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Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School

School Profile 2025-2026

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FACULTY

86% of faculty hold graduate degrees.



ENROLLMENT

- There are **469** female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the **2025-26** academic year.
- The student to faculty ration is **10:1**; the average class size is **18**.
- The class of **2026** contains **114** members.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

100% attend 4 year institutions

ACCREDITATION

PAIS. Memberships include NAIS, PAIS, ADVIS, ACCIS, PACAC and NACAC.
CEEB Code 391600

MISSION

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1861, Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School educates, inspires and empowers young women to become innovative, culturally competent change-makers. Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School nurtures highly competent and deeply compassionate leaders ready to serve the needs of a twenty-first century world. Preparing students for this important role necessitates the promotion of academic excellence in an environment that fosters the development of the whole person; spiritually, intellectually, physically and emotionally.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GMA is committed to a rigorous college preparatory program. Six major subjects and one elective are required. All students at GMA are expected to take a minimum of 24 credits to graduate, including successful completion of the following:

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| • Theology | 4 credits | • Science | 3 credits |
| • English | 4 credits | • Social Studies | 3 credits |
| • Math | 3 credits | • World Languages | 3 credits |

GRADING SYSTEM

- GMAHS does not rank students.
- Grades are numerical on a 100 points scale with a grade of 70 considered a passing grade.
- The school year is divided into two semesters.
- A cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of every academic year.
- Courses are weighted by adding 6 points for Honors and 8 points for AP to the regular grade. This is reflected in the cumulative grade on the transcript.
- First Honors: Cumulative average of 93 with no grade below an 88
- Second Honors: Cumulative average of 90 with no grade below an 85

Grade	Range	4.0 Scale
A+	98 - 100	4.3
A	94 - 97	4
A-	90 - 93	3.7
B+	87 - 89	3.3
B	84 - 86	3
B-	80 - 83	2.7
C+	77 - 79	2.3
C	74 - 76	2
C-	72 - 73	1.7
D	70-71	1.0
F	69 & Below	0.0

CURRICULUM

- All courses at GMAHS are College Prep.
- At minimum, students carry 6 major courses plus Seminar(not graded). All 9th grade students take an art, music and technology foundation for a full year in addition to Seminar.
- Students who level up to honors or AP must meet specific grade requirements as set by the departments.
- Students in English and Science must maintain an A- average to remain at the honors/AP level.
- There is no limit to the number of AP course students can take per year, but scheduling conflicts may limit possibilities.
- Students are required to take Seminar which is a full year course that rotates topics on Health/Wellness, Mental Health, DEI&J, Personal Finance, Study Skills, Leadership, and College Counseling.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Innovation Scholars Program

This highly competitive program requires a minimum GPA of 92, advanced coursework in math and science, an internship in a STEM field, and a culminating independent project. Students who successfully complete these requirements will graduate with distinction. Students are invited to apply at the end of their 9th grade year and must write an essay, take a qualifying test and interview with a committee.

Global Connections

This highly competitive program requires a minimum GPA of 92, advanced coursework in the humanities, completion of a global service learning project, participation in Model UN, and a culminating independent project. Students who successfully complete these requirements will graduate with distinction. Students are invited to apply at the end of their 9th grade year and must take a qualifying exam, write an in person essay and grades in language and history classes are strongly reviewed.

Diocesan Scholars Program

Four students were selected based on academic excellence, an application, and an interview to attend two college classes at a nearby Catholic university. This is in addition to their Gwynedd courseload and extracurricular commitments.

Leadership Program

The Leadership Department at Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School is committed to cultivating the next generation of female changemakers. Our mission is to provide a faith-based, mercy-centered educational experience that empowers young women and inspires them through the four pillars of leadership: communication, collaboration, perspective, and resilience.

Lead4Change is a nationally recognized leadership program centered around community service. In their first year, students undertake a comprehensive leadership course comprised of 36 lessons, including grant writing, business development, marketing, communications, and ways to explore individual passions. In their second year, students embark on the practical application phase by launching their own Lead4Change project. This service-based initiative is pitched, organized, and funded by students through grant applications.

Participation in a Lead4Change project provides students with a tangible opportunity to make a positive impact in their community while developing essential leadership and entrepreneurial skills.

Internship Program

Student internships are a stipend position. Students are required to work a total of 25 hours, outside of any club or activities. Upon completion of the program, interns will receive a stipend of \$500. Interns are selected on the basis of a resume, a goal sheet and an interview process.

Externship Program

Open to all Juniors, each student who applies for an externship is interviewed, providing practice and direction on presentation skills and highlighting her strengths and unique qualifications. Students can receive assistance on placement or they may find a business independently. Most externships take place over the summer. All externs must complete 30 hours, keep a journal, and create a presentation for faculty and staff.

