MISSION STATEMENT
Mercersburg Academy prepares young people from diverse backgrounds for college and for life in a global community. Students at Mercersburg pursue a rigorous and dynamic curriculum while learning to live together harmoniously in a supportive residential environment. Mercersburg’s talented faculty instill in students the value of hard work and the importance of character and community as they teach students to think for themselves, to approach life thoughtfully and creatively, to thrive physically, to act morally, to value the spiritual dimension of human existence, and to serve others.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM
Mercersburg students in the ninth and 10th grades focus on immersion in all disciplines and in skills development that will carry them through their academic career by taking English, history, a foreign language, math, science, religion, and fine arts. In the 11th and 12th grades, students will delve deeply into academic pursuits of interest to them and gain new options for independent and in-depth study through two capstone experiences that build on the strong foundation gained during the ninth and 10th grades—MAPS and Springboard. Successful completion of one of these programs is a graduation requirement for all seniors. It is our philosophical belief that it is in the students’ best interest to compel them to make thoughtful, sometimes complex, choices about their senior course load while including the capstone course as one of their five classes. Students may petition to take a sixth course, often a fine arts class, and in rare cases a sixth academic class.

INTERDISCIPLINARY SENIOR PROGRAMS
Springboard is a rigorous, interdisciplinary course taken in the senior year. Courses are designed around the Challenge Based Learning model and explore contemporary issues and opportunities that students could face in the workplace. At first, teachers guide students through a series of challenges and provocations to prepare students for their own projects. The course culminates with students designing a project based on their own understanding of a topic or a challenge that they wanted to solve. The goal of every project is that it could be published, permanent, or viewed by the public.

MAPS is a two-year program that begins with a competitive application process. In 11th grade MAPS students take the course Thought, Knowledge and Belief. The capstone experience embedded in MAPS is a senior research project entitled SEARCH: Study-Engage-Apply-Research-Create-Help. Each student is connected with at least one professional consultant outside of the Mercersburg community. Using the principles of Challenge Based Learning, students’ SEARCH projects culminate in the successful completion and defense of a 25-30 page thesis paper and an actionable proposal based upon their thesis. The MAPS program also requires a four-week international travel experience with a homestay component and an independent academic component, language study through level IV or beyond, advanced coursework in at least four different core disciplines, and 150 hours of community service.

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Statement on GPA and Rank
Mercersburg Academy does not report GPA or class rank. We strongly believe in multiple entry points for students and intentionally grow the class each year; therefore, any cumulative GPA would not accurately reflect the Mercersburg experience as it would include grades from many different institutions. Official term grades for all courses attempted are reported on the transcript.

Statement on Discipline
While seeking to develop self-discipline and responsibility in every student, Mercersburg recognizes the importance of clear boundaries and resulting consequences for overstepping those boundaries in a successful community. If schools ask about discipline issues, students are expected to self-report; counselors confirm the accuracy of details and outcome. Mercersburg reports final warnings, suspensions, and required withdrawals.

Statement on Student Diversity
Mercersburg places value on the diverse background of our students and the impact such diversity has in our community and intellectual life. Mercersburg students hail from 29 States and the District of Columbia and 44 different nations. In the student body, 20% of domestic students identify as students of color. In keeping with our mission to prepare students for life in a global community, 53% of the Class of 2017 participated in an international travel program sponsored by the school prior to graduation. In addition, 49% of students receive financial aid.

Statement on Standardized Testing
In the summaries of SAT and ACT scores, each member of the graduating class is represented in either the SAT results or the ACT results, not both. These summaries do not include one-year seniors or postgraduate students.

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From 2015 to 2017, eighteen Mercersburg Academy students achieved recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program as Commended Scholars with one of those students becoming a Finalist.

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AP Exam Results by Academic Year

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<td>3 or better</td>
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<td>55%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Tests Taken</td>
<td>530</td>
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<td>Number of Students</td>
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In 2017, 236 students sat for 530 exams in 24 subjects, most commonly in English Lang (81), English Lit (51), Physics 1 (34), Environmental Science (33), U.S. History (32), Calculus AB (32), World History (24), Statistics (23), Chemistry (21), Spanish Language (21).

