



OUR LADY OF MERCY

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN

2016-2017 SCHOOL PROFILE

Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women

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Location, Description and Accreditation

Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women, a Catholic secondary school for grades 6 to 12, is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and is nationally accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The school is located in the Rochester, New York suburb of Brighton, within the Penfield School District. Students who successfully complete the application process join the student body drawn from 38 local area school districts and several different countries. The school educates approximately 800 students in grades 6 to 12.

Administration and Faculty

The Mercy administration consists of a President, a Principal, two Vice Presidents, an Assistant Principal, a Middle School Principal, and a Curriculum Coordinator. The faculty consists of 64 certified teachers and 4 full-time counselors, virtually all of whom have earned Masters' degrees in their disciplines.

Curriculum

Mercy's academic program is college preparatory following both national, and college and career readiness standards.

- Honors courses are offered in English, Languages Other Than English (LOTE), mathematics and social studies.
- Advanced Placement courses are offered in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, European History, French Language, Latin, Physics, Physics 2, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, 3D Studio Arts, US Government and Politics, US History and World History. If a student has an interest in an AP course not offered at Mercy she may have the opportunity to take the course online.
- Dual Credit courses are offered in Accounting, Advanced Microsoft Applications, Calculus, Entrepreneurial Studies, Global Environment, Personal Finance and Principles of Business.

Graduation Requirements

- Students are required to earn 7.5 credits in Grades 9 and 10, and a minimum of 7 credits in Grades 11 and 12.
- Grade 12 students enrolled in 3 or more Advanced Placement courses have the option of taking a minimum of 6 credits.
- Students must earn credit for 4 years of English, 4 years of social studies, 4 years of mathematics, 3 years of LOTE, 3 years of science, 4 years of theology, and 4 years (2 credits) of physical education.
- Additional elective credits may be used to obtain a minimum of 29 credits.

All Mercy graduates complete the *MOTTO*, a capstone project that allows them to connect their talents, passions and interests through a coordinated effort developing and executing research, service and presentation.

Student Academic Profile

Each year, between 98% and 100% of Mercy graduates go on to higher education. In 2016, 100% of our graduates went on to higher education and earned over 24 million dollars in scholarship offers.

Advanced Placement

488 exams administered in May 2016	Scholar w/ Distinction 31
79.7% received a score of 3 or higher	Scholar w/ Honor 32
20% over national percentage scoring 3+	Scholar 38

Average SAT and ACT scores for graduating classes at Mercy are consistently above the national averages. The average of the mean scores for the last three years, 2014-2016, are outlined below.

SAT

OLM/Nat'l	OLM/Nat'l	OLM/Nat'l
Critical Reading	Math	Writing
565/496	563/514	575/488

ACT Composite

OLM/Nat'l
24.8/21.1

Academic Recognition

Beginning with the Class of 2016, students will be recognized at graduation with the following designation:

Summa Cum Laude – a cumulative average of 95% or above with the completion of at least 3 AP or dual credit courses

Magna Cum Laude – a cumulative average of 90% or above with the completion of at least 2 AP or dual credit courses

Cum Laude – a cumulative average of 85% or above with the completion of at least 1 AP or dual credit courses

Class of 2016 Diploma Distribution –

Summa Cum Laude	33 students
Magna Cum Laude	47 students
Cum Laude	29 students
Mercy	24 students

Transcripts and Grade Reporting

Rank is not assigned. Advanced Placement and Dual Credit course grades are weighted by 1.04, and honors courses by 1.02. Numeric grades are used at Mercy. Following are letter grade equivalents:

95 to 100 = A+	75 to 79 = C+	P = Pass
90 to 94 = A	70 to 74 = C	F = Fail
85 to 89 = B+	65 to 69 = D	
80 to 84 = B	Below 65 = F	

National Merit Scholarship Program

In the Class of 2016, three students in the class received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding promise.

Post Secondary Education

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number in graduating class	145	145	133	131	133
Higher Education	141	145	133	131	133
Four-year college	127	134	127	124	124
Two-year college	15	11	6	7	9
Other education / work	0	0	0	0	0
Exchange student	0	0	6	7	7

College and University Attendance

Among the colleges and universities that recent Mercy graduates attend are:

- Belmont University
- Bentley University
- Boston College
- Canisius College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve
- Clarkson University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Cornell University
- Duquesne University
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Hamilton College
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Howard University
- Indiana University
- Ithaca College
- John Carroll University
- LeMoyné College
- Loyola College in Maryland and Chicago
- Michigan State University
- Nazareth College
- Oakland University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Providence College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Saint Michael's College
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John Fisher College
- St. John's University
- St. Lawrence University
- SUNY Geneseo
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rochester
- Villanova University
- Xavier University