



2026 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION GOWNS

Dear Mercy Senior and Parent/Guardian,

The Mercy High School graduation is a long-standing tradition and point of pride, as well as the formal culmination of your daughter's Mercy education. We ask each graduate to wear a **FLOOR LENGTH WHITE FLOWING GOWN** for this solemn occasion. (Tight fitting dresses are not practical for walking up and down steps). For the dignity of the celebration, please keep in mind body type, comfort and modesty when selecting your gown.

Requirements for graduation attire:

- Dress must be **white** (not ivory, off white, etc. including trims)
- Dress may be sleeveless as long there are **two straps** at least two inches in width
- Dress may *not* be strapless, backless, heavily beaded, off the shoulders, one strap, mermaid or high/low style
- Dress must be **FLOOR LENGTH (not above the ankle, or mid-calf)**
- Dress may *not* show cleavage
- Dress may *not* have slits in the front, back or sides
- Dress may *not* have a train
- Avoid clingy or stretchy material
- **White dress shoes** are required (no sneakers, Birkenstocks, etc.)
- Graduates may *not* wear shawls, hats or other accessories
- Proper foundation garments are a must, long slips or extra lining is recommended (Please keep in mind that the venue lighting may make dresses see-through)

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, every student must have her white graduation gown approved by Dr. Cheryl Kreger or her assistant, Mrs. Marlene Wojcik. You are welcome to bring your choice of dress to the Advancement Office for approval at any time during the school day or you can send a picture of the front and back of the dress or a picture of you wearing the dress. Send pictures to cdkreger@mhsmi.org or mmwojcik@mhsmi.org. All seniors ***must have their dress approved by May 1, 2026.***

Begin shopping for a gown immediately or buy the material and pattern to have it made. Please do not wait until April. There is also a limited selection of gently used donated gowns available in the Advancement Office.

These requirements assure that every graduate looks her best and the ceremony is dignified. The Administration and staff of Mercy High School look forward to a beautiful graduation ceremony with your assistance.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Delaney Kreger, Ed.D.
President

***Gently Used Dresses are available in the Advancement Department for \$25
Proceeds will help support the Senior class all night party***