Note: All percentiles were calculated using the Quartile function in Apple’s Numbers spreadsheet.
## Requirements for current seniors

(for grade entered)

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<td>Amer Land, Voices Am Lit, Engl Lang AP</td>
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<td>12th</td>
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<td>Senior Elective Term Courses (American Plays, Journalism, Pursuit of Essay, Postmodernism, Existentialism, Fiction, Graphic Novels, Lit &amp; Lang of Sports, Film Studies, Poetry, Post-Apocalyptic Fiction), Engl Lit AP</td>
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<td>1 year (unless US History was already successfully completed)</td>
<td>History term courses (TC-IR &amp; War 20th C, TC-Cold War, TC-Tot Regimes, Buddhism), Q-F Seminar H, European AP, Economics AP, Comp G&amp;P AP</td>
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**All students:** through Algebra II

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<td>3 years (includes bio and chem or physics)</td>
<td>Biology Eco, Biology Mol, Biology Term Courses (Field Biology, Human Genetics, Botany, Stream Ecology, Forensics, Climate Change), Anatomy &amp; Phys, Biology AP</td>
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<td>10th</td>
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<td>AP Environmental Science, Astronomy, CS Term Courses (S-B Computers, App Development, Scripting), Robotics (I-III) Computer Science AP</td>
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<td>11th</td>
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<td>Chemistry, Chemistry H, Chemistry AP, Physics, Physics I AP, Physics C:AP, Physics C:EM&amp;M AP</td>
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<td>12th</td>
<td>1 year (unless two equivalent courses were already successfully completed)</td>
<td>These courses are available to any qualified student at any grade level: Chinese I, Chinese II, Chinese III, Chinese IV, Chinese AP, French I, French II, French II H, French III, French III H, French IV, French Lang AP, French Lit pAP, French Wld pAP, French Civ pAP, German I, German II, German III, German III H, German IV, German AP, Latin I, Latin II, Latin II H, Latin III, Latin III H, Latin IV, Latin Vergil AP, Latin Lit pAP, Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish II H, Spanish III, Spanish III H, Spanish IV, Spanish Lang AP</td>
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**World Lit, World Lit H**

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<td>9th</td>
<td>4 terms (taken in 9th and 10th grade in two different areas of Fine Arts)</td>
<td>Ballet I, Jazz Dance, Dance Intro, Dance Composition (I, II, III), Pointe Acting I, Speech, Tech I (Stagecraft), Acting II, Advanced Performance Band, Chorale, Strings, Guitar, Writing Music, Mixing Music (I &amp; II)</td>
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**Must complete Springboard or MAPS**

- Springboard: Business of Sport, Commarts, Creative Collaboration, Entrepreneurship, Global Food Chain, Maker’s Lab, Parallel Histories, Positive Psychology, Rapid Application Development
- MAPS: Thought, Knowledge, Belief; MAPS - SEARCH

**Key:**
- ac = accelerated; H = honors; AP = Advanced Placement; pAP = post-AP

For descriptions of individual courses, please use the following link:

www.mercersburg.edu/courses
Mercersburg has a long tradition of sending its graduates to a wide variety of colleges and universities both domestic and international. Over the past four years, Mercersburg students were accepted at over 450 colleges and universities. They were accepted at an additional 221 universities and colleges in addition to the following selection of schools:

