



MERCERSBURG

Mercersburg Academy
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WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

On our 300-acre rural campus, we instill in students a desire and a readiness to contribute to the world. A college preparatory boarding and day school founded in 1893, Mercersburg educates 432 students from 30 American states and 34 countries emphasizing the value of community and collaboration, while challenging students to excel academically and in areas of individual interest.

An innovative, interdisciplinary academic program is at the heart of the Mercersburg experience. Beyond the classroom, students develop abilities in and affinity for athletics, the arts, and other activities that intensify their intellectual experiences and personal successes.

Mercersburg also encourages students to learn and live abroad to develop a cosmopolitan worldview, which is essential to becoming a good global citizen and capable leader. We underscore this belief with financial aid that is dedicated to supporting international experiences. The school culture also emphasizes service to others and stewardship of the environment.

Mercersburg is a school distinguished by possibility and opportunity. Individual Mercersburg students are defined by how they choose to bring together these opportunities to find success and discover ways to contribute and to lead.

A FEW FACTS & FIGURES

Mercersburg offers a curriculum with 41 AP, post-AP, and Honors courses, a faculty among whom 70 percent hold advanced degrees, the Lenfest Library with 50,000 volumes, an astronomy center, and the 65,000-square foot Burgin Center for the Arts. Among other remarkable resources is a college counseling office that leads each student to maximize his or her potential, while staying true to individual needs and goals.

Mercersburg's financial aid budget is \$5.6 million. More than 49 percent of students receive some kind of aid. Mercersburg's endowment stands at approximately \$193 million, a testament to alumni commitment to the value of a Mercersburg education.

REQUIREMENTS

The school year is divided into three terms. The normal course load is 5 credits per term (15 credits for the year) for all grade levels. Almost all courses earn one credit per term. The credit value for each course is indicated on the transcript. Advanced Placement courses are offered in all major subject areas. Mercersburg does not rank students. Mercersburg is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. For an explanation of the grading scale, see p. 2.

To earn the diploma, a student must be in good standing and study English during each term and mathematics and world languages through the third year or until graduation. Award of the diploma is based on the number of credits earned while a student is enrolled at Mercersburg: we determine the total number of credits needed for graduation and some specific subject area requirements by the grade in which a student enters. The background of every graduate must include at least three credits of history, including American History, at least three terms of science, and courses in religion and fine arts. Though credit is not awarded, each student must also satisfy a physical education requirement.

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Grades and Scores

Grades in Honors and AP courses are weighted: 3 points are added to grades in Honors courses and 5 points are added to grades in AP courses and post-AP courses.

Grade Averages

Senior Year Average Distributions for Mercersburg Graduates

Range	CLASS 2011 Weighted	CLASS 2010 Weighted	CLASS 2009 Weighted	Grading Scale		
100-95	12	15	11	Average	Letter	GPA
94-90	39	26	33	100-90	A	4.0
89-85	33	48	40	89-80	B	3.9-3.0
84-80	32	24	34	79-70	C	2.9-2.0
79-75	8	10	7	69-60	D	1.9-1.0
74-70		1		<60	F	---
69-65				Commended Scholars have no grade below 85.		
64-60				Distinguished Scholars have no grade below 90.		
<60						
Mean	87.7	87.6	87.3			
Mid-50%ile	83.8 - 91.6	84.1 - 91.4	83.6 - 91.1			
Graduates	126	126	126			

SAT Scores

Middle 50th Percentile SAT Ranges for Mercersburg Graduates

	2011	2010	2009
CR	530-660	538-670	540-663
M	560-680	570-680	570-693
Wr	523-660	548-670	560-660
CR + M	1100-1320	1130-1333	1120-1360

From 2009 to 2011, thirty-three Mercersburg Academy students were recognized as Commended by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

AP Exams

AP Exam Results by Academic Year

	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009
3 or better	88%	86%	90%
4 or 5	64%	62%	68%
Total Tests Taken	408	437	448
Number of Students who took at least one test	179	186	171

In 2011, 179 students sat for 408 exams in 22 subjects, most commonly in Engl. Lang (49), Engl. Lit (38), Economics (31), Calculus AB (29), World History (27), Statistics (26), Env. Science (26), Chemistry (22), Calculus BC (21), Physics C:M (21).

Subject Tests

Middle 50th Percentile Subject Test Ranges for Graduates (2009-2011)

Test	Middle 50th percentile	Numbers of test-takers
Math 1C	563-670	142
Math 2C	620-770	84
Chemistry	610-740	73
Literature	580-723	68
U.S. History	635-725	55
Physics	573-715	50

Tests included reflect those most commonly taken – on average, at least a dozen students from each graduating class took the test.

