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## OVERVIEW

Mount Mercy Academy was founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1904 and proudly celebrates the achievements and contributions of more than 12,000 graduates, as it continues its educational mission to the community.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic identity and the charism of Catherine McAuley, Mount Mercy Academy advances cultural growth, fosters belonging, and respects the dignity of every individual. We empower young women to pursue their fullest potential, achieve academic excellence, serve with compassion, and lead with integrity in a global community.

# MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024- 2025

### ACCREDITATION

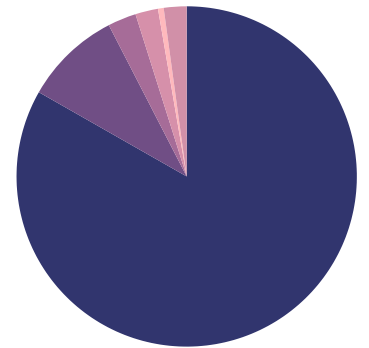
Mt. Mercy Academy is accredited by the Mercy Education System of the Americas.

### POPULATION

54% of students live in the city of Buffalo. All other students commute from the surrounding cities and suburbs of Western New York.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

■ Caucasian ■ African American  
■ Hispanic ■ Asian  
■ American Indian ■ Multi-racial



### CURRICULUM

All students will take courses in Art or Music, English, Languages other than English (Spanish), Mathematics, Physical Education, Theology, Social Studies, and Science.

Students will graduate with at least 29 credits. (exceptions to this are made on a case-by-case basis)

### GRADUATION UNITS REQUIRED:

English	4 units	Social Studies	4 units
Math	4 units	Science	3 units
LOTE	3 units	Theology	4 units
Art/Music	1 unit	Health	0.5 unit
Phys. Ed.	2 units	Electives	3.5 units

### DIPLOMA TYPES

**Mount Mercy Academy Diploma**-contingent upon the successful completion of required courses (29 credits in the appropriate core academic areas).

**Mount Mercy Academy Diploma with Advanced Distinction** -contingent upon successful completion of the required Mount Mercy required courses, in addition, successful completion of 2 college-level courses

**Mount Mercy Academy Diploma with Advanced Distinction with Honors** -contingent upon successful completion of the required Mount Mercy required courses, in addition, successful completion of 3 college-level courses.



## HONORS COURSES

For freshmen who enter Mount Mercy Academy with excellent grades and recommendations, honors courses are eligible in English, Global, and Life Science- Biology to provide a more rigorous and challenging curriculum, as well as preparation for future enrollment in honors, AP, and college-level courses.

## AP COURSES

Chemistry	US Government
World History	US History
English Language Composition	English Literature
Statistics	Psychology
Studio in Art	

## DUAL ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIPS

Mount Mercy Academy has articulation agreements with the following colleges: SUNY Erie, SUNY Buffalo State College, Hilbert College, Trocaire College and Villa Maria.

## ACADEMIES

**Science and Health Care:** Mount Mercy Academy and the Catholic Health System offer a unique career internship program for students to experience professions firsthand. Students begin interacting with the professional community as freshmen through the Health Care Career Club and continue through the Academy of Science and Health Care. Each student enrolled in this program has the opportunity to intern in a career of her choice, which is not necessarily Healthcare specific.

**Women in the Social Sciences:** Mount Mercy Academy offers a different route for students to take who are interested in the Social Sciences. Students can apply to start in 10th grade. Requirements include taking social studies electives, attending field trips, and completing shadowing and internship opportunities.

**Visual Arts Academy:** Mount Mercy Academy has added this new academy that is designed for students with a strong interest in the visual arts. While many of these students will someday work in an art-related career, others are simply passionate about the arts and plan to pursue a career in another field. Students will participate in a variety of classes, field trips, workshops, lectures, art shows, and other activities.

**The Business and Finance Academy:** The Mount Mercy Business and Finance Academy gives students the tools to make smart financial decisions and learn how to navigate the business world. In the 2021-2022 academic year, the students in the Business Academy showed their dedication and creativity with the official opening of a women-owned and student-run cafe called the Magic Market. Students in the Academy work at the on-campus market every morning during homeroom and during select sporting events. The goal is to empower students to pursue entrepreneurship.

