



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, two Assistant Principals, and a Middle School Principal. The faculty consists of 64 certified teachers and four 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 seven and a half credits in Grades 9 and 10, and a minimum of seven credits in Grades 11 and 12.
- All students are required to take at least one dual credit or Advanced Placement course.
- Grade 12 students enrolled in three or more Advanced Placement courses have the option of taking a minimum of six credits.
- Students must earn credit for four years of English, four years of social studies, four years of mathematics, three years of LOTE, three years of science, four years of theology, and four years (two 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 2017, 100% of our graduates went on to higher education and earned over \$20 million in scholarship offers.

Advanced Placement

471 exams administered in May 2017	Scholar w/ Distinction 22
67% received a score of 3 or higher	Scholar w/ Honor 25
7% over national percentage scoring 3+	Scholar 42

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, 2015-2017, are outlined below.

SAT

Critical Reading	Math	Writing
551/496	555/514	563/488
Mercy/Nat'l	Mercy/Nat'l	Mercy/Nat'l

ACT Composite

25.2/21.1
Mercy/Nat'l

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

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 three AP or dual credit courses

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

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

Class of 2017 Diploma Distribution –

Summa Cum Laude	23 students
Magna Cum Laude	36 students
Cum Laude	35 students
Mercy Diploma	12 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 2017, three students received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding potential.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Number in graduating class	145	133	131	133	106
Higher Education	145	133	131	133	104
Four-year college	127	134	127	124	99
Two-year college	11	6	7	9	5
Other education/work	0	0	0	0	2

College and University Attendance

Colleges and universities that Mercy graduates attend include:

- Bentley University
- Boston College
- Canisius College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve
- Clarkson University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Cornell University
- Culinary Institute of America
- Dartmouth College
- Duquesne University
- Fordham University
- Hamilton College
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- High Point University
- Ithaca College
- John Carroll University
- LeMoyné College
- Loyola College in Maryland and New Orleans
- Michigan State University
- Mercyhurst University
- Nazareth College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Providence College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Salve Regina University
- Stonehill College
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John Fisher College
- SUNY Geneseo
- Union College
- University of Dayton
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Tampa
- University of Rochester
- Villanova University
- Xavier University

