



Mother of Mercy High School

2009-2010 School Profile

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MISSION STATEMENT

Mother of Mercy High School, a Catholic secondary school for young women sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, provides quality educational programs in a Christian community which promote life-long learning and strong, clear Mercy values: Faith, Compassion, Service, Leadership, and Excellence. Empowered by these values and by the discovery of their individual giftedness, Mercy women are equipped to think critically, communicate effectively, embrace life and beauty, act with compassion and integrity, and assume roles of service and leadership in society.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mrs. Kirsten MacDougal, President
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GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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School Description

Mother of Mercy High School is a four-year comprehensive, college-prep Catholic high school for young women with an enrollment of 496 students. The school, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy is located in Westwood, a middle class suburb situated on the west side of Cincinnati. Over twenty elementary schools are represented in Mercy's student population with the majority of students entering from local parochial elementary schools. An entrance test is required of all prospective freshmen. Students are considered for enrollment regardless of creed, race or ethnic background. In 2002, Mother of Mercy received the Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education identifying it as a "Nationally Recognized School of Excellence."

Accreditation and Professional Memberships

Mother of Mercy High School is accredited by the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and the State of Ohio as a high school. It is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, the Ohio Catholic Education Association, the Mercy Secondary Education Association, the Network for Mercy Education, the Ohio Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling.

Faculty

The Mother of Mercy faculty consists of 1 religious Sister of Mercy, 43 lay women, and 10 laymen. Approximately 70% of the faculty holds a master's degree or higher. The faculty's average number of years of service in education is 21 years, and the average number of years at Mother of Mercy High School for this group is 15 years.

Schedule

The school year consists of two semesters with each semester divided into two quarters. A block schedule is in place with alternating days of four, 85 minute class periods. The block schedule allows for extended learning opportunities that promote creative thinking, problem-solving, collaborative learning, project-based activities, technology integration, and the utilization of multiple intelligences.

Curriculum

Students may choose from a wide selection of course offerings in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language, Religious Studies, Business & Technology, Physical Education & Health, Visual Arts, Music, and Drama. Advanced Placement courses offered are Art, Biology, Calculus, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, US Government, and United States History, and test preparation assistance in Spanish, French, and Physics. In the spring of 2009, sixty-eight students took one hundred forty-five exams, representing 24% of the Juniors and Seniors. Students also have the opportunity to earn college credits from Thomas More College and the College of Mount St. Joseph in English, Biology, History and Calculus.

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2009

Religion	4	Phys Ed/Health	1
English	4	Fine Arts	1
Social Studies	3	Computer Literacy	1/2
Mathematics	3	Electives	5 1/2
Science	3	Total	25

Grading System

Progress reports and report cards are issued four times a year. Numerical grades are given according to the following scale:

100-93	= A	Excellent Achievement
92-85	= B	Above Average Achievement
84-78	= C	Average Achievement
77-70	= D	Poor Achievement
Below 70	= F	Failing