



**INNOVATOR**

**IMITATOR**



## WHY MERCY?

At Mercy Academy, we empower our students to pursue their dreams and change the world. We are committed to a unique, hands-on curriculum focused on critical thinking and real-life problem solving. We prepare our girls to excel in college and pursue their passions in life.

✓ **TAKE ON THE WORLD.** In a student population under 600 by design, each student receives personalized attention to showcase her individual strengths.

✓ **BE AN INNOVATOR.** Our performance-based curriculum pushes students to apply innovative, real-life ideas to their coursework. They excel within our compassionate and supportive culture, which encourages them to feel confident and able to pursue their dreams.

✓ **EMPOWER OTHERS.** Our four-year service learning and leadership program transforms our students into active citizens, equipped to apply Christian principles and tackle systemic change.

✓ **TAKE THE LEAD.** Our faculty is committed to our students' success, as seen through our nationally recognized STEM certification, award-winning arts program, competitive athletic teams and outstanding academics. Each student grows as a leader and thinker and leaves Mercy prepared for real life.

Mercy Academy is a Catholic school that welcomes young ladies of all faith backgrounds.



## OUR MISSION

The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, founded on the vision of Catherine McAuley and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, exists to serve young women by:

- † Providing a quality Catholic education within a caring faith community;
- † Offering an academic curriculum which provides opportunities for all learners to excel;
- † Empowering young women to be responsible leaders in service to others;
- † Offering the opportunity to build a sense of community with students of diverse abilities and backgrounds;
- † Providing academic and real-life experiences that prepare them for life and work in an age of rapid change.





## PREPARE FOR REAL LIFE

Our curriculum uses a unique performance-based approach, which teaches our students to learn and think critically to relate the coursework to real-life problems. In the classroom, our teachers embrace our students as confident individuals preparing for success beyond high school.

Students immerse themselves in their coursework and demonstrate their understanding through problem solving, critical thinking and creativity.

We teach our young women to connect more broadly with the world through innovative programs and travel opportunities. Students engage in hands-on experiences to increase their technical skills using the following state-of-the-art technology:

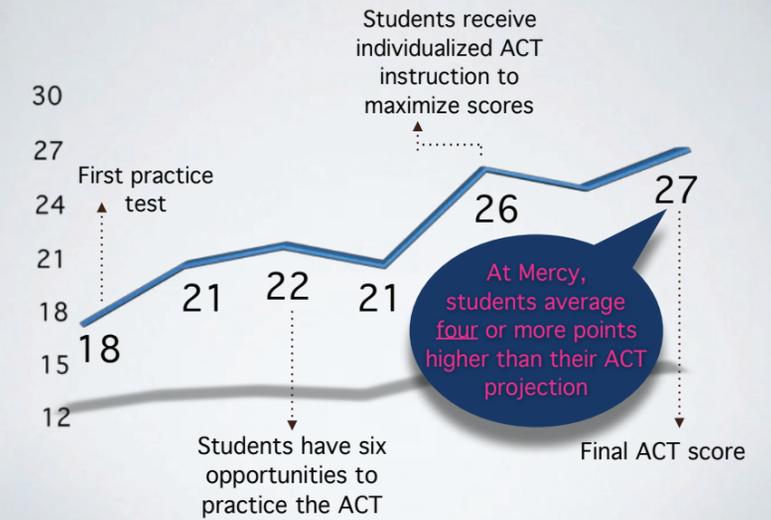
- ✓ One-to-One iPads
- ✓ Four 3-D Printers
- ✓ Broadcast Studio
- ✓ Mac and PC Labs
- ✓ Laser Cutter
- ✓ Router Miller
- ✓ Forensic DNA – Thermal Cycler
- ✓ Underwater ROVs
- ✓ Mindstorm Robots®
- ✓ Aerial Drones
- ✓ Autonomous Vehicles



## RESULTS OF A MERCY EDUCATION

Through our integrated ACT program, each student is carefully monitored to ensure she reaches her full potential. Teachers work with each girl so that she meets her projected ACT score (indicated on her high school placement test results). Those who exceed their projection do so by an average of four additional points.

### Sample ACT progress of an actual Mercy student



For five years running, Mercy has maintained an average 84% AP pass rate. At Mercy, we require all students to take the exam, so these scores represent the exceptional work of a broad range of student ability.

