



MERION MERCY ACADEMY

An independent, Catholic, college preparatory school for young women

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**CLASS OF
2019**

105 students

***Cum. GPA (mid 50%)
3.36 – 3.99**

***Cum. GPA (average)
3.64**

***Weighted 4.3 scale**

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

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

**CLASS OF
2018**

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

**Critical Reading
560-700
Math
540-690**

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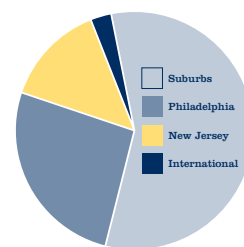
SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-2019

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 53% of its students commute from the suburbs, 30% from economically diverse neighborhoods in the city of Philadelphia, 12% from New Jersey, and 5% international students. The countries represented by our international students are Afghanistan, Chile, China and Vietnam. 100% of graduates attend 4-year colleges. Enrollment is based on a selective admissions process.



In 2018-2019, 34% of Merion Mercy students in Grades 9-12 receive financial aid; 24% 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
- Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools
- Independent School Management
- National Association for College Admission Counseling
- Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling
- National Catholic Education Association
- Pennsylvania Association of 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)	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 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)
Languages	Spanish 1, 2 French 1	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		Foundations of Digital Design 1, 2 Principles of Design 1, 2	Art Major 1A, 2A, 3A	
Music		Applied Music Choral Music Acting Musical Theatre	Music Major 1A, 2A, 3A	

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 2017-2018 school year, 131 students took 242 AP exams. 67% of the students earned scores of 3 or better. 67% of the 123 members of the class of 2018 took an average total of 3.4 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, and 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), 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

HONORS

Distinguished Honors

GPA of 4.0 with no GP below 3.5

Conduct grade of at least 88

No "U" for minor courses (PE, Health etc.)

Carry at least 6 credits

Honors

GPA of 3.5 with no GP below 3.0

Conduct grade of at least 83

No "U" for minor courses (PE, Health etc.)

Carry at least 6 credits

GRADING SYSTEM

Report cards are issued twice each year in January and in June. Letter grades are assigned according to the scale below. A grade of D or better is passing. An F is a failing grade.

Grade	Range	Grade Points (GP)
A+	97 – 100	4.3
A	93 – 96	4.0
A-	91 – 92	3.75
B+	88 – 90	3.5
B	83 – 87	3.0
B-	81 – 82	2.75
C+	78 – 80	2.5
C	73 – 77	2.0
D	70 – 72	1.0
F	69 & below	0.0

Increment

+ 0.2 to each GP for A level courses

+ 0.4 to each GP for AP level courses

No increment in the case of a failure (F).

A corresponding number of grade points (GP) is assigned based upon the course level. These grade points are used to determine the student's GPA.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students participate in **39** different clubs, **12** 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.

DISCIPLINARY DISCLOSURE POLICY

Disciplinary issues are private matters between the student, her family, and the school. As long as a student remains a member of the Merion Mercy Academy school community, it can be assumed she is in good standing and not subject to any extended interventions.

Class of 2019 Final Grade Distribution 2017–2018

Course	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F	Total
Morality	34	30	15	14	7		1				101
Social Justice	21	44	18	12	5		2				102
British Literature	2	5	8	20	22	5	3	1			66
British Literature A	1	10	7	8	4						30
Speech and Contemp. Issues				4	2						6
Geometry A		4	5	5	8	2	4				28
Geometry	1	7	4	5	10	2	5				34
Probability/Stat/AnalGeom A		3	4	11	4	1	1				24
Probability/Stat/AnalGeom		2	2	4	14	2	5	2	2		33
Pre-Calculus A		4	2	7	5						18
Adv. Pre-Calculus A	1	10	4	3	3		1				22
AP Statistics			1	3	2						6
AP Calculus BC		1									1
AP Computer Science Principles	2	2	5	1	1						11
AP Chemistry		1	3			2					6
Chemistry A		1		2	1	2	1				7
Chemistry	1	2	6	14	13	4		2			42
AP Biology			2	2	2						6
Physics A		6	2	1							9
Physiology A		2	2	3	6						13
Earth Science	5	3	3	1	2						14
Modern U.S. History	7	30	9	10	11	1					68
AP U.S. History	1	8	3	1	2						15
AP U.S. Government and Politics	1										1
Psychology	1	11	3	6	5						26
Sociology		4	2	1			1				8
World Geography	1	2	1	1	1						6
AP Macroeconomics					1						1
AP Microeconomics			1								1
AP Psychology	1	5	1								7
Spanish 2		1			4	2			1		8
Latin 3A	3	3	2		2	1					11
French 3A		3	1	3							7
Spanish 3A	5	9	4	3	8	1	1				31
Spanish 3		8	4	13	1						26
Art Major 2A		7	2	2							11

Honor Societies

Ntl Honor Society; Ntl Art, French, History, Latin, Mathematics, Music, Science, & Spanish Honor Societies



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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES – CLASS OF 2018

The schools listed below have accepted members of Merion Mercy Academy's Class of 2018.

The University of Alabama	Gwynedd Mercy University	University of Portland
Albright College	Hampton University	Providence College
American University	Haverford College	Purdue University
The American University in Cairo	Hendrix College	Queen Mary University of London
The American University of Paris	High Point University	Quinnipiac University
Amherst College	Hillsdale College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Arcadia University	Hofstra University	University of Rhode Island
The University of Arizona	Holy Family University	Rider University
Auburn University	Howard University	Rosemont College
Belmont University	University of Illinois	Rutgers University
Bloomsburg University	Immaculata University	Sacred Heart University
Boston College	Indiana University	Saint Joseph's University
Boston University	The University of Iowa	Saint Louis University
Bucknell University	Jacksonville University	Salve Regina University
Butler University	James Madison University	University of San Diego
Cabrini University	Jefferson University	University of San Francisco
Case Western Reserve University	Juniata College	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Catholic University of America	Kutztown University	The University of Scranton
College of Charleston	La Salle University	Seton Hall University
City University of London	Lafayette College	University of South Carolina
Clemson University	Lehigh University	Southern Methodist University
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola Marymount University	St. Bonaventure University
University of Colorado	Loyola University Chicago	St. John's University
Columbia University	Loyola University Maryland	Stockton University
Cornell University	Lynn University	Stony Brook University
Creighton University	Marquette University	Susquehanna University
University of Dayton	University of Maryland	Syracuse University
University of Delaware	Merrimack College	The University of Tampa
DePaul University	University of Miami	Temple University
DeSales University	Michigan State University	The Ohio State University
Drexel University	University of Michigan	Towson University
Duquesne University	University of Minnesota	Trinity College Dublin
East Stroudsburg University	Misericordia University	Tufts University
Eckerd College	Monmouth University	University College London
Elon University	Montclair State University	Ursinus College
Emerson College	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Vermont
Emmanuel College	Neumann University	Villanova University
Emory University	New York University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Fairfield University	Newcastle University	Virginia Tech
Florida Southern College	The University of North Carolina	University of Virginia
Florida State University	Northeastern University	Wake Forest University
Fordham University	Northern Arizona University	Washington State University
George Mason University	Norwich University	University of Washington
George Washington University	University of Notre Dame	West Chester University
Georgetown University	Old Dominion University	Widener University
Gonzaga University	Pennsylvania State University	Wilkes University
Goucher College	University of Pennsylvania	University of Wisconsin
Guilford College	University of Pittsburgh	Xavier University