

MERCY WOMEN

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# 2011–2012 SCHOOL PROFILE

## ADMINISTRATION

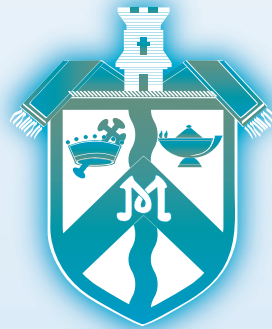
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## MISSION STATEMENT

Mercy High School, a Catholic diocesan high school for young women, is committed to providing an educational experience that responds to individual needs. In the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy and their foundress Catherine McAuley, each student is challenged to grow, to realize her full potential, and to provide service to others within an atmosphere that fosters a spirit of community and compassion.

Founded by the Diocese of Norwich, Mercy gives preference in admission to young Catholic women residing in the diocese; however, enrollment is open to all who qualify regardless of religion, race, or nationality.

## COMMUNITY

Mercy High School is located in a residential area of Middletown (population approximate 47,000), near the Middlefield line. It draws students from over 70 communities. These young women come from rural, urban, and suburban communities in Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Hartford, and Tolland counties. Wesleyan University and Middlesex Community College are located in Middletown.

## SCHOOL

Mercy High School is a college-preparatory high school with an enrollment of approximately 700 girls. It is accredited by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and by the State of Connecticut. 76% of the faculty hold advanced degrees. The pupil-teacher ratio is 13-1.

Xavier High School, an all-boys high school located three miles east, shares opportunities for social and cultural activities.

## MERCY HIGH SCHOOL SAT SCORES Class of 2011

### Four Year College Bound Seniors

Critical Reading mean .....	532
Math mean .....	512
Writing mean .....	540

### Entire Senior Class

Critical Reading mean .....	523
Math mean .....	504
Writing mean .....	531
<i>99.5% of the Class of 2011 took SAT Exam</i>	

## ACT EXAMINATION SCORES Class of 2011

Four Year College Bound Seniors.....	22.6
Entire Senior Class .....	22.4
<i>59% of the Class of 2011 took ACT Exam</i>	

## CURRICULUM

Mercy High School offers a strong and diversified academic program to serve a wide range of students' interests and abilities. There are three ability levels for the academic program for students, HONORS, ADVANCED COLLEGE PREP, AND COLLEGE PREP.

Admission to any academic course is based on the individual student's established standard of achievement and the endorsement of the appropriate instructor. Recognizing the importance of AP courses in providing both an intellectual challenge to our students with superior academic ability and in preparing them for the college admissions process, Mercy High School offers classroom instruction in 12 Advanced Placement courses and two Early College Experience classes in mathematics through the University of Connecticut. In addition, Mercy offers a wide selection of Fine Arts courses, Technology, some interesting student favorites such as Neuroscience, Introduction to Law, Wesleyan University Humanities, and Online Summer Courses.

Students who qualify may enroll in college classes through the Wesleyan University High School Scholars Program and/or the Middlesex Community College High School Partnership Program.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

English Language, English Literature  
U.S. History, European History  
Statistics, Calculus  
Biology, Physics, Chemistry  
French 5, Spanish 5, Latin Vergil

## UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT EARLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Statistics  
Calculus

## MERCY ONLINE SUMMER COURSES

Accounting, American Government,  
Art History, Creative Writing, Economics,  
Environmental Science, Fitness, Health,  
Introduction to Psychology, Sociology,  
Speech, World Geography

## COURSE LEVELS

- 1 ..... College Prep (COL)
- 2 ..... Advanced College Prep (ADV)
- 3 ..... Honors (H)
- 4 ..... Advanced Placement (AP)
- 5 ..... Unleveled Courses

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

The Class Rank and Grade Point Average are computed according to a system of weighing courses based on the level of difficulty at which the course is taught. The grade point scale for leveled courses is on the next page. Unleveled courses are not considered in the calculation of the Class Rank or GPA.

The cumulative grade point average (GPA) is computed at the end of each semester and is based on the student's high school career. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 at the end of sophomore or junior year to be eligible for selection to the National Honor Society. The Honor Roll is published at the end of each term and is based on the grade point average for that term.