2008–2011 College Matriculations

Alfred University	Hamilton College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - 3	University of Missouri
Allegheny College	Hampden-Sydney College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
American University - 4	Hampton University	Rhodes College - 4	University of North Carolina, Asheville
Arizona State University	Hartwick College	Ringling College of Art and Design - 2	University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Babson College - 2	Harvard University - 2	Roanoke College - 2	University of Pennsylvania - 8
Barnard College	Harvey Mudd College	Rollins College - 6	University of Pittsburgh - 6
Bates College - 6	Haverford College - 3	Sage College of Albany	University of Puget Sound
Bellarmino University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges - 3	Saint Francis University	University of Redlands - 2
Benedictine College	IE University (Spain) - 2	Saint Joseph's University	University of Richmond - 12
Binghamton University	Indiana University - 4	Saint Vincent College	University of Rochester - 5
Bloomsburg University	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Santa Clara University	University of South Carolina - 4
Boston College - 4	Ithaca College - 2	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	University of Southern California - 4
Boston University - 6	Jacksonville University	Shepherd University	University of St. Andrews (Scotland) - 4
Bryn Mawr College	James Madison University - 3	Shippensburg University - 3	University of Tampa
Bucknell University - 10	John Carroll University	Skidmore College	University of Texas, San Antonio - 2
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Johns Hopkins University - 3	Slippery Rock University	University of the South - 3
Carnegie Mellon University - 3	Kenyon College - 3	Smith College - 2	University of Toronto - 3
Case Western Reserve University - 3	Lafayette College - 2	Southern Methodist University - 2	University of Vermont - 3
Catholic University of America - 2	Lasell College	St. John's College - 2	University of Virginia - 4
Chapman University	Lehigh University - 11	St. John's University (NY)	University of Wisconsin - 2
Claremont McKenna College - 3	Lewis & Clark College	St. Lawrence University - 2	Ursinus College - 3
Clemson University	Loyola University, New Orleans - 2	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Vanderbilt University - 2
Coastal Carolina University - 2	Luther College	Stanford University - 2	Virginia Commonwealth University - 3
Colby College - 2	Macalester College - 2	State University of New York, Plattsburgh	Virginia Polytechnic Institute - 4
Colgate University	Manhattanville College	State University of New York, Swarthmore College - 4	Virginia Wesleyan College - 2
College of Charleston - 8	Marist College	Syracuse University	Wake Forest University - 4
College of the Holy Cross - 2	Maryland Institute College of Art - 2	Temple University - 3	Washington and Jefferson College - 2
College of William and Mary - 4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology - 2	Texas A&M University - 2	Washington and Lee University - 2
Colorado School of Mines - 2	McDaniel College	Texas Christian University	Washington College - 5
Colorado State University	McGill University - 5	Trinity College - 2	Washington University
Columbia University - 2	Messiah College - 2	Tulane University - 2	Waynesburg University
Cornell University - 2	Michigan State University	Union College	Wellesley College - 3
Dartmouth College	Middlebury College	United States Merchant Marine Academy	Wentworth Institute of Technology - 2
Davidson College - 2	Moravian College - 2	United States Military Academy - 4	Wesleyan University
Dickinson College - 5	Morrisville State College	United States Naval Academy - 24	West Virginia University - 2
Drexel University	Mount Holyoke College - 2	University of Alabama - 2	Western State College of Colorado
Duke University	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of Arizona - 2	Westminster College
Duquesne University	Muhlenberg College - 2	University of Arkansas	Wheaton College
Earlham College	New York University - 12	University of California, Berkeley	Williams College
East Carolina University - 2	North Carolina Central University	University of California, Santa Barbara - 2	Xavier University
Eastern University	North Carolina State University - 4	University of Cambridge (England)	Yale University - 3
Eckerd College	Northeastern University - 3	University of Chicago - 2	
Elizabethtown College	Northwestern University	University of Colorado - 4	
Elon University - 2	Norwich University	University of Delaware - 2	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)	Oberlin College	University of Edinburgh	
Emerson College	Occidental College	University of Evansville	
Emory University - 2	Ohio State University	University of Georgia - 2	
Fairfield University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Illinois, Chicago	
Florida International University	Otterbein College	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign - 2	
Florida State University - 2	Oxford College of Emory University - 2	University of Kentucky	
Franklin and Marshall College - 3	Pace University	University of Maryland	
Frostburg State University - 2	Parsons The New School for Design - 2	University of Maryland, Baltimore Co.	
Furman University - 2	Pennsylvania State University - 8	University of Massachusetts - 2	
Gannon University	Pitzer College	University of Miami - 2	
George Mason University - 2	Plymouth State University	University of Michigan - 2	
George Washington University - 2	Pratt Institute	University of Mississippi	
Georgetown University - 4	Purdue University - 3		
Gettysburg College - 4	Reed College		
Goucher College - 3			
Grinnell College			