



MERION MERCY ACADEMY

An independent, Catholic, college preparatory school for young women

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CLASS OF
2018

123 students

*Cum. GPA (mid 50%)
3.45 – 4.04

*Cum. GPA (average)
3.70

*Weighted 4.3 scale

**Merion Mercy
Academy does not
rank its students.**

**National Merit
Recognition
past five years:
15 Finalists
32 Commended
Students**

CLASS OF
2017

**SAT Scores
(mid-50%)**

**Critical Reading
520-620
Math
500-620**

**Academic College
Scholarships
419**

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

MISSION

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, Catholic, college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, offers a holistic education which encourages academic and personal excellence. Its curriculum stresses mercy spirituality, global awareness, and social responsibility. Within a nurturing community, Merion Mercy Academy educates leaders: young women who live mercy and seek justice.

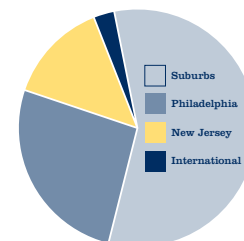
SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Merion Mercy Academy, founded in 1884, is located on a 36-acre campus in a residential suburb of Philadelphia. Approximately 50% of its students commute from the suburbs, 33% from the city of Philadelphia, 12% from New Jersey. International students comprise 5% of the student body. The countries they represent are China, Egypt, and Vietnam. 100% of graduates attend 4-year colleges. Enrollment is based on a selective admissions process.

In 2017-2018, 34% of Merion Mercy students in Grades 9-12 receive financial aid; 21% have been awarded merit scholarships. The faculty is comprised of four Sisters of Mercy, one Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and 44 lay men and women. There are 7 Sisters of Mercy in auxiliary positions. The student to faculty ratio is 10:1.

Merion Mercy Academy is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The school is a member of:

- Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools
- National Catholic Education Association
- Mercy Education System of the Americans
- Independent School Management
- Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools
- National Association for College Admission Counseling



SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- A Merion Mercy junior represented the English-Speaking Union of Philadelphia at the National Shakespeare Recitation Competition.
- The Mock Trial team won the Delaware County Districts for the third year in a row.
- “Night for Nigeria” event raised over \$10,000 for education of girls in Nigeria.
- Two juniors received a Distinction Award for Aspirations in Computing by the National Center for Women & Information Technology, and faculty member Mrs. Aimee Quinn received the Educator Award also from NCWIT.
- Athletics scored big with the Crew team taking Gold medals at City’s, Stotesbury, and Nationals; the Field Hockey team reached the State Championship.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Graduation Requirements: 24 credits minimum; 6 credits per year

Theology	4	Mathematics	3	Effective Writing	.5
English	4	Science	3	Health/Phys. Ed.	1
Social Studies	3	Foreign Language	2	Electives	3.5

*Most students are encouraged to study at least one foreign language for three or four years and to take four years of mathematics.

The academic year is divided into two semesters, with 1.0 credit granted for successful completion of year-long courses and .5 credit granted for semester courses.

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COURSES OF STUDY

For entering freshmen, placement in some courses is dependent upon testing and previous achievements. For students entering grades 10-12, placement in all A-level and in all AP courses requires teacher recommendation and/or department approval.

Department	College Prep	College Prep Elective (semester courses unless otherwise indicated)	Advanced (A-Level)	AP
Theology (semester courses)	Hebrew Scriptures (9) Christian Scriptures (9) Church History (10) Sacraments (10) Morality (11) Social Justice (11) Christian Spirituality (12) Christian Women (12)			
English	Foundations in Writing (S) Literature and Writing (9) American Literature (10) Effective Writing (10) British Literature (11) Two (2) semester electives (10, 11, or 12)	Contemporary Literature Dramatic Literature and the Theatre Fiction and Poetry Writing Gothic Literature Speech and Contemporary Issues Jane Austin A (S)	Literature and Writing A American Literature A British Literature A Contemporary Literature A (S) World Mythology (S)	AP English Literature and Composition (12)
Mathematics	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry (S) Probability, Statistics, Analytical Geometry (S)	Pre-Calculus (S/Y) † Statistics	Algebra 1A Geometry A (S) Probability, Statistics, Analytical Geometry (S) Algebra 2A Pre-Calculus A Advanced Pre-Calculus A Calculus A	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP Computer Science Principles
Science	Scientific Methods, Applications, Reasoning, and Theory (S) Biology Chemistry One (1) additional full-year course or equivalent	Biotechnology & Bioethics (S/Y) † § Earth Science (Y) § Environmental Science (Y) § Physics (Y)	Biology A Chemistry A Physics A Physiology A (S/Y) †	AP Biology § AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science §
Social Studies	Cultures in World History (9) Modern United States History (11) U.S. Government (12 – one semester) One (1) semester elective	Economics in Modern Society Introduction to Law Psychology Sociology Themes in U.S. History World Geography	U.S. Government A (S)	AP U.S. History (11) AP U.S. Government and Politics (12)
Languages	Spanish 1, 2	Spanish 3, 4 (Y)	French 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A Latin 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A Spanish 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A	AP French Language AP Spanish Language
Art		Principles of Design 1 Foundations of Digital Design Principles of Design 2	Art Major 1A, 2A, 3A	
Music		Applied Music Choral Music	Music Major 1A, 2A, 3A	

ONLINE COURSES

Students with academic interests not specifically offered within our regular curriculum can enroll in online courses through Apex Learning or other approved online providers. These courses are scheduled into their roster. Courses have included: AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, Arabic 1A and 2A, and Mandarin Chinese 1A and 1B, AP World History, Intro to Comp Sci, Honors Earth Science, AP Physics 1.

Required Minor Courses (not included in GPA): Art (9), Guidance (9), Health (9, 10), Math (9, 10), Media Literacy (9), Music (9), Physical Education (9, 10), Technology Resources (9)

(S) = Semester; (Y) = Year; (S/Y) † = may be taken as a semester or a full-year course; § = offered in alternate years

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students participate in **36** different clubs, **14** service organizations, **12** varsity sports, one club sport, intramurals, and dance team. Although not required, service is an integral part of daily life at Merion Mercy Academy. Students travel to Kentucky, New Jersey, Philadelphia, and West Virginia to participate in summer service projects.

Honor Societies

National Honor Society; National Art, French, History, Latin, Mathematics, Music, Science, and Spanish Honor Societies