## HONOR ROLL

### High Honors:

Term GPA 3.8 or above  
with no grade below 85

### First Honors:

Term GPA 3.4 or above  
with no grade below 80

### Second Honors:

Term GPA 2.5 or above  
with no grade below 80

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of twenty-three credits is required for graduation. In addition to credits earned in religious studies and physical education, all Mercy students are expected to complete the following:

**English:** a minimum of 4 credits

**Mathematics:** a minimum of 3 credits

**Science:** a minimum of 3 credits

**Social Studies:** a minimum of 3 credits  
(including 1 credit in U.S. History and  
1/2 credit in civics/government)

**World Language:** a minimum of 2 credits

**Technology:** a minimum of 1/2 credit  
in computers

**Health:** 1/2 credit

*All students must also fulfill the required service hours in order to graduate. Seniors are required to pass all courses during senior year in order to receive a diploma from Mercy High School.*

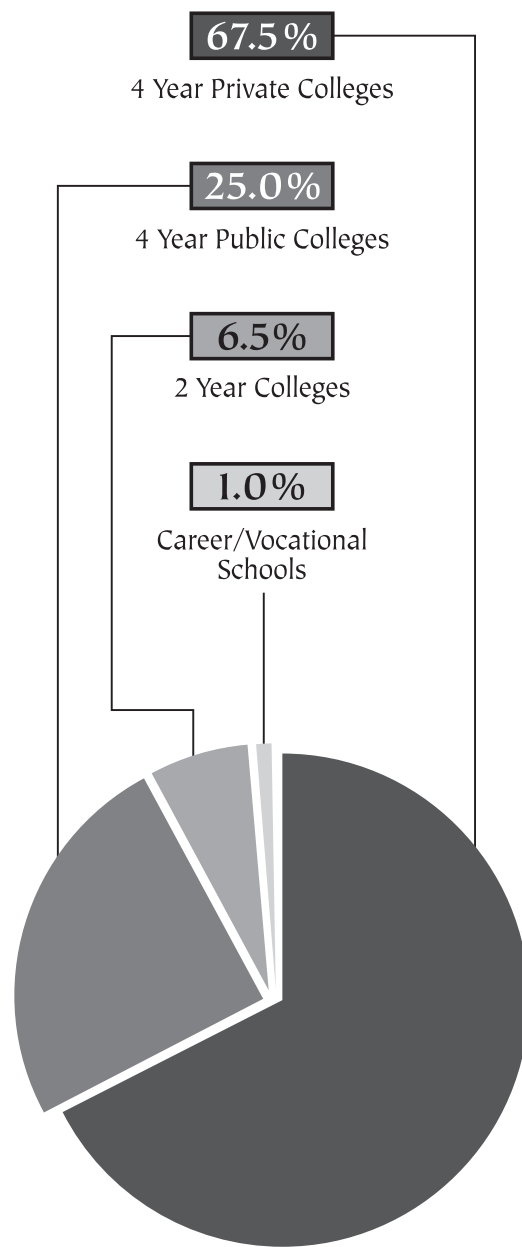
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GRADE/COURSE LEVEL INFORMATION

- Grade point average and rank in class are computed on the 4.0 scale.
- Students who take courses on the Honors or Advanced Placement level earn additional points toward their cumulative GPA.
- The following scales apply to one credit courses.
- To compute points for 1.25 credit courses, multiply by 1.25;  
For 0.75 credit courses, multiply by 0.75;  
For 0.5 credit courses, multiply by 0.5.

GRADES ~ COURSE LEVELS ~ GRADE POINTS

GRADES	COURSE LEVELS			
	AP Advanced Placement	H Honors	ADV Advanced College Prep	COL College Prep
A+ 97-100	4.7-4.8	4.4-4.5	3.9-4.0	3.5-3.6
A 93-96	4.5-4.6	4.2-4.3	3.7-3.8	3.3-3.4
A- 90-92	4.3-4.4	4.0-4.1	3.5-3.6	3.1-3.2
B+ 87-89	4.0-4.2	3.7-3.9	3.2-3.4	2.8-3.0
B 83-86	3.6-3.9	3.3-3.6	2.8-3.1	2.4-2.7
B- 80-82	3.4-3.5	3.1-3.2	2.6-2.7	2.2-2.3
C+ 77-79	3.2-3.3	2.9-3.0	2.4-2.5	2.0-2.1
C 73-76	2.8-3.1	2.5-2.8	2.0-2.3	1.6-1.9
C- 70-72	2.5-2.7	2.2-2.4	1.7-1.9	1.3-1.5
D 65-69	2.0-2.4	1.7-2.1	1.2-1.6	0.8-1.2
F < 65	0	0	0	0

