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 Dean. The faculty consists of 64 certified teachers and five 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 99% and 100% of Mercy graduates go on to higher education. In 2018, our graduates earned over $26 million in cumulative scholarship offers.

Advanced Placement
596 exams administered in May 2018
73% received a score of 3 or higher
9% over national percentage scoring 3+

National AP Scholar: 6
Scholar w/ Distinction: 27
Scholar w/ Honor: 24
Scholar: 41

Average SAT and ACT scores for graduating classes at Mercy are consistently above the national averages. The average of the mean scores for the Class of 2018 are:

SAT
(based on 114 student scores)
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW): 620
Math: 580

ACT Composite
(based on 58 student scores)
25.8

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. A 4.5 grading scale is used at Mercy. Following are alpha to 4.5 scale equivalents:

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National Merit Scholarship Program
In the Class of 2018, two students were finalists and three students received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding potential.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

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College and University Attendance

Colleges and universities that Mercy graduates attend include:

- Alleghany College
- Bentley University
- Boston College
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve
- Cleveland Art Institute
- Colgate University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Hamilton College
- Hobart & William Smith Colleges
- Holy Cross
- Indiana University
- Ithaca College
- John Carroll University
- Johns Hopkins University
- LeMoyne College
- Loyola College in Maryland
- Manhattan College
- Michigan State University
- Mercyhurst University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Providence College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John Fisher College
- St. Joseph’s University
- SUNY Buffalo
- SUNY Geneseo
- Syracuse University
- Tulane University
- Union College
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware
- University of Maryland
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Toronto
- University of Rochester
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- Villanova University
- Wellesley College
- Xavier University
- Yale University