



Mercer Island High School Profile 2019-2020

The Community

Mercer Island, an island community located in the south end of Lake Washington, is linked to Seattle, a metropolitan city of approximately 704,000, by a floating bridge (I-90). The city of Mercer Island is primarily a residential area for approximately 23,000 people, most of whom are employed in professional and managerial positions in business and industry in Seattle and the surrounding areas.

The High School



Mercer Island High School (MIHS) is a comprehensive four-year public high school and includes Crest Learning Center – an alternative high school program. Local private and parochial school students also matriculate at Mercer Island High School. There are approximately

1,548 students attending the high school. There are 386 seniors in the Class of 2019. On time graduation rate is 95%. The ethnic breakdown of the student population is 0.3% American Indian, 19.9% Asian, 0.5% African American, 65.4% Caucasian, 4.5% Hispanic/Latino, 0.3% Native Hawaiian, and 9.0% Multiracial. The full and part-time classroom educational staff totals 103.

Accreditation

Mercer Island High School is accredited by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and meets all requirements and standards established by the state of Washington.

Academic Day

The school day is from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and includes seven class periods of 50 minutes. A standard school day is six periods. Classes meet four times a week with two days being a 90 minute “double” period block.

Counseling Department

There are five full-time counselors. Each serves 350-380 students. Mercer Island High School is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC and PNACAC), the Washington Counselor Association, American Association of School Counselors, and the Washington Association of School Counselors.

Our purpose is to provide students with challenging educational activities and experiences that encourage students to reach their individual potential.

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SAT Reasoning (2019 scores pending)

	Students Tested	Mean Score
2018		
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	200	637
Math	200	652

ACT (2019 scores pending)

	Students Tested	Mean Composite
2016	233	28.1
2017	234	28.0
2018	212	28.5

AP Test Results

	Students Tested	Tests Taken	AP Scores 3 and Above
2016	529	692	601
2017	583	793	716
2018	423	955	854
2019	770	1101	636

AP Scholars - 2019 AP Testing

AP Scholars	AP Scholars with Honor
83	41
AP Scholars with Distinction	AP National Scholars
108	17
AP International Diploma	
2	

National Merit Scholars

	Semi-Finalists	Commended Scholars
Class of 2017	10	25
Class of 2018	11	24
Class of 2019	11	32
Class of 2020	13	25

School Honors and Awards

Blue Ribbon

MIHS received the US Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award.

MSN.com

The District was rated #1 in Washington State by MSN.com.

College Board

MIHS was recognized by College Board in its AP District Honor Roll.

MIHS Band

The band program is one of the premier programs in the Pacific Northwest. The MIHS Wind Ensemble performed at the National Association for Music Education Northwest Division Conference (NAfME). Many MIHS chamber and large ensembles have won the WMEA State Solo and Ensemble Contest and were performers at the WMEA State Conference. The MIHS Band played at the Australian National Band Championship in Sydney, Australia and participated in the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade.

MIHS Orchestra

The Chamber Orchestra and Symphonic Orchestra won the Gold and Silver Awards for Orchestras respectively at the Anaheim Heritage Festival 2019. The Chamber Orchestra also won the Adjudicators' Award and the Outstanding Orchestra Group at the same Festival.

MIHS DECA Team

Of the 203 students sent to the Area 3 competition in 2018, 108 qualified for state DECA (SCDC). Of those, 18 qualified to compete in the DECA international competition (ICDC).

MIHS Drama

Last year's drama productions included *Into the Woods*, *Metamorphoses*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

One MIHS drama student earned first place in the Seattle Shakespeare Competition last year and went on to compete at the national level in NYC. Another student appeared in a professional production of *Macbeth* at the Seattle Repertory Theatre and then went on to perform the show Off-Broadway her freshman year of college.

KIMH Radio 88.9 The Bridge

MIHS Broadcast Media students earned national recognition winning 20 Golden Microphone awards at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting Conference in New York City. Locally KMIH broadcasters provided live coverage of the 70th Anniversary Seafair Air Show and Hydro Races and expanded live sports broadcasting to include football, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse.

MIHS Athletic Awards

- 2019 King County Champions: Baseball, Boys Basketball.
- 2019 State Champions: Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Boys Tennis.

Curriculum Features

Advanced Placement

- English Literature & Composition
- English Language & Composition
- Comparative Government
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Psychology
- United States History
- French Language and Culture
- Chinese Language and Culture
- Calculus AB
- Statistics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics 2
- Physics C Mechanics
- Computer Science
- Music Theory
- Studio Art 2D and 3D
- Studio Art Drawing

Honors

- Modern World History
- English 9
- English 10
- English 12
- Algebra 2
- Geometry
- Precalculus
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- Chemistry 1
- Chemistry 2

American Studies

This two-hour block integrates AP English Language Composition and AP US History.

International Entrepreneurship

This course includes business/marketing and social studies curriculum that meets requirements for courses in these disciplines. Students may elect to apply credit to the 12th grade social studies requirement or for the College/Career Readiness (CCR), requirement.

AP Comparative Government and English 12 Honors

This two-hour honors/AP integrated block fulfills the senior requirement for both Social Studies and English. Students earn one credit each in English and social studies.

University of Washington Courses

- Chinese 103
- Computer Science Principles
- Spanish 103
- Spanish 201

Biotechnology/Research & Ethics

This is an advanced life-sciences and ethics course that offers 5 college quarter credits from Shoreline Community College.

