

# Profile of the Mercy High School Class of 2026

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## Mercy 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.

## The Mercy Community

The **Mercy Education System of the Americas** is rooted in the Gospel, through the Catholic faith and the Mercy charism. Inspired by Catherine McAuley, Mercy Education nurtures highly competent and deeply compassionate leaders ready to serve a vulnerable world.

Mercy High School Michigan was founded in 1945. The student body is comprised of young women from over 57 metropolitan Detroit communities, giving Mercy a rich, multi-ethnic constituency from diverse, socio-economic backgrounds. Current Mercy Enrollment 9-12: 435; 18% of students identify as Black/African-American, 3% of students identify as Hispanic, 2% of students identify as East Asian, 1% of students identify as South Asian, 4% of students identify as Arab/Middle Eastern, 12% of students identify as multiracial persons of color; 64% of students are Catholic; 57% of students receiving gift aid.

## Accreditation

Recognized nationally as an Exemplary Private High School by the United States Department of Education, Mercy has been accredited by Cognia. Mercy has also been recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for innovation, leadership and educational excellence.

## Vision Statement

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.

## Core Values and Profile of the Graduate

Our Core Values are the hallmarks of a Mercy Education: *Compelled By Mercy; Educational Courage; Inspired By Faith; Principled Leadership; A Voice For Dignity and Respect*. 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. The Mercy Education Profile of the Graduate is how students come to manifest and embody our Core Values. It's 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. Visit [mhsmi.org/admissions/profile-graduate](http://mhsmi.org/admissions/profile-graduate).

## The Class of 2026

The Mercy Class of 2026 is comprised of 110 students representing 30 communities. It includes:  
10 AP Scholar with Honor, 18 AP Scholar, 9 National African-American Recognition Awardees, 4 National  
First-Generation Recognition Awardees and 1 National Hispanic Recognition Awardee

### Graduation Requirements

24 credits and 40 hours of community service are required to graduate.

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Science	3 credits
World Language	2 credits
Religious Studies	3.5 credits
Health/PE	1 credit
Speech	0.5 credit
iExplore	0.5 credit
Visual/Performing Arts	1 credit
Electives	1.5 credit

**Grading System:** Mercy High School uses a, 4.0 GPA scale. Students are not ranked.

### Percentage    Grade    Honor Points

100 - 92.5	A	4.0
92.4 - 89.5	A-	3.7
89.4 - 86.5	B+	3.3
86.4 - 82.5	B	3.0
82.4 - 79.5	B-	2.7
79.4 - 76.5	C+	2.3
76.4 - 72.5	C	2.0
72.4 - 69.5	C-	1.7
69.4 - 66.5	D+	1.3
66.4 - 62.5	D	1.0
62.4 - 59.5	D-	0.7
59.4 - 0	NCR	0.0

CR = credit with no grade  
NCR = no grade/no credit  
IP = work still in progress

### Standardized Test Score Data

#### ACT Composite Scores: Class of 2026

# of testers 58  
Mercy Mean: 24

#### SAT Scores Class of 2026

# of testers: 33  
Mercy Mean: 1163 total  
ERW: 599; Math: 565

### Weighted GPA

Beginning in the 2022-2023 Mercy High School began weighting AP courses with a 0.5 weight. This was retroactively applied to current Mercy students.

Honors and Dual Enrollment courses are not weighted.

### Class of 2026 Unweighted GPA Distribution

GPA	Students	Percentage of Class
4	7	6%
3.99-3.75	38	35%
3.74-3.50	23	21%
3.49-3.25	13	12%
3.24-3.00	6	5%
2.99-2.75	11	10%
2.74-2.50	4	4%
2.49-2.25	4	4%
2.24-2.00	2	2%
<1.99	2	2%

## **COURSES OFFERED BY DISCIPLINE**

### **ART**

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

### **BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY**

Accounting 1  
Entrepreneurship, Marketing, and Media  
Life Skills & Personal Finance  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP Computer Science A  
Intro to Engineering (Dual Enrollment)