STANDARDIZED TESTING - THE CLASS OF 2026

GMAHS reports the middle 50% range of standardized testing.

The Class of 2026 is comprised of 114 students. The results below reflect SAT administrations through August 2025 and do not include October administration.

SAT 1060-1320
EBRW 550-670
Math 490-650

We do not report ACT scores due to the low number of GMAHS students taking this test.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2025

187 Students in the Classes of 2025 and 2026 completed **356** exams, with **87%** earning a **3** or higher.

- 34** AP Scholars
- 18** AP with Distinction
- 9** AP with Honors
- 7** Scholars

National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

- 1** National Merit Finalist
- 4** Commended Students



COLLEGE PREP		HONORS	AP	ELECTIVE
Religion (4)	9-12			
English (4)	9-12	9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature (12) Composition (11) 	
History (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Cultures (9) US History (10) Govt & Politics (11, 12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Cultures (9), US History (10), Govt & Politics (11, 12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Geo (9-12) new 2025 for 9th graders US History (10, 11) Gov & Politics (11-12) Comparative Govt 12 Psychology 	
Math (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Precalculus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Precalculus Calculus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus AB Calculus BC Statistics AP PreCalc (new 2025) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honors Statistics Honors Engineering & Design Honors Advanced Engineering Design
Science (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology (9), Chemistry (10) Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology (9), Chemistry (10, 11) Physics (11, 12) Anatomy and Physiology (11, 12) Honors Biotechnology (new 2025) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology (11, 12) Chemistry (11, 12) Environmental Sci x (11, 12) AP Physics (new 2025) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forensic Science (11, 12)
Language (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish I -IV French I-IV Latin I-IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish II-IV French II-IV Latin II-IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Language and Culture 	
Fine Arts*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to Art: Visual Arts Foundation (9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honors Art Studio and Art History (11, 12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2D Art and Design (12) Drawing (12) 3D Art and Design (12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed Media Studio (10, 11, 12) Drawing and Painting (10, 11, 12) Printmaking and the Creative Process (10, 11, 12)
Technology*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to Coding, Design and Robotics (9) Digital 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles Comp Sci A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media/Advanced Digital Media - 0.5 (10, 11, 12) Foundations of 3D Design - 0.5 (10, 11, 12) Broadcast and Media Production - 0.5 (10, 11, 12) Audio Engineering - 0.5 (10, 11, 12)
Music *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to Music (9) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar Lab (10, 11, 12) Piano Lab (10, 11, 12) Audio Engineering - 0.5 (10, 11, 12) Broadcast & Media Production - 0.5 (10, 11, 12) Honors Music Theory and History 1 (10, 11, 12) Honors Music Theory and History 2 (11, 12) Honors Music Theory and History 3 (11, 12)



GRADUATES FROM 2019-2025 MATRICULATED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Institutions in bold have enrolled multiple GMA students.

Albright College

American University

Auburn University

Barnard College

Bates College

Boston College

Boston University

Bryn Mawr College

Bucknell College

Case Western University

Catholic University

Clemson University

College of Charleston

Columbia University

Connecticut College

Cornell University

DeSales University

Dickinson College

Drexel University

Duke University

Duquesne University

Elizabethtown College

Elon University

Emerson College

Fairfield University

Florida Institute of Technology

Fordham University

Georgetown University

Gettysburg College

High Point University

Immaculata University

Indiana University of Bloomington

James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University

Kutztown University

La Salle University

Lafayette College

Lehigh University

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University Maryland

Loyola University New Orleans

Lycoming College

Manhattan College

Marywood University

Moravian University

Monmouth University

Muhlenberg College

New York University

Northeastern University

Notre Dame University

Pennsylvania State University

Princeton University

Providence College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Saint Joseph's University

Schreyer Honors College

St. Johns University New York

Stevenson University

Spelman College

Swarthmore College

Susquehanna University

Syracuse University

Temple University

The College of New Jersey

Thomas Jefferson University

Tufts University

United State Coast Guard Academy

United State Military Academy

United States Military Academy

United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama

University of California Berkley

University of Delaware

University of Denver

University of Florida

University of Louisville

University of Maryland College Park

University of Massachusetts Boston

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of Notre Dame

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

University of Rhode Island

University of Rochester

University of the Sciences

University of Scranton

University of South Carolina

University of Tampa

University of Tennessee

University of Texas Austin

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

Ursinus College

Vassar

Virginia Polytechnic University

Wagner College

Wake Forest University

Washington and Lee University

West Chester University

West Virginia University

Widener University