



# Mercer Island High School

## Profile

### 2023-2024

#### The Community

Mercer Island, an island community located in the south end of Lake Washington, is linked to Seattle, a metropolitan city of approximately 750,000, by a floating bridge (I-90). The city of Mercer Island is primarily a residential area for approximately 25,000 people, most of whom are employed in professional and managerial positions in business and industry in Seattle and the surrounding areas.

#### The High School



Mercer Island High School (MIHS) is a comprehensive four-year public high school and includes Crest Learning Center – an alternative high school program. Local private and parochial school students also matriculate at Mercer Island High School. There are approximately 1,485 students

attending the high school. There are 398 seniors in the Class of 2024. On time graduation rate is 95%. The ethnic breakdown of the student population is 0.1% American Indian or Alaska Native, 25.5% Asian, 1.4% African American, 52.9% Caucasian, 6.7% Hispanic/Latino, 0.3% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 13.1% Multiracial. The full and part-time classroom educational staff totals 120.

#### Accreditation

Mercer Island High School is accredited by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and meets all requirements and standards established by the state of Washington.

#### Academic Day

The school day is from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and includes seven class periods of 50 minutes. A standard school day is six periods. Classes meet four times a week with two days being a 90 minute “double” period block.

#### Counseling Department

There are five full-time counselors. Each serves 300-350 students. Mercer Island High School is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC and PNACAC), the Washington Counselor Association, American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and Washington School Counselor Association (WSCA).

**Our purpose is to provide students with challenging educational activities and experiences that encourage students to reach their individual potential.**

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## School Honors and Awards

SAT Reasoning		
2023	Students Tested	Mean Score
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	264	664
Math	264	683

### Blue Ribbon

MIHS received the US Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award.

### MSN.com

The District was rated #1 in Washington State by MSN.com.

### 2020 College Success Award

Mercer Island High School is one of 2,158 schools in 29 states across the country to be honored with this award.

ACT		
	Students Tested	Mean Composite
2020	223	27.0
2021	265	28.1
2022	140	28.3

### College Board

MIHS was recognized by College Board in its AP District Honor Roll.

### MIHS Band

On the national stage, the MIHS Marching Band has performed at the Tournament of Roses Parade, multiple NFL halftime shows, and the New York Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The MIHS Wind Ensemble has performed at the Australian National Band Championships and as part of a performance tour of central China. Last spring, MISD was recognized nationally by the National Association of Music Merchants as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education".

AP Test Results			
	Students Tested	Test Taken	AP Scores 3 and Above
2020	474	1079	431
2021	409	908	339
2022	444	1031	835
2023	469	1117	902

**AP Scholars: 84**  
**AP Scholars with Honor: 47**  
**AP Scholars with Distinction: 71**  
**AP International Diploma: 1**

### MIHS Orchestra

Orchestra at MIHS is recognized across the state as a model of excellence in string performance. Students have traveled across the country and perform in numerous festivals each year. Many students participate in WMEA State Solo and Ensemble Contest as well as All-State and All-Northwest performing ensembles.

### MIHS Choir

MIHS Choir focuses on growth and excellence while exploring music of many different genres, languages, cultures, and backgrounds. Consistently earning "Superior" ratings at festivals and sending students to All-State, All-Northwest, and All-National honor groups each year

### MIHS Athletics

**FALL** Girls Swim and Dive State Champions  
**WINTER** Boys Swim and Dive State Champions  
**SPRING** Boys Lacrosse State Champions  
 Girls Tennis State Champions  
 Boys Tennis State Champions

National Merit Scholars		
	Semi-Finalists	Commended Scholars
Class of 2021	9	37
Class of 2022	13	20
Class of 2023	7	33
Class of 2024	12	27

### MIHS Drama

MIHS Drama is an award-receiving program, winning numerous acknowledgements through the years from the 5th Avenue Theatre Education Awards, the Washington State Thespians, the International Thespian Festival, the August Wilson monologue competition, and the Seattle Shakespeare Competition. Diversity is our strength. Inclusion is our philosophy. Creativity is our passion. Drama is our language.

### KIMH Radio 88.9 The Bridge

The KMIH student- staff continued their national reputation of excellence in high school broadcasting with five students winning the New York Times podcast contest. The radio students also continued to raise their profile by broadcasting the Seafair Gold Cup hydroplane races and Blue Angels air show. They served the community by broadcasting Mercer Island High School sports, appearing at city events such as Juneteenth and Summer Celebration, as well as creating campaigns for MIYFS and MI Parent Edge in support of student mental health and well-being.

## Curriculum Features

### Advanced Placement

Biology  
Calculus AB  
Calculus BC  
Chemistry  
Chinese Language and Culture  
Comparative Government & Politics  
Computer Science  
English Language & Composition  
English Literature & Composition  
Environmental Science  
French Language and Culture  
Macroeconomics  
Microeconomics  
Music Theory  
Physics 2  
Physics C Mechanics  
Psychology  
Spanish Language and Culture  
Statistics  
Studio Art 2D Art and Design  
Studio Art 3D Art and Design  
Studio Art Drawing  
United States History

### Honors

Algebra 2  
Chemistry 1  
Chemistry 2  
English 9  
English 10  
English 12  
Geometry  
Human Geography and Climate  
Modern World History  
Physics 1  
Physics 2  
Precalculus

### American Studies

This two-hour block integrates AP English Language Composition and AP US History.

### International Entrepreneurship

This course includes business/marketing and social studies curriculum that meets requirements for courses in these disciplines. Students may elect to apply credit to the 12th grade social studies requirement or for the College/Career Readiness (CCR) requirement.

### AP Comparative Government and English 12 Honors

This two-hour honors/AP integrated block fulfills the senior requirement for both Social Studies and English. Students earn one credit each in English and Social Studies.