### **ENGLISH**

English 9  
Honors English 9  
English 10  
Honors English 10  
AP English Literature and Composition  
Advanced Composition  
Contemporary Literature  
Creative Writing  
Literature to Film  
Mythology  
Great Books  
Young Adult Literature  
Studies in Short Fiction  
Women in British Literature  
Women's Literature  
World Cultures in Literature  
Journalism  
Advanced Journalism  
Yearbook Design  
Yearbook Production

### **MATHEMATICS**

Concepts of Algebra I  
Algebra 1  
Honors Algebra I  
Math Lab  
Applied Geometry  
Geometry  
Honors Geometry  
Concepts of Algebra II  
Algebra II  
Honors Algebra II - Trigonometry  
Pre-Calculus  
Honors Pre-Calculus  
Calculus  
AP Calculus AB  
Probability and Statistics  
College Algebra  
AP Statistics

### **PERFORMING ARTS**

Marlin & Varsity Chorus  
Mercyaires Honor Choir  
Orchestra & Advanced Orchestra  
Speech  
Acting I & II  
Theater Production  
Broadcasting  
Makeup & Costume Design  
Directing

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Health  
Fitness Swim/Weight Training  
Lifeguard Training  
Lifetime Fitness  
Nutrition and Exercise  
Swim/Physical Education  
Science of Happiness and Wellbeing

### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Introductory Theology  
The Bible  
Christian Morality  
Christian Tradition/Historical Context  
Catholic Theology  
Women in the Bible  
Relationships  
Justice & Peace  
World Religions  
Prayer & Spirituality

### **SCIENCE**

Biology  
Honors Biology  
AP Biology  
ChemCom - Chemistry in the Community  
Chemistry  
Honors Chemistry  
AP Chemistry  
Forensic Science  
Human Genetics  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Microbiology: Survey of Microorganisms & Lab Tech.  
Microbiology: Host and Microbe Relationships  
Physics  
AP Physics 1  
AP Environmental Science

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

World History  
AP World History  
American Government  
AP United States Government & Politics  
American History  
AP United States History  
Economics  
Law in Action  
Psychology  
AP Psychology  
AP African American Studies  
Contemporary Issues

### **WORLD LANGUAGES**

French 1, 2, 3  
Honors French 2  
Honors French 3  
French for Careers  
AP French Language and Culture  
Latin 1, 2  
Honors Latin 3  
Latin Prose and Poetry/Gods  
Latin Prose and Poetry/Heroes  
AP Latin  
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4  
Honors Spanish 2  
Honors Spanish 3  
AP Spanish Language and Culture

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT, HONORS and DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES**

Students typically begin AP courses in the junior year. Placement in first-year Honors courses is determined by the Mercy High School Placement Test and individual family conversations. After the first year, students are free to enroll in any Honors or AP course and receive guidance from their teachers and school counselors.

In the 2024-2025 school year, 385 AP exams were administered. 24% received a 3, 32% received a 4, and 19% received a 5 on their respective AP exam.

### **Advanced Placement Courses**

AP Biology	AP Spanish
AP Chemistry	AP US History
AP Physics 1	AP US Government & Politics
AP Calculus AB	AP World History
AP English Literature	AP Psychology
AP French	AP Computer Science A
AP Latin	AP Computer Science Principles
AP Art 2D & 3D	AP Environmental Science
AP Drawing	AP African American Studies
AP Statistics	

### **Honors Courses**

Honors English 9	Honors Biology
Honors English 10	Honors Chemistry
Honors Algebra 1	Honors Geometry
Honors Alg 2/Trig	Honors Precalculus
Honors French 2	Honors French 3
Honors Spanish 2	Honors Spanish 3
Honors Latin 3	

### **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Mercy High School has partnered with Lawrence Technological University to offer the following dual enrollment courses on-site.

Introduction to Engineering (LTU EGE1012)

## **Class of 2025 Post-Secondary Plans** **Self-reported through Class of 2025 Exit Survey**

4-Year Public Institution (MI)	74	52%
4-Year Private Institution (MI)	14	10%
4-Year Public Institution (Out-of-State)	23	16%
4-Year Private Institution (Out-of-State)	35	24%
Community College/Trade School (MI)	1	0.70%
Undecided	1	0.70%