**The Communications Academy:** The Mount Mercy Communications Academy is dedicated to creating high quality media that will showcase events at Mount Mercy and in our community. Members of this academy will have an opportunity to report on school and community events, create short videos for TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook, and to attend field trips and workshops. The Academy will explore many aspects of communication from podcasts to poster art, and marketing to memes.

**The Leadership Academy:** The Mount Mercy Leadership Academy has achieved an impressive level of prestige based on the rigorous curriculum. Students from local 8th-grade middle schools compete for acceptance into the academy based on the recommendation of their middle school principal. Once accepted, students participate in experiential learning and service opportunities that will enable them to realize the many gifts that they have been given and understand their role in using these gifts in order to make the world a better place. Students who participate in the Leadership Academy complete service work, both in and out of school, that incorporates the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Spanish 5	Sociology
Statistics	Calculus
College Math	College Biology
Modern Creative Expression	Introduction to Business
Advanced Photography	College Drawing

\*\*All AP courses are also eligible for dual enrollment credit

## FAST FACTS

- Mount Mercy Academy offers over 40 electives in Art, Music, Social Studies, English, Languages other than English, Math, and Science
- All students will complete at least 100 hours of community service throughout their four years at Mount Mercy.
- Mount Mercy Academy offers fifth-year courses in Art, Spanish, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies
- Mount Mercy offers 17 interscholastic sports teams. Over 45% of students participate in athletics and about 45% of those students participate on two or more sports teams. Mount Mercy offers over 20 different clubs and organizations.

## MCAULEY SCHOLARS

Students nominated as candidates must have an overall GPA of 95% and take at least two AP or college/honors courses. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 are eligible.



## EXPLANATION OF GRADING

### Grading Marks:

First Honors – 95 to 100      Passing - 65 to 100  
 Second Honors – 90 to 94      Failing - 50 to 64  
 Merit Roll – 85 to 89

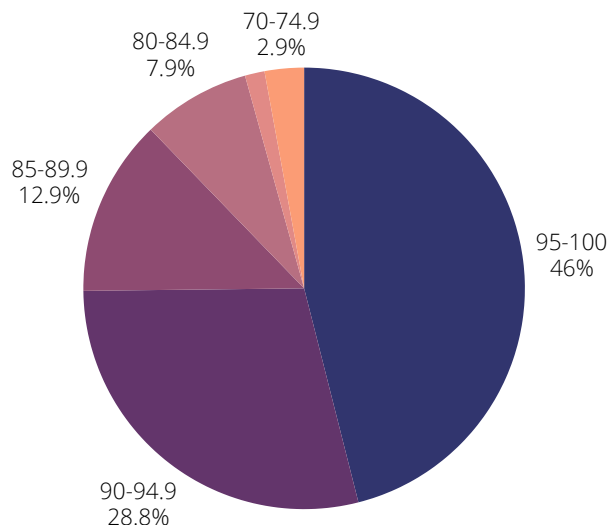
**Weighted Averages** (Cumulative averages include ALL subjects)

- Advanced Placement 1.06
- Courses for college credit 1.03

### Grade Conversion:

A = 90 – 100      D = 65 – 69  
 B = 80 – 89      F = 64 or below  
 C = 70 – 79

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION



## CLASS OF 2024 DATA

### POSTSECONDARY PLANS

95% matriculated to a 4-year college  
 \*1 student is taking a Gap Year and 1 student is attending trade school\*

### PROFILE OF A MERCY GRADUATE

A woman of compassionate service  
 A woman who is respectful towards herself and others  
 A woman who is articulate  
 A woman who strives for excellence in all that she does  
 A woman who is empowered to influence the world

### MATRICULATIONS

Alfred State College	Stanford University
Canisius University	SUNY Brockport
Duquesne University	SUNY Fredonia
D'Youville University	SUNY Geneseo
Erie Community College	The Ohio State University
Gannon University	Trocaire College
Genesee Community College	University at Buffalo
Golisano Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship	University of Notre Dame
Hilbert College	Villa Maria College
	Mercyhurst University



The class of 2024 earned academic scholarships exceeding **\$9,027,479**