### Mercy's Advanced Placement (AP) Program



GIRL POWER

EMPOWERED



## ACADEMIC LEVELS

At Mercy, we develop each student to her greatest potential by providing her with an environment for maximum growth, at a level commensurate with her individual abilities. We offer five academic course levels to benefit students from all learning backgrounds. Each student can create a flexible and adjustable schedule to meet her specific learning needs.

- ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)** College-level course for students with high abilities and strong desires for challenging work.
- ADVANCED** Independent and fast-paced classroom that focuses on conceptualization and critical thinking skills.
- HONORS I** Rigorous college-prep curriculum that challenges students considering advanced or AP coursework in the future.
- HONORS 2** Individualized college-prep curriculum that challenges students to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century by focusing on collaboration and problem solving.
- ACADEMIC** Highly structured and individualized classroom experience that emphasizes content mastery.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CLASSES

Mercy is proud to offer 17 AP classes with the opportunity to earn college credit.

- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Calculus AB
- ✓ Calculus BC
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Computer Science Principles
- ✓ Economics
- ✓ English Literature
- ✓ French Language
- ✓ Music Theory
- ✓ Physics 1
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Spanish Language
- ✓ Spanish Literature
- ✓ Statistics
- ✓ Studio Art
- ✓ US Government
- ✓ US History

### MERCY SCHOLAR DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Mercy Scholar Diploma Program is an opportunity for gifted students to continue their studies outside the classroom. The program requires students to maintain a 3.8 GPA, take a minimum of three AP classes, attend two fine arts events each year, and complete service hours.

Each month, students meet with a guest speaker, who is a distinguished expert in his or her field. At the end of her sophomore year, the Mercy scholar has the opportunity to choose an independent study with the guidance of a faculty or community member. She then presents her research and thesis paper at the end of her senior year.

### LEARNING DIFFERENCES PROGRAM

This program is designed to meet the individual needs of students and provide academic support to assist them in reaching their academic and personal potential. For more information, please contact Deana Padgett at [dpadgett@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:dpadgett@mercyjaguars.com) or call (502) 671-2010 ext. 2321.

**DRAMA QUEEN**

**DRAMA LEAD**

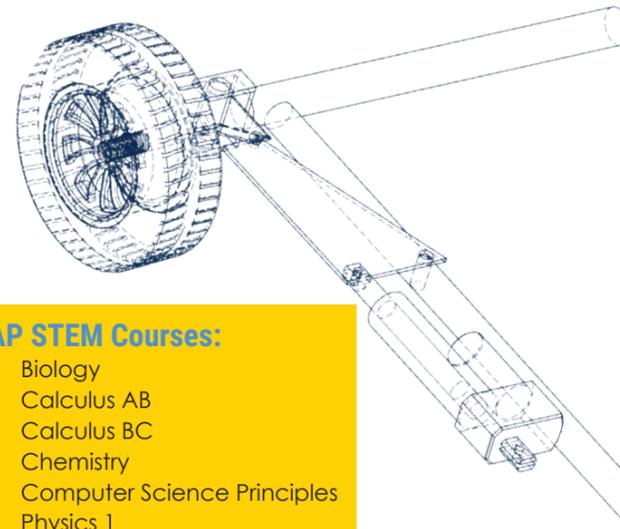


# STEM → STEAM

As the nation's first all-girls accredited **STEM** school, Mercy prepares students for an in-demand, male-dominated **STEM** job market by exposing them to fields that most do not experience until college.

## STEM PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Build life-size autonomous vehicles capable of transporting one person along a programmed route.
- ✓ Code hummingbird robots to create computer-based simulations of ecological problems.
- ✓ Conduct forensic investigations, simulate infectious disease testing, and practice genetic screening with DNA equipment.
- ✓ Create and print 3-D prosthetics that can be controlled by electrical impulse.
- ✓ Debate privacy law while designing, building and coding fully functional drones.
- ✓ Design independent biology research projects, and travel internationally to perform experiments in the field.
- ✓ Experiment and replicate surgical procedures.
- ✓ Serve as mentors in the community, teaching middle school girls about STEM principles.
- ✓ Uncover never-before-seen waterways and marine wildlife utilizing submersible robots.

