SCHOOL PROFILE 2025 - 2026

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MERCY IN BRIEF

Established: 1931
Enrollment: 9th - 12th

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL EMPOWERING HER.

Curiosity. Courage. Compassion.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Mercy High School, a Catholic College Preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, educate young women of diverse religious, ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds to reverence and foster the dignity of each person; to create a community of hospitality; to lead with integrity and compassion; to strive for excellence; and to proclaim Gospel values in word and action.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Mercy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school founded in 1931, is dedicated to educating young women of all cultural and economic backgrounds for academic excellence, compassionate service, Christian leadership, global awareness, and life-long learning. Rooted in Catherine McAuley's unique vision for women and the poor, Mercy High School is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. The faculty and staff work in collaboration with the Sisters of Mercy to create a Christian community which values hospitality and the dignity of each person. Mercy High School challenges its faculty, staff, and students to act with integrity and work for justice.

Located on the Peninsula within the San Francisco Bay Area, Mercy draws students from as far south as Palo Alto, as far north as San Francisco. Mercy's current enrollment is 410 young women with 67 faculty and staff. Admission is by entrance examination, recommendations, elementary school grades, and interview.

ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Mercy High School is one of 38 high schools sponsored by the Mercy Education System of the Americas. Mercy High School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association.

CORE VALUES

COMMUNITY

Our community comes alive as a result of our mission and sisterhood, in how we treat and support each other and those around us.

LEADERSHIP

Student Life is centered around leadership. Our students are empowered to engage and lead.

TRADITIONS

- Junior Ring Ceremony
- Mercy Day Rally
- Freshman Sleepover
- Senior Parking Painting
- Senior Sunrise/Sunset
- Winter Formal/Prom
- Senior Plunge
- Senior Pinning

ALL-GIRLS ADVANTAGE

- Higher Test Scores
- Increased Self-Confidence & Leadership Skills
- Stronger Academic Skills
- Support for Girls' Unique Learning Styles
- Stronger Community Involvement
- Increased STEM Success

ACADEMICS

Graduation Requirements

The academic program at Mercy High School is designed to prepare young women for college. A student must complete 280 units in order to graduate, in addition to completing a minimum of 11 community service hours per year. Students are required to take Religion every year. Upon completion of these requirements, seniors will graduate May 31, 2026.

Honors and Advanced Placement Offerings*

English
English 1H, English 2H, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Seminar, AP Research

Math
Geometry H, Algebra II H, Precalculus H, AP Precalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, AP Calculus H, Statistics H,

Science
Biology H, Chemistry H, Anatomy H, Physics H, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology

Social Science
AP World History, AP US History, AP American Government, AP Psychology

World Language
Spanish 3H, AP Spanish Language, French 3H, AP French Language, ASL3 H, ASL4 H, Mandarin 3H, AP Mandarin

Fine Arts
AP Studio Art 2D, AP Studio Art: 3D Design, Dance 3H, Dance 4H, Dance 5H, Dance 6H, Art 3H, Chorale H, Ceramics 3H

**Beginning Sophomore year students can take one AP course, Junior and Senior year students can take up to three AP courses. Students are only permitted to take three AP courses per year with given permission from administration.*

**Additional elective classes may be taken at local Catholic single gender high schools (Notre Dame High School in Belmont and Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo).*

**AMES (Academic Mentoring Educational Support) is Mercy's program for students with documented learning differences. Students with the AMES class listed on their transcripts participate in a directed study hall. CORE is the class dedicated to freshmen in the AMES program which teaches study skills, time management, and test taking strategies.*

GRADING & RANKING

At the end of each marking period, Mercy provides its students with both term grades and a cumulative GPA. Mercy uses the 4.0 scale to determine GPAs (4=A, 3=B, 2=C, 1=D; plus and minus grades are also earned).

Honors and AP classes earn an extra point towards the GPA.

Mercy High School's grading scale is based on a four-point system. A student's grade point average, (GPA) is determined by dividing the total points earned by the total number of classes taken.

Grades are recorded on the transcript and a grade point average is calculated in January & May. Students are not ranked.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Graduation Rate: **100%**
4-Year Public In-state: **38%**
4-Year Private In-state: **17%**
4-Year Public Out-of-State: **20%**
4-Year Private Out-of-State: **17%**
2-year College: **8%**
Other: **< 1%**

PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The Pathways Program is a available to all students to apply to and is intended to provide additional career learning opportunities. Students are required to take two courses for their pathway studies. They are encouraged to prioritize other courses relevant to their pathway when choosing electives, Honors, and AP Courses.