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CLASS OF 2011 FUTURE PLANS



CLASS OF 2011 QUINTILE REPORTS

	Rank	GPA Range	Critical Reading SAT Range	Math SAT Range	Writing SAT Range	ACT Composite Range
1st Quintile	One-34	4.39-3.73	800-500 mean—620	770-480 mean—602	800-500 mean—628	32-20 mean—27
2nd Quintile	35-68	3.72-3.45	690-440	690-400	740-430	30-19
3rd Quintile	69-102	3.46-3.06	750-440	620-350	590-400	28-15
4th Quintile	103-136	3.06-2.75	620-350	590-370	580-380	23-15
5th Quintile	137-170	2.76-1.22	610-300	600-260	680-270	20-14

# STUDENTS WERE ACCEPTED AT THESE INSTITUTIONS 2008–2011

Albertus Magnus College  
 Aldephi University  
 American University  
 Assumption College  
 Babson College  
 Bates College  
 Bentley University  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Bowdoin College  
 Brown University  
 Bryant University  
 Bucknell University  
 Catholic University of America  
 Cedarville University  
 Central Connecticut State University  
 Clark Atlanta University  
 Clark University  
 Clemson University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Colby College  
 Colby-Sawyer College  
 Colgate University  
 College of Charleston (SC)  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 College of Saint Rose  
 College of William & Mary  
 Columbia University  
 Connecticut College  
 Cornell University  
 Curry College  
 Dartmouth College  
 Drew University  
 Drexel University  
 Duquesne University  
 Eastern Connecticut State University  
 Eckerd College  
 Elon College  
 Emerson College  
 Emmanuel College  
 Emory University  
 Endicott College  
 Fairfield University  
 Florida State University  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin Pierce College  
 Furman University  
 Gettysburg College  
 George Mason University  
 Georgetown University  
 George Washington University  
 Gordon College  
 Goucher College  
 Grove City College  
 Hamilton College  
 Hampshire College  
 Hartwick College  
 High Point University

Hobart and Smith College  
 Hofstra University  
 Immaculata University  
 Iona College  
 Ithaca College  
 ITAM—Mexico  
 James Madison University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Johnson & Wales University  
 Juniata College  
 Keene State College  
 Keystone College  
 Kings College  
 Lafayette College  
 LaSalle University  
 Liberty University  
 Lehigh University  
 LIU—C.W. Post Campus  
 Loyola University—New Orleans  
 Loyola University (MD)  
 Lynchburg College  
 Lynn University  
 Marist College  
 Manhattan College  
 Manhattanville College  
 Marlboro College  
 Marquette University  
 Marymount Manhattan College  
 Marymount University  
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy  
 McGill University  
 Mercyhurst College  
 Merrimack College  
 Messiah College  
 Miami University  
 Michigan State University  
 Middlebury College  
 Monmouth University  
 Montclair State University  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Mount St. Mary College  
 Muhlenberg College  
 Newbury College  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Norwich University  
 Oklahoma City University  
 Philadelphia University  
 Plymouth State College  
 Providence College  
 Purdue University  
 Quinnipiac University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rider University  
 Rivier College  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Roanoke College  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Roger Williams University  
 Sacred Heart University  
 Saint Anselm College  
 Saint Johns University (NY)  
 Saint Joseph College (CT)  
 Saint Joseph University (PA)  
 Saint Leo University  
 Saint Louis University  
 Saint Mary's College

Saint Michael's College  
 Salisbury University  
 Salve Regina University  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
 Seton Hall University  
 Siena College  
 Simmons College  
 Skidmore College  
 Southern Connecticut State University  
 Springfield College  
 Stonehill College  
 Suffolk University  
 SUNY—  
     Albany/Binghamton/Morrisville/  
     Purchase/Stony Brook  
 Susquehanna University  
 Syracuse University  
 Trinity College (CT)  
 Tulane University  
 Union College  
 United States Coast Guard Academy  
 Unity College  
 University of Alabama  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Colorado—Boulder  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Delaware  
 University of Hawaii  
 University of Hartford  
 University of Houston  
 University of Maine  
 University of Mary Washington  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Massachusetts—Amherst  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan—Ann Arbor  
 University of New England  
 University of New Hampshire  
 University of New Haven  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Pittsburg  
 University of Rhode Island  
 University of Richmond  
 University of Rochester  
 University of Scranton  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of Southern Maine  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Tennessee  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Virginia  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Villanova University  
 Wagner College  
 Wake Forest University  
 Washington & Lee University  
 Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 Wesleyan University (CT)  
 Western Connecticut State University  
 Western New England University  
 West Virginia University  
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