

Mercer Island High School

Profile 2024-2025

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01 Our Mission

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

02 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.

03 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

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04 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 373 seniors in the Class of 2025. The full and part-time classroom educational staff totals 120. 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.

05 Counseling Team

- Susie Brown
 - A-D Counselor
- Maddie LaPorte
 - E-J Counselor
- Laura Karson
 - K-M Counselor
- Molly Preston
 - N-Si Counselor
- Katy Johnson
 - Sj-Z Counselor
- Amanda Thrall
 - Counseling Secretary
- Robin Moore
 - Counseling Secretary
- Monica Moline
 - Registrar
- Debbie Hanson
 - Testing Coordinator
- Christy Kenyon
 - College and Career Specialist

06 R & R

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.

- Chris Harnish
 - MIYFS Counselor
- Caleb Visser
 - MIYFS Counselor

School Honors, Awards & Programs

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

02 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.

03 College Board

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

04 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.

05 MIHS Athletics & Clubs

Over 1,000 students participate in athletics throughout the year. From 2023-24, we have state titles in: Girls and Boys Swim and Dive; Girls and Boys Lacrosse; and Girls and Boys Tennis. Our students can participate in almost 60 different clubs and can always opt to start their own clubs as well.

06 KIMH Radio 88.9 The Bridge

The KMIH student- staff continued their national reputation and earned 16 national awards for excellence in broadcasting from Intercollegiate Broadcasting System.

07 MIHS Performing Arts

Orchestra at MIHS is recognized across the state as a model of excellence in string performance. Many students participate in WMEA State Solo and Ensemble Contest as well as All-State and All-Northwest performing ensembles.

MIHS Marching Band has taken the national stage by performing at The Tournament of Roses Parade, multiple NFL halftime shows, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. In 2023, MISD was recognized nationally by the National Association of Music Merchants as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education."

Drama is an award winning program with 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.

Choir consistently earns "Superior" ratings at festivals and sends students to All-State, All-Northwest, and All-National honor groups each year.

SAT Reasoning

2024	Students Tested	Mean Score
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	239	657
Math	239	666

ACT

	Students Tested	Mean Composite
2021	265	28.1
2022	140	28.3
2023	129	28.6

National Merit Scholars

	Semi-Finalists	Commended Scholars
Class of 2023	7	33
Class of 2024	12	27
Class of 2025	9	TBD

AP Test Results

	Students Tested	Tests Taken	AP Scores 3 and Above
2022	444	1031	835
2023	469	1117	902
2024	553	1420	1278

AP Scholars: 104
 AP Scholars with Honor: 50
 AP Scholars with Distinction: 130

Curriculum Features, Graduation Reqs & Grading



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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

AP 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 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.

Pacific Northwest College Credit & Running Start

- Students in specific College/Career Readiness (CCR) courses are able to earn college credit from specific community and technical colleges.
- A Washington State dual-enrollment program is offered to eligible juniors and seniors. A 5-credit community college course is equal to 1.0 high school credit

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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.

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2025 Graduation Requirements

Courses and Credits

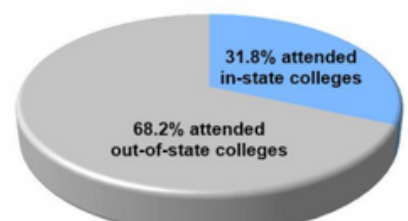
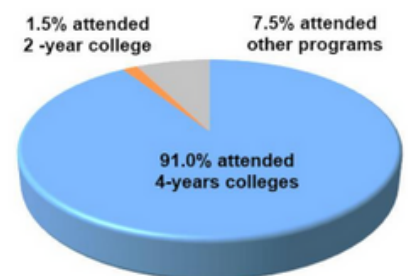
- English: 4.0
- Fine Arts: 2.0
- Science: 3.0
- Social Studies: 3.0
- Mathematics: 3.0
- P.E./Health: 2.0
- College and Career Readiness: 1.0

Totals:

- 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.



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.