### University of Washington Courses

Chinese 103  
Spanish 103

## OTHER PROGRAMS

### Crest Learning Center

Crest Learning Center, the high school's alternative program, provides a variety of alternative approaches to earning high school credit. The program is largely focused on community-based learning in smaller classes. Interdisciplinary instructional techniques focus on differentiation and project-based learning to meet students' individual needs. Crest also gives MISD students access to independent study courses and online learning options (WEB). Crest courses are designated on their MIHS transcript beginning with "W" in the course code.

### Counseling Resources

Two Mercer Island Youth and Family Services counselors are based full-time at the high school. These counselors are available to provide mental health counseling and support as well as substance abuse prevention and intervention services free of charge to any interested MIHS student.

### College in the High School

Students have the option of enrolling the University of Washington for college credit in designated courses.

#### *Pacific Northwest College Credit:*

Students in specific College/Career Readiness (CCR) courses are able to earn college credit from specific community and technical colleges. Articulations are reviewed on a regular basis to maintain alignment with college course expectations.

### Transcript Markings

**TR** **Transfer:** Course taken at another accredited high school prior to student's MIHS enrollment

**IND** **Independent study**

**WEB** **Online course**

**CR** **Credit only:** Course taken at another accredited institution during student's MIHS enrollment. It is the student's responsibility to send an official transcript from the credit-granting institution to colleges.

The Mercer Island School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Mercer Island School District offers classes in many College and Career Readiness Programs, admission to which is non-discriminatory. Lack of English-language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in those programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

**Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Coordinator:**  
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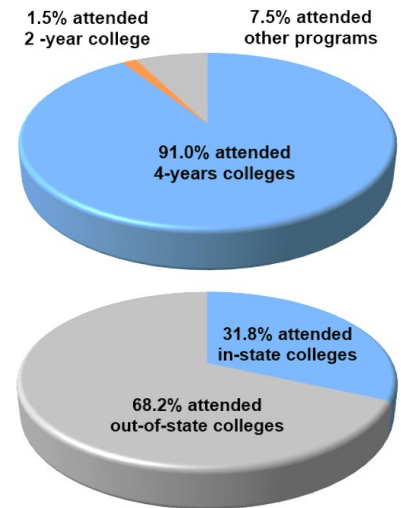
## 2023 College Acceptance

Academy of Interacting Entertainment  
 Alabama A&M University  
 American University  
 Amherst College  
 Arizona State University  
 Auckland University  
 Bellevue College  
 Belmont University  
 Bennington College  
 Boston College  
 Brandeis University  
 Brown University  
 California College of the Arts  
 California Lutheran University  
 California Polytechnic State San Luis Obispo  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Central Washington University  
 Chapman University  
 Claremont McKenna College  
 Clemson University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 Colorado College  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College  
 Duke University  
 Duquesne University  
 Eastern Washington University  
 Evergreen State College  
 Fairfield University  
 Franklin University, Switzerland  
 George Washington University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Gettysburg College  
 Gonzaga University  
 Harvey-Mudd College  
 Hope College  
 Indiana University  
 International University in Spain  
 Knox College  
 Lawrence University  
 Lehigh University  
 Lewis University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Maynooth University  
 McGill University  
 Michigan State University  
 Middlebury College  
 Montana State University  
 National Guard

Navy Union  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Northeastern University London  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Occidental College  
 Ohio State University  
 Oregon State University  
 Otis College of Art & Design  
 Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Pratt Institute  
 Purdue University  
 Queens University  
 Ringling College of Art & Design  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Saint Lois University in Madrid  
 Santa Clara University  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
 Scripps College  
 Seattle Central College  
 Seattle University  
 Skidmore College  
 South Hampton University  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Stanford University  
 Syracuse University  
 Texas Christian University  
 The New School  
 Trinity College Dublin  
 Trinity Valley College  
 Tulane University  
 U.S. Naval Academy  
 Universidad de Navarra  
 University of Alabama  
 University of Alaska Fairbank  
 University of Arizona  
 University of British Columbia  
 University of Calgary  
 University of California, Santa Cruz  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Irvine  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of Colorado, Boulder  
 University of Hawaii, Manoa  
 University of Denver  
 University of Florida  
 University of Glasgow  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of North Carolina  
 University of Oregon

University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Redlands  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Texas, Austin  
 University of Utah  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington, Bothell  
 University of Washington, Foster's School of Business  
 University of Washington, Seattle  
 University of Wisconsin  
 Villanova University  
 Washington State University  
 Washington University at St. Louis  
 Wellesley College  
 Western Washington University  
 Westmont College  
 Whitman College  
 Willamette University  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## Class of 2023 College Attendance



**Grading:** In accordance with District Policy, marks indicating achievement which meet standards for receiving credit will be: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, & F. Using the State 11-point Grade Table, GPAs will be calculated on the following basis:

A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0,  
 B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.7,  
 D+ = 1.3, D = 1.0, F = 0.0

“CR” indicates the student earned credit for an out-of-district course. Students are responsible for sending official transcripts for out-of-district coursework independently of the MIHS transcript.

## 2023 Graduation Requirements

### Distribution of Credits

#### Courses & Credits

Courses	Credits	Totals
English	4.0	P.E./Health..... 2.0
Fine Arts	2.0	College/Career Readiness
Science	3.0	..... 1.0
Social Studies	3.0	World Language..... 2.0
Mathematics	3.0	
		Specific content ..... 20.0
		Additional electives ..... 4.0
		Total required ..... 24.0

Students must earn a total of 24\* credits to graduate. One-half credit is earned for each semester class completed with a grade of D or higher.

**Rank Policy:** As of August 2020, MIHS no longer ranks students.