

Mercer Area High School

545 West Butler Street, Mercer, Pennsylvania 16137



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About Us

Mercer Area High School is a public high school for **7th to 12th grade education** located in Mercer, Pennsylvania. The Mercer Area School District has received many accolades of success over the years and has been ranked in the top 25% of all school districts in Pennsylvania with respect to academic accomplishments. A recent national study also rated Mercer as one of the top 10 districts in the state.

Accreditation:  **pennsylvania**
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Top 25% of all school districts in Pennsylvania	1% of student body are International Students	14:1 Student to Teacher Ratio
Top 10 Districts in the state	14 AP Courses	
	8 University Courses	

GENERAL INFORMATION

FOUNDED: 1967

TYPE OF SCHOOL: Public

GRADES: 7 - 12

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO: 14:1

STUDENT POPULATION: 488



MHS Students can:

Attend a one year cultural & English immersion program.

Complete their 12th grade education, graduate with an American High School Diploma and earn University credits.

Academic Highlights

MHS students have the opportunity to take university level courses through St. Francis University (SFU). Students will earn credits and official transcripts upon successful completion of course requirements.

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Mercer high school offers a variety of advanced programs and currently partners with St. Francis University to offer university credits in a number of subject areas

MHS students placed in the top 20% of SAT scores amongst the 756 high school in Pennsylvania

Award-winning Robotics program

5 year program in Spanish & French

Technology integrated curriculum

15 vocational programs available through partnership with Mercer County Career Center



Course Offerings

St. Francis University Courses

AP Chemistry
Physics
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus
French III
French IV
Spanish III
Spanish IV

14 AP Courses

(On campus)

AP Literature
AP Psychology
AP Chemistry
AP Calculus (AB)
AP Calculus (BC)

(Online)

AP Biology
AP Composition
AP European History
AP Environment Science
AP Human Geography
AP Physics
AP US Government & Politics
AP US History
AP World History

English

English *9th-12th grade*
College Prep English *9th-12th grade*
SAT/ACT English Prep

Social Studies

Modern World History
American History

Political Science & Economics
Social Studies Survey
Advanced Government

Science

Biology
Physical Science
Physics
Academic Chemistry
General Science
Anatomy & Physiology
Advanced Biology
STEM Science

Mathematics

Algebra I & II
Geometry
Algebra III/Trigonometry
Pre-Calculus
Statistics
Applied Discrete Mathematics
SAT/ACT Math Prep
Financial Algebra

Health & Physical Education

Physical Education
Fitness
Aerobics
9th Grade Health
11th Grade Health

Elective Courses

Journalism
Graphic Art Yearbook
Volunteer

Foreign Languages

Spanish I, II, III, IV, V
French I, II, III, IV, V

Latin
Mandarin Chinese

Computer Science

Introduction to Computer Science
Computer Science II & III
Multimedia Production
Advanced Multimedia Production

Family & Consumer Science

Advanced Family & Consumer Science
Culinary Arts I & II
Families Today – Living Today

Practical Arts

Wood Technology I, II, III, IV
Introduction to Design
Leather
Metal Technology I & II

Arts

Fine Arts I, II, III, IV
Studio Art I, II, III, IV
Functional Pottery
Fundamentals of Drawing

Music & Performing Arts

Theater Arts
History of Broadway Musicals
Concert Choir
Chamber Choir
Concert Band
Wind Ensemble
Advanced Wind Ensemble
American Popular Music: *Analysis & Social Context*
Basic Guitar
Ukulele

Top Universities attended by Graduates

American University
Boston University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon
Clemson University
Duquesne University
Gannon University
Grove City College
Harvard College
Ithaca College
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.)
Pennsylvania State University
Rochester Technical Institute

Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The Citadel
The United States Military Academy at West Point
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Delaware
University of Kentucky
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
University of Virginia
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
West Virginia University

Test Averages

1,526

*Average SAT score

27

Average ACT score

*Average SAT for University-bound Students



Facilities

1

STEM labs



Fitness Center



SMART Boards



Football Field

3

Computer labs



Library



Soccer field



8 Mobile
Computer labs



Track & Field Arena

3

Full Size
Gymnasiums



Sports & Activities

Academic Games
Art Club
Baseball
Boys & Girls Basketball
Boys & Girls Cross Country
Boys & Girls Soccer
Boys & Girls Track & Field
Chamber Choir
Competitive Spirit
Conservation Club
Culinary Arts Club
Equus
Football

Football & Basketball Cheerleading
French Club
Golf
Hoofbeats
Interact Club
Journalism Club
Marching Band
National Honor Society
National Junior Honor Society
Photography Club
Physiology Club
Robotics Team
Show Choir

Ski Club
Softball
Spanish Club
Speech Team
Spirit Club
Student Council
Students for Charity
Volleyball
Wrestling

Featured Highlight

State Ranked Speech Team



Mercer High School's (MHS) Speech Team ranks among the best in the state. The school consistently fields teams that compete on the regional, state, and national stage every year.

In the 2017-2018 season alone, MHS' team members won a total of 112 awards at 12 trophy tournaments. Twenty-three (23) awards were presented to students who won tournament championships at local, state and national competitions. The 2017-2018 MHS Speech Team also boasted a two-time State Champion, one of 18 in the program's 40-year history.

Are you interested in a career involving public speech? Passionate about speaking or communicating your mind and emotions and learning how to deliver your points in an organized, concise and effective manner? Become a member of the MHS' Speech program and be a part of its excellent tradition!

MHS Speech Team History

18 individual state speech champions

35 Pennsylvania High School Speech League District team championships **won over the last 45 years**

29 Catholic Forensic League Erie Diocesan team championships won, including **22 in the last 30 years**

577 national speech tournament **qualifiers since 1979**

9 national speech finalists