Other Programs

Crest Learning Center

Crest Learning Center, the high school's alternative program, provides a variety of alternative approaches to earning high school credit. The program is largely focused on community-based learning in smaller classes. Interdisciplinary instructional techniques focus on differentiation and project-based learning to meet students' individual needs. Crest also gives MISD students access to independent study courses and online learning options (WEB). Crest courses are designated on their MIHS transcript beginning with "W" in the course code.

Counseling Resources

Two Mercer Island Youth and Family Services counselors are based full-time at the high school. These counselors are available to provide mental health counseling and support as well as substance abuse prevention and intervention services free of charge to any interested MIHS student.

College in the High School

Students have the option of co-enrolling at Bellevue College and the University of Washington for college credit in designated courses.

Pacific Northwest College Credit:

Students in specific College/Career Readiness (CCR) courses are able to earn college credit from specific community and technical colleges. Articulations are reviewed on a regular basis to maintain alignment with college course expectations.

Transcript Markings

- TR** **Transfer:** Course taken at another accredited high school prior to student's MIHS enrollment
- CC** **Community College:** Course taken at a 2-year or technical college
- IND** **Independent study**
- WEB** **Online course**
- CR** **Credit only:** Course taken at another accredited institution during student's MIHS enrollment. It is the student's responsibility to send an official transcript from the credit-granting institution to colleges.

The Mercer Island School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Mercer Island School District offers classes in many College and Career Readiness Programs, admission to which is non-discriminatory. Lack of English-language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in those programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Coordinator:
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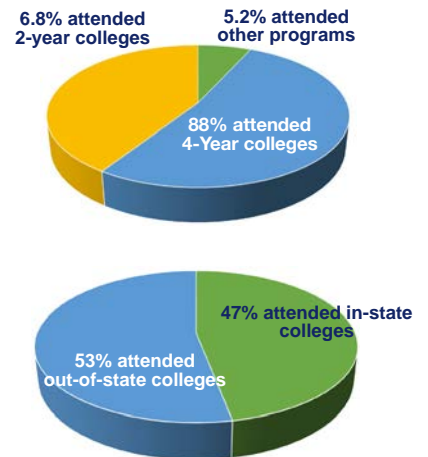
2019 College Acceptance

Allegheny College
 Arizona State University
 Art Center Pasadena
 Babson College
 Bellevue College
 Belmont University
 Boston University
 Brandeis University
 Brown University
 Cal State Sonoma
 California Institute of Arts
 California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo
 Capilano University
 Carleton College
 Carnegie Mellon Univ
 Central Washington University
 Chapman University
 College of the Atlantic
 Colorado College
 Colorado State University
 Community College-unnamed
 Connecticut College
 Dartmouth College
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Eastern Washington University
 Embrey Riddle
 Erasmus Univ (Rotterdam)
 Full Sail University
 George Washington University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gonzaga University
 Hamilton College
 Hampton University
 Illinois Wesleyan
 Indiana University
 Ithaca College
 Johns Hopkins University
 Kenyon College
 Lafayette College
 Les Roches College of hospitality
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University
 Marquette University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 McGill University
 Michigan State University
 Military: Israel

Molloy College
 Monash University
 Montana State University
 New Mexico State University
 New York University
 Northwest University
 Notre Dame
 Oberlin College
 Pace University
 Pacific Lutheran University
 Parsons The New School
 Point Loma Nazarene
 Purdue University
 Royal Holloway University
 San Diego State University
 Santa Clara University
 Scripps College
 Seattle Central Community College
 Seattle Pacific University
 Seattle University
 Smith College
 Southern Methodist University
 St Norbert College
 SUNY Purchase
 Syracuse University
 Temple University (Japan)
 Tokyo Nagoya University
 Trinity College
 Trinity University
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 Univeristy of Illinois
 University of Arizona
 University of British Columbia
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of Colorado, Boulder
 University of Evansville
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Michigan
 University of Mississippi
 University of Montana
 University of Nebraska
 University of North Carolina
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Ontario Institute of Technology

University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Redlands
 University of Richmond
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
 University of Southern California
 University of Tampa
 University of Texas @ Austin
 University of Utah
 University of Washington Bothell
 University of Washington Seattle
 University of Wisconsin
 US Air Force Academy
 Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Warren Wilson College
 Washington State University
 Washington University at Saint Louis
 Western Washington University
 Whitman College
 Whittier
 Whitworth University
 Willamette
 Williams College

Class of 2019 College Attendance



2019 Graduation Requirements

Distribution of Credits

Courses & Credits

English	4.0	P.E./Health	2.0
Fine Arts	2.0	College/Career	
Science	3.0	Readiness.....	1.0
Social Studies.....	3.0	World Language	2.0
Mathematics.....	3.0		

Totals

Specific content	20.0
Additional electives	4.0
Total required.....	24.0

Students must earn a total of 24* credits to graduate. One-half credit is earned for each semester class completed with a grade of D or higher.

Rank Policy: Class rank is determined by unweighted grade point average. All 9-12 grades are included in GPA and rank. Mainstreamed Special Education students, ELL students and Crest (alternative program) grades are recorded on the transcript and therefore computed in class rank. Grades earned through Running Start are also included in our GPA and rank.

Grading: In accordance with District Policy, marks indicating achievement which meet standards for receiving credit will be: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, F Using the State 11 point Grade Table, GPA's will be calculated on the following basis:

A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.7, D+ = 1.3, D = 1.0, F = 0.0

“CR” indicates the student earned credit for an out-of-district course. Students are responsible for sending official transcripts for out-of-district coursework independently of the MIHS transcript.