



MERION MERCY ACADEMY

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CLASS OF 2020

107 students

*Cum. GPA (mid 50%)
3.51 – 4.06

*Cum. GPA (average)
3.71

*Weighted 4.3 scale

Merion Mercy Academy does not rank its students.

National Merit Recognition past five years: 12 Finalists 29 Commended Students

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SAT Scores (mid-50%)

**Critical Reading 570-680
Math 540-670**

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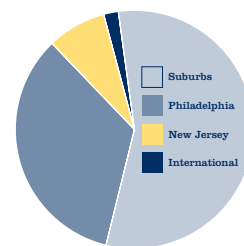
SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020

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 56% of its students commute from the suburbs, 34% from economically diverse neighborhoods in the city of Philadelphia, 8% from New Jersey, and 2% international students. The countries represented by our international students are China and Vietnam. 100% of graduates attend 4-year colleges. Enrollment is based on a selective admissions process.



In 2019-2020, 44% of Merion Mercy students in Grades 9-12 receive financial aid; 23% have been awarded merit scholarships. The faculty is comprised of four Sisters of Mercy, one IHM Sister and 42 lay men and women. The student to faculty ratio is 9:1.

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:

- Mercy Education System of the Americas
- National Association of Independent Schools
- National Coalition of Girls' Schools
- Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools
- Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools

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)	Religious Experience (9) The Hebrew Scriptures (9) Church History (10) Sacraments (10) Christian Ethics and Morality (11) Social Justice Leadership (11) Christian Spirituality (12) Spirituality in Praxis (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 Gothic Literature Speech and Contemporary Issues World Mythology	Literature and Writing A American Literature A British Literature A Contemporary Literature A (S) Jane Austen A (S)	AP English Literature and Composition (12)
Mathematics	Algebra 1, 2 Geometry (S) Probability, Stats, Analytical Geometry (S)	Pre-Calculus (S/Y) † Statistics Introduction to Computer Programming	Algebra 1A, 2A Geometry A Pre-Calculus A Advanced Pre-Calculus A Calculus A Probability, Stats, Analytical Geometry A (S)	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) Themes in U.S. History A (S)	AP U.S. History (11) AP U.S. Government and Politics (12) AP Human Geography
Languages	Spanish 1, 2 French 1, 2	Spanish 3, 4 (Y)	French 2A, 3A, 4A Latin 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A Spanish 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A	AP Latin AP Spanish Language AP French
Art		Foundations of Digital Design 1, 2 Principles of Design 1, 2 Media Arts Make Art History!	Art Major 1A, 2A, 3A	
Music		Applied Music Choral Music Acting 1, 2 Musical Theater/Opera Orchestral Music	Music Major 1A	Music Major 2A, AP Music Theory

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

A-level (honors) and Advanced Placement (AP) are not open enrollment. Students must be recommended by their previous year teacher based on their success in the preceding course along with factors such as work ethic, maturity, class participation, and critical thinking skills. Freshmen are placed in A-level courses based on their middle school transcript and placement exam performance. AP courses are generally offered to juniors and seniors. Due to the rigor of MMA's curriculum, students are strongly encouraged to limit the number of AP classes they take in an academic year. Students who enroll in an AP course are required to take the corresponding AP exam. During the 2018-2019 school year, 129 students took 213 AP exams. 74% of the students earned scores of 3 or better. 57% of the 105 members of the class of 2019 took an average total of 2.8 AP courses at MMA.

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, AP Physics 1, Arabic 1A and 2A, Mandarin Chinese 1A and 1B, AP World History, Intro to Comp Sci, Honors Earth Science, Personal Finance, AP Computer Science A, AP European History, Creative Writing.

Required Minor Courses (not included in GPA): Art (9), Freshmen Seminar (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