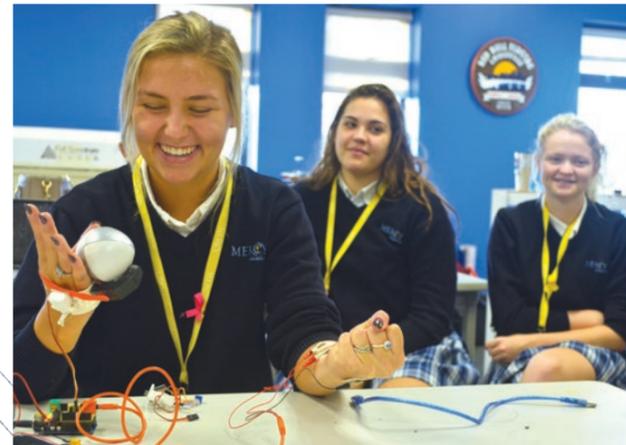


### AP STEM Courses:

- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Calculus AB
- ✓ Calculus BC
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Computer Science Principles
- ✓ Physics 1
- ✓ Statistics

### STEM partners:

- ✓ Air Force Association
- ✓ Advanced Renewable Materials Biochemical Engineering Lab
- ✓ Army Corps of Engineers
- ✓ Bellarmine University
- ✓ Bowman Field Air+Space Academy
- ✓ Dow Corning
- ✓ Falls of the Ohio State Park
- ✓ General Electric
- ✓ Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana
- ✓ Jewish Hospital
- ✓ Kentucky Girls STEM Collaborative
- ✓ Kentucky Science Center
- ✓ Louisville Gas & Electric
- ✓ Louisville Metro Office of Performance Improvement & Innovation
- ✓ Mammoth Cave
- ✓ Metropolitan Sewer District
- ✓ National Parks Department
- ✓ Speed Engineering School
- ✓ University of Kentucky
- ✓ University of Louisville
- ✓ Western Kentucky University



Mercy's **FINE ARTS** department fosters the growth of creative minds with all levels of experience. Our exceptional teachers work one-on-one with each student to improve her skills in 2-D and 3-D art, graphic design, technical theatre, choral music and creative writing.

## ART PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Collaborate with classmates to create a permanent mural in the school.
- ✓ Compete in the annual Derby Art Museum contest, and display winning artwork in public exhibits.
- ✓ Compose 10-minute original plays to be performed and published by Actors Theatre of Louisville.
- ✓ Contribute to theatre productions with behind-the-scenes work in set design, costumes and makeup.
- ✓ Create musical arrangements and accompaniments for theatre and vocal performances.
- ✓ Participate in a state-wide a cappella competition, and work alongside professional artists.
- ✓ Perform a self-written and self-directed play at the acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.
- ✓ Produce a nationally-recognized literary magazine, composed of remarkable student artwork and literature.
- ✓ Receive the title of Kentucky Chapter Select by performing a bilingual play at the Kentucky Thespian Festival.

### AP Art Courses:

- ✓ Music Theory
- ✓ Studio Art



SERVICE LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

# DEFINE YOURSELF



COSTA RICA RESEARCH TRIP

## Mercy offers a wide variety of clubs and activities that gives students many opportunities to get involved.

We encourage each student to discover her passions by joining organizations and athletic teams. We truly believe this makes her high school experience richer and helps her to define herself.

- ✓ 50 clubs, committees, leadership and academic organizations
- ✓ 15 athletic teams

### Travel opportunities:

- ✓ Argentinian Exchange Program
- ✓ Costa Rica Research Trip
- ✓ D.C. Inauguration and March 4 Life
- ✓ Dominican Republic Service Trip
- ✓ England
- ✓ France
- ✓ Galápagos Islands Summer Research
- ✓ Ireland
- ✓ New York City Senior Trip
- ✓ Peru Service Trip
- ✓ Scotland Theatre Performance
- ✓ Wales

### RETREATS

Our retreat program provides each student with a unique opportunity to share her faith in a trusting Christian community. She enriches her awareness of God, self, family and relationships. She does this through activities, personal reflections and talks shared by alumnae and faculty.

### SERVICE LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Our nationally recognized, four-year service learning and leadership program transforms students. They serve those most vulnerable in our society through a two-pronged approach: **direct action** to address the immediate needs in our community and **social action** to accomplish long-term systemic change.

- ✓ **Freshmen:** Participate in four days of service-immersion focusing on the environment and poverty.
- ✓ **Sophomores:** Enter the community and directly serve the needs of those most at-risk.
- ✓ **Juniors:** Learn the complex nature of systems, social analysis and systemic change, and meet with legislators to discuss the need for long-term change.
- ✓ **Seniors:** Create a long-lasting impact in the community by developing and implementing action plans focused on poverty, immigration, healthcare, education and more.

## TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

### COSTA RICA RESEARCH TRIP

Mercy students have the opportunity to embark on a 10-day, scientific adventure to Costa Rica over the summer. There, they design and implement their own unique research projects, all while exploring their beautiful surroundings. This in-depth and hands-on research opportunity is encouraged for those interested in continuing their studies in the field, working side-by-side with professional scientists.



### ARGENTINIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

Students interested in the Spanish language and culture are invited to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience where they host a student from Argentina for a month and then go to live with her in Buenos Aires for a month. During this direct exchange program, students attend our sister school, Santa Ethnea, and explore the city with their host, where they form unbreakable bonds and lifelong memories.



### NEW YORK:

Mercy seniors are invited to spend a jam-packed weekend in New York with their classmates to kick off their final year together at Mercy. They visit the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, NBC Studios, 9/11 Museum, St. Patrick's Cathedral and so much more. It is a trip that they continue to talk about for years after they have graduated.



## TUITION AND FEES

**Tuition is \$12,600 for the 2018-2019 school year.**

There is no finance charge or interest on any of our tuition payment plans.

### TUITION PAYMENT PLANS

✓ 1 Payment:	Due July 15	\$12,600
✓ 3 Payments:	Due July 15	\$4,200
	Due October 15	\$4,200
	Due February 15	\$4,200
✓ 11 Payments:	Due June - April	\$1,145.45

Mercy Academy partners with FACTS Management Company for those with 11 tuition payments. Payments to FACTS may be scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### SISTERS' DISCOUNT

Families with more than one student attending Mercy at the same time receive 15% off the oldest daughter's tuition.

### FEES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration Fee	\$125
Athletic Fee (Athletes Only) – Paid once each year	\$100
Books – Purchased online through MBS or iTunes	

### iPAD DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Mercy requires all students to purchase an iPad through the school. The cost of the iPad is as follows:

iPad with three-year AppleCare Protection	\$473
Deposit paid at registration	(\$100)
Balance: paid with tuition payments	\$373

- ✓ 1 Payment: add \$373 to payment
- ✓ 3 Payments: add \$124.33 to each tuition payment
- ✓ 11 Payments: add \$34 to each tuition payment

\*After the iPad balance is paid in full, the student owns her iPad.



## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

We invite all parents who feel they may qualify for financial aid to submit an online application to our third party processor, FACTS Management Company.

### NEED-BASED AID

#### Tuition Grant Money:

This pool of money comes from Archdiocesan support, the Mercy Fund and special fundraising events.

#### Mercy Day Scholarships:

Incoming and current students can apply for one of our 27 Mercy Day Scholarships. They are awarded in May for the upcoming school year and are based on financial need.

#### Work Study:

Qualified students may work at Mercy for one hour after school, every day, for one semester. This is limited to 22 students per semester, and they can earn up to \$500.

### MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

#### McAuley Scholars:

The students who obtain the top 15 scores on the placement test receive a \$1,000 renewable scholarship.

#### How to apply for financial aid:

1. Complete the online FACTS financial aid form accessible by the link provided on Mercy's website under Tuition and Financial Aid.
2. Register your daughter to attend Mercy on Wednesday, February 27.
3. Submit the online financial aid form to FACTS Management Company.
4. Receive your financial aid notification letter in May.

## STEPS TO ENROLLMENT:

1. **SCHEDULE A SHADOW VISIT:** Visit [mercyacademy.com/shadow](http://mercyacademy.com/shadow) or call (502) 671-2010 to schedule a visit. Shadows actively participate in classes, interact with students and teachers, and experience our unique atmosphere.
2. **ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE:** Join us at our open house on Saturday, December 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the campus, meet current students, and speak with our faculty, administrators and coaches about our innovative curriculum.
3. **TAKE THE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST:** All eighth graders who wish to attend Mercy take the placement test on Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. Students should come to Mercy with two #2 pencils for the test.
4. **RECEIVE AN ACCEPTANCE LETTER:** After Mercy receives the placement test scores and information from middle schools, a letter regarding acceptance is mailed on Tuesday, February 12.
5. **REGISTER TO BE A JAGUAR:** Attend Freshman Registration Night on Wednesday, February 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



MERCY FAMILIES RECEIVE  
TWO FREE PARENT PASSES  
FOR ADMISSION TO ALL  
REGULAR SEASON HOME  
ATHLETIC EVENTS.



