting
 Ceramics
 Intermediate Ceramics
 Jewellery
 Intermediate Jewellery
 Film & Animation
 Fibers
 Photography
 Digital Graphics
 Sculpture

PERFORMING ARTS

Glee
 Advanced Glee
 Mercyaires Honor Choir
 Orchestra
 Advanced Orchestra
 Speech
 Oral Interpretation
 Acting I
 Acting 2
 Broadcasting
 Theatre Production
 Actor's Workshop
 Directing
 Set Design
 Video Production

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
 AP Computer Science A

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

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT

Introduction to Engineering
 Statistics

Academics



Technology

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 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.
- Our teachers use Apple Classroom for classroom management and collaboration.
- 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) called Schoology.
- Real time grades and attendance information is available to our families through our Student Management System (SMS) called PowerSchool.
- Our students and staff have access to a wide variety of robust software tools such as Apple (Pages, Keynote, FinalCut), G-Suite (Google Docs, Slides, etc), Microsoft Office 365 and the Adobe Creative Cloud suite.
- 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 (Mac and Windows), Digital MakerSpace Room, 3-D Printers, Collaborative Corner.
- Our I.T. Department and Support Staff are on site and available every school day.
- Hybrid and Remote Learning Model technologies including the use of Swivl Classroom, Zoom Pro, interactive online streaming tools and innovative curriculum applications to continue learning at-home when needed without schedule disruption.



Athletics

Mercy High School upholds a strong tradition of competitive athletics in 20 sports.

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

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

Mercy Athletics By The Numbers

28 State Championships	21 State Runners-Up
32 State Final Four	37 State Quarter-Finalists
78 Regional Championships	161 Catholic League Championships
84 District Championships	25 Oakland County Championships

Teams

- Basketball
- Boardercross
- Bowling
- 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

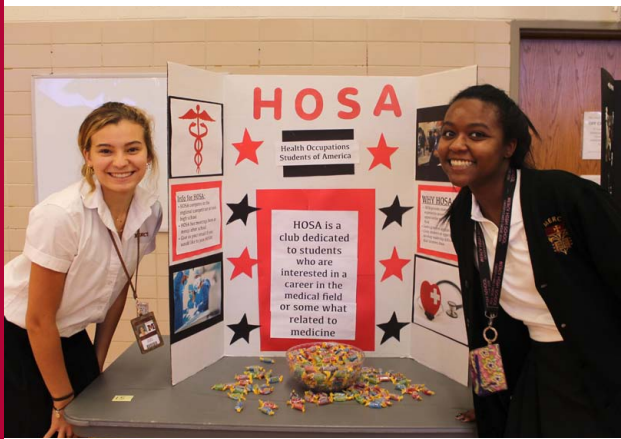
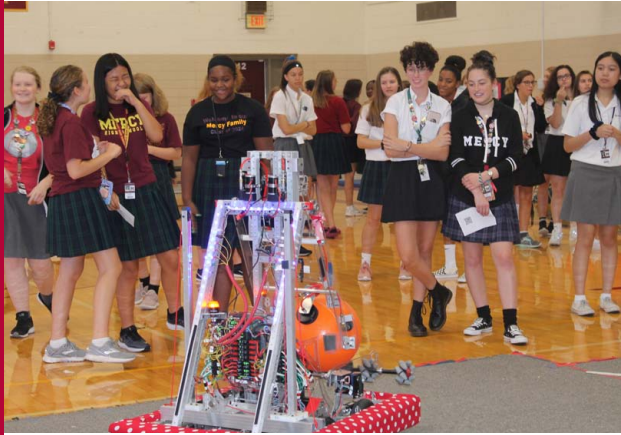


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Athletics



Activities & Clubs



- Animal Rights Club
- Archery
- Art Club
- Black Awareness Society
for Education (BASE)
- Business Professionals of America (BPA)
- CyberPatriots
- 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
- Italian Club
- iWizards
- Junior Classical League
- Kindness Club
- Mercy's Inspirations - Gospel Choir
- Mercy Works
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- National Honor Society
- Peace Club
- Peer 2 Peer Club
- Pro-Life Club
- Quiz Bowl
- Red Cross Club
- Robotics: The Riveters, Team 1481
- Science Club
- Spanish Honor Society
- Spirit Choir
- Spring Musical
- Student Government
- Table Tennis Club
- Team One Love
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Youth Mercy Associates



College Prep

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.

2020 Graduation Statistics

- 185 Mercy women in the Class of 2020
- \$16 million earned in college scholarships
- 16,000 hours of community service
- 25 AP Scholars, 16 AP Scholars with Honor, 6 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 1 National AP Scholar
- 1 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar
- 2 National Merit Program Commended Students
- 1 National Merit Program Finalist
- 5 Summa Cum Laude
- 35 Magna Cum Laude
- 15 Cum Laude
- 19 college bound athletes

The University of Michigan and Michigan State University were the top two schools attended by the Classes of 2010-2020.



Colleges Attended

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

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

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

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.



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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.

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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.

Take a virtual tour on our website at mhsmi.org.



Campus