- Albright College - 2
- Allegheny College - 5
- American University - 21
- Amherst College
- Assumption College - 2
- Babson College - 4
- Bard College - 3
- Bard College Berlin
- Barnard College
- Bates College - 4
- Baylor University - 3
- Beloit College - 3
- Boston College - 15
- Boston University - 39
- Brandeis University - 4
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- Bucknell University - 24
- Buffalo State College of SUNY
- Butler University - 3
- Cal Poly - 2
- Caldwell University - 2
- California University of PA - 3
- Carleton College
- Carnegie Mellon University - 11
- Case Western Reserve Univ - 16
- Catholic University of America - 4
- Centre College - 2
- Chapman University - 13
- Christopher Newport Univ - 2
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clark University - 3
- Clarkson University - 2
- Clemson University - 9
- Colby College - 5
- Colgate University - 4
- College of Charleston - 15
- College of the Holy Cross - 3
- College of William and Mary - 12
- College of Wooster - 4
- Colorado College - 5
- Columbia College - 3
- Columbia University - 3
- Connecticut College - 12
- Cornell University - 11
- Dartmouth College - 4
- Davidson College - 6
- Denison University - 8
- DePaul University - 5
- DePauw University
- Dickinson College - 17
- Drew University - 7
- Drexel University - 33
- Duke University - 2
- Duquesne University - 6
- Eckerd College - 7
- Elizabethtown College - 3
- Elon University - 22
- Emerson College - 3
- Emory & Henry College - 2
- Emory University - 15
- Eugene Lang College - 2
- Fairfield University - 3
- Florida Institute of Technology - 4
- Florida State University - 3
- Fordham University - 21
- Franklin and Marshall College - 17
- Furman University - 8
- George Mason University - 8
- George Washington University - 23
- Georgetown University - 11
- Georgia Institute of Technology - 9
- Georgia State University - 2
- Gettysburg College - 17
- Goucher College - 5
- Grinnell College - 2
- Guilford College - 7
- Hamilton College (NY) - 11
- Hampden-Sydney College - 4
- Hampshire College - 4
- Hartwick College - 3
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Haverford College - 2
- Hawaii Pacific University - 2
- High Point University - 14
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges - 19
- Hood College - 2
- Illinois Institute of Technology - 3
- Ithaca College - 12
- Johns Hopkins University - 12
- Juniata College - 3
- Kalamazoo College
- Kenyon College - 8
- Lafayette College - 5
- Lebanon Valley College - 4
- Lehigh University - 12
- Lewis & Clark College - 6
- Loyola Marymount University - 7
- Loyola University Chicago - 3
- Loyola University Maryland - 12
- Loyola University New Orleans - 5
- Lynchburg College - 6
- Macalester College - 4
- Marist College - 5
- Marquette University - 3
- Maryland Inst College of Art
- Marymount Manhattan College - 2
- McDaniel College - 8
- McGill University - 5
- Merrimack College - 4
- Messiah College - 4
- Miami University, Oxford - 9
- Middlebury College - 7
- Mount Holyoke College - 4
- Mount St. Mary’s University - 7
- Muhlenberg College - 13
- New York Institute of Tech - 3
- New York University - 39
- Northeastern University - 27
- Northwestern University - 3
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College - 4
- Pace University, NYC - 6
- Pennsylvania State University - 32
- Pepperdine University - 3
- Pitzer College - 3
- Pomona College - 2
- Princeton University - 2
- Providence College - 4
- Purdue University - 13
- Queen’s University - 2
- Quinnipiac University - 3
- Radford University - 4
- Reed College - 3
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - 6
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rhodes College - 7
- Rice University - 7
- Richmond The American Int’l College in London - 3
- Roanoke College - 7
- Rochester Institute of Tech - 4
- Rollins College - 6
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech - 2
- Saint Francis University - 2
- Saint Joseph’s University - 5
- Saint Michael’s College - 5
- Salisbury University - 2
- Santa Clara University - 5
- Savannah College of Art and Design - 4
- School of the Art Inst of Chicago - 4
- School of Visual Arts
- Sewanee: The University of the South - 7
- Shenandoah University - 9
- Shepherd University - 5
- Skidmore College - 4
- Smith College - 3
- Southern Methodist University - 13
- St. John’s University, Queens - 3
- St. Lawrence University - 5
- St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- Stanford University
- Stetson University - 4
- Stevens Institute of Technology - 5
- Stevenson University - 4
- Susquehanna University - 8
- Swarthmore College - 3
- Syracuse University - 22
- Temple University - 9
- Texas A&M University - 9
- Texas Christian University - 3
- Texas Tech University - 4
- The New School - 5
- Trinity College - 9
- Trinity University - 7
- Tufts University - 10
- Tulane University - 12
- UNC Chapel Hill - 11
- Union College - 11
- United States Military Academy - 7
- United States Naval Academy - 20
- University College London - 3
- University of British Columbia - 3
- University of California, Berkeley - 7
- University of California, LA - 13
- University of Chicago - 4
- University of Cincinnati - 2
- University of Dayton - 3
- University of Denver - 9
- University of Edinburgh - 2
- University of Houston - 3
- University of Iowa - 2
- University of Kentucky - 4
- University of Maryland, College Park - 15
- University of Miami - 18
- University of Michigan - 13
- University of Mississippi - 7
- University of Notre Dame - 2
- University of Pennsylvania - 6
- University of Pittsburgh - 31
- University of Redlands - 6
- University of Richmond - 18
- University of Rochester - 6
- University of San Diego - 3
- University of San Francisco - 5
- University of South Carolina - 9
- University of South Florida, Tampa - 3
- University of Southern California - 5
- University of Tampa - 7
- University of Texas, Austin - 7
- University of the Pacific - 5
- University of Virginia - 27
- Ursinus College - 6
- Vanderbilt University - 3
- Vassar College - 2
- Villanova University - 9
- Virginia Commonwealth University - 8
- Virginia Tech - 20
- Wake Forest University - 8
- Washington and Jefferson College - 6
- Washington and Lee University - 7
- Washington College
- Washington University in St. Louis - 3
- Wellesley College - 6
- Wesleyan University - 4
- West Virginia University - 6
- Westminster College - 3
- Wheaton College MA - 4
- Whitman College - 2
- Whittier College - 4
- Widener University - 6
- Willamette University - 2
- Williams College
- Wilson College - 3
- Wofford College - 3
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute - 2
- Xavier University