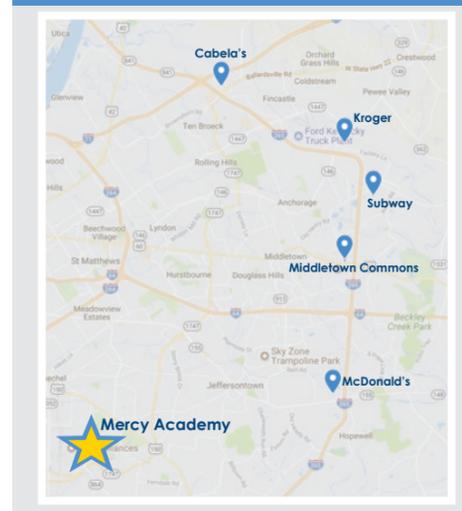
# MERCY ACADEMY BUS SERVICE

Mercy Academy provides a bus service through Miller Transportation. The bus service is \$750 per student, per year for round-trip service, or \$400 for one-way service.

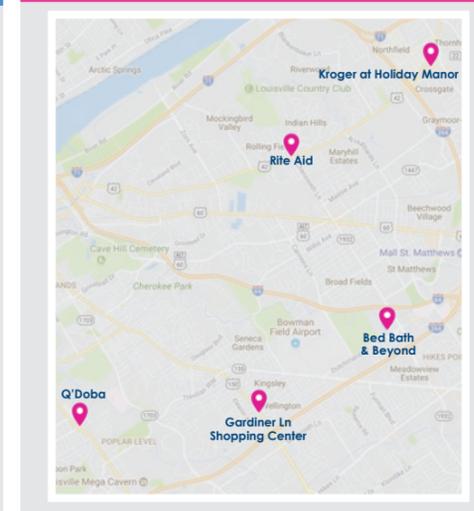
We have three routes, which are displayed below. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Hibdon at [lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com) or (502) 671-2010 ext. 2212.

\*Additional stops considered.

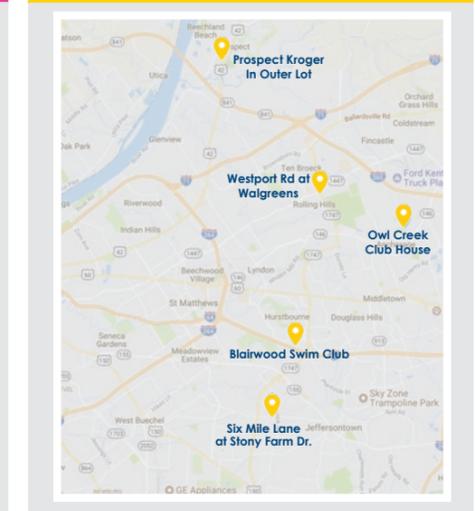
## MERCY I-265 ROUTE



## MERCY PROSPECT & I-264 ROUTE



## MERCY WESTPORT/HURSTBOURNE ROUTE



HIGH-MAINTENANCE

HI-TECH

### MERCY'S ADMINISTRATION

President .....Michael C. Johnson  
 Principal .....Sarah Peace  
 Assistant Principal .....Karen Alpiger  
 Assistant Principal .....Stephanie Heitz  
 Director of Facilities and Safety .....Tracy Edgerton  
 Director of Finance .....Jan Durbin  
 Director of Athletics .....Mark Evans  
 Director of Advancement .....Leslie Hibdon  
 Director of Technology .....Mark Murray

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## SHADOWING:

8<sup>th</sup> graders - Fall  
7<sup>th</sup> graders - Spring

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Academy  
Prepare for real life.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## H.O.M.E. (Hands-On Mercy Experience): 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families

Thursday, November 8 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 28 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## TALK & TOUR TUESDAY: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents (8:15 – 9:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, September 18 Tuesday, January 22  
Tuesday, October 9 Tuesday, February 19  
Tuesday, November 6 Tuesday, March 19  
Tuesday, April 16

## OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 1 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, December 8 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## MAKE-UP PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, January 5 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## ACCEPTANCE LETTERS MAILED

Tuesday, February 12

## FRESHMAN REGISTRATION NIGHT

Wednesday, February 27 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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