To fulfill the curriculum requirement, students must also choose topics related to their pathways for projects and papers in other classes whenever possible. All curriculum requirements are reviewed and approved by the Pathway Moderator. Students are further encouraged to participate in Mercy activities that are relevant to their Pathway.

- **Biotechnology & Health Sciences**
- **Creative Arts & Design**
- **Engineering**
- **Political Science & International Relations**
- **Women's Studies**
- **Leadership Development**

CULTURAL & SERVICE IMMERSION TRIPS

Every year students have the opportunity to expand their learning and to immerse themselves with our core values to graduate as individuals who value being voices for dignity and respect. Previous trips include:

- **Costa Rica**
- **England**
- **France**
- **Iceland**
- **Mexico Border**
- **Washington D.C.**

OUR STUDENTS

FROM
129
ZIP CODES

ACCEPTED IN COLLEGES
100%

AVERAGE GPA
Weighted
3.74

RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID
58% NEED BASED
19% MERIT BASED

Totaling:
$4,000,365

RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS
Catholic: 70%
Other or Non-religious: 30%

FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS
36%

RACIAL BACKGROUNDS
Diverse Student Body: 34% Hispanic / 66% Non-Hispanic

White: 33%
Multiracial: 19%
Asian: 18%
Latino: 18%
Middle Eastern: 4%
Black: 2%
Native American/Pacific Islander: 1%
Other: 5%

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
15,333

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2024-25

Freshmen: 3%
Sophomores: 19%
Juniors: 6%
Seniors: 12%

40%
STUDENT BODY

OUR ACADEMICS

100+ Courses Offered

47 AP/Honors Classes

17 Average Class Size

5 COUNSELORS Academic, Wellness, & College

11:1 Student Teacher Ratio

STUDENT LIFE

ATHLETICS
27 TEAMS **15** SPORTS

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
30 State-of-the-Art Courses Offered

CLUBS
40 Student Led

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
Academic, Social, Performing Arts, and Service
Co-Ed Opportunities with Serra High School (San Mateo, CA)

MERCY Curriculum Summary

DISCIPLINE	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English **4 years**	English 1 English 1 H	English 2 English 2 H	English 3 AP English Language	English 4 AP English Literature
Religion **4 years**	Religion 1	Religion 2	Religion 3	Service & Social Justice World Religions & Social Justice Women's Studies in Religion
Mathematics **3 years** *Math sequencing is flexible and determined by placement and readiness*	Algebra 1A Algebra 1	Geometry Geometry H AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science Principles A	Algebra 2 Algebra 2 H Precalculus AP Precalculus	Calculus Honors AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Statistics AP Statistics
Science **3 years** *Science sequencing is flexible and determined by placement and readiness*	Biology Biology H	Conceptual Chemistry Chemistry Chemistry H	Physics Physics H Forensic Science Anatomy Anatomy H	
	Engineering Design	Aerospace Engineering	Biomedical Engineering Medical Interventions	
			AP Chemistry AP Biology AP Physics AP Environmental Science	
Social Studies **3 years**	No requirement	World History AP World History	US History AP US History	Government & Economics AP Government
			AP Psychology Sport Psychology International Relations	
World Languages **2 years**	ASL 1 French 1 Spanish 1 Mandarin 1	ASL 2 French 2 Spanish 2 Spanish 2H Mandarin 2	ASL 3 ASL 3H French 3 French 3H Spanish 3 Spanish 3H Mandarin 3	ASL 4 ASL 4H French 4 AP French Spanish 4 AP Spanish AP Mandarin
Visual and Performing Arts **1 year**	3D Art Art 1 Dance 1 Ceramics 1 Choir 1 Drama 1	Art 2 Dance 2 Ceramics 2 Choir 2 Drama 2	Art 3 H Dance 3 Ceramics 3H Choir 3H	AP Studio Art: 2D AP Studio Art: 3D AP Studio Art: Drawing Dance 4 (H) Dance 5 (H) Dance 6 (H)
	Yearbook Musical Theater Digital Photography			
Non-Department Electives	Health and Wellness *(required)*		AP Seminar (10 credit course)	
				AP Research AP African American Studies
One Semester Electives	Contemporary World Issues Introduction to Leadership Literacy and Media Design Introduction to Engineering International Relations			