

Mercersburg Academy

Ivy League MIT Stanford placement

Mercersburg Academy: 6 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 18 %

Top 50 High Schools: 25 %

HYPMS placement

Mercersburg Academy: 1 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 8 %

Top 50 High Schools: 12 %

Average SAT

Mercersburg Academy: 1,825

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 1,842

Top 50 High Schools: 1,569

Endowment per student

Mercersburg Academy: \$ 0.30 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 0.32 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 0.16 million (US)

Endowment

Mercersburg Academy: \$ 131 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 186 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 110 million (US)

AP courses

Mercersburg Academy-- Insufficient Data --

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 16 (courses)

Top 50 High Schools: 12 (courses)

Students receiving aid

Mercersburg Academy-- Insufficient Data --

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 30 %

Top 50 High Schools: 22 %

Average class size

Mercersburg Academy: 12 (students)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 12 (students)

Top 50 High Schools: 14 (students)

Advanced degree faculty

Mercersburg Academy: 68 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 72 %

Top 50 High Schools: 64 %

Day Tuition

Mercersburg Academy: \$ 35,950 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 31,941 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 32,349 (USD)

Boarding Tuition

Mercersburg Academy: \$ 48,826 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 46,116 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 45,931 (USD)

Info

- School type: Boarding and day students
 - Day student only grade:9th to 11th
 - Boarding student only grade:9th to PG
 - School focus: College Preparatory
 - AP and or IB: AP
 - Number of AP courses offered: 0
 - Average SAT: 1825
 - ESL offered:
 - Academic calendar: Trimesters
 - Summer program:
 - Boarding availability: 7 day boarding
 - Setting: Rural
 - Founded:1893
 - Total school faculty: 96
 - Advanced degree faculty: 68 %
 - Teacher : Student ratio: 1 : 5
 - Religious affiliation:None
 - Website: <http://www.mercersburg.edu>
 - Address: 300 East Seminary Street Mercersburg PA 17236 United States
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Enrollment

- Day student only grade:9th to 11th
 - Boarding student only grade:9th to PG
 - Enrollment gender: Coed
 - Average class size: 12
 - Dress code*:No
 - Total student enrolled:440
 - International student:
 - *Dress code, Yes=Formal or Uniform, No=Casual
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Tuition

- Boarding student tuition (per year):\$48,826
 - Day student tuition (per year):\$35,950
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Admissions

- Admissions deadline: January 31
 - Application fee: \$50.00
 - Acceptance rate:
 - Interview: On-campus interview required
 - Rolling admissions: Yes
 - English proficiency required for admission: Yes
 - Type of aid available: Need-based
 - % student receiving aid:
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Reviews

Academic

[Trinity College] Academics at Mercersburg Academy are hit or miss. Teachers can either be great or no invested. Sciences are not Mercersburg's strong point. The very best teachers are reserved for the AP-Level classes. English and history great departments. Both departments are filled with enthusiastic teachers who enjoy working with students. Arts department also great.

[Columbia] Faculty are invested in the students and readily available for their needs. Most of them live on campus. Largest classes at Mercersburg consist of about 17 students. Offers a number of AP courses.

[Princeton] The average class size at Mercersburg is 8-10 students. Uses the Harkness method especially in the English, History, and Religion departments. The academic day runs from 8:00 AM to 3:40 PM. Mercersburg offers 40 AP Courses. Mercersburg has very strong history and science departments. The class day schedule is congested, and often times classes can run long and make it difficult to proceed to the next class in the rotation with enough time. Irvine Hall, the building where classes take place, becomes very crowded, and there is no space for students to keep their belongings (like lockers). There are many seminars and lectures by visiting artists, university scholars, scientists, and journalists, many of which are of national renown.

College Counseling

[Trinity College] First meet with advisor sophomore year, but junior year there is an assigned a counselor. Meet with advisor at student's discretion.

[Columbia] Students choose a specific counselor at the end of sophomore year. Connected to admissions offices at colleges.

[Princeton] The senior college counselor, William McClintick, is actually the current president of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, NACAC. At Mercersburg, students are first assigned to college counselors in the 11th grade, but they are available as resources to all Mercersburg students.

Admissions Process

[Trinity College] PSATs— score within 85th-89th percentile. The school does pick many specialized students (athletes, actors, etc). Interviews are not required, but should you chose to schedule one, neat dress is advised. Mercersburg has no feeder-schools.

[Columbia] They are looking for well-rounded individuals who will be able and willing to take advantage of the opportunities offered to its students.

[Princeton] Students must take the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT) prior to applying to Mercersburg for admission. No interviews are required, although they are offered upon request on campus by an admissions officer. These interviews are primarily informational, and are often used by admissions officers to gage the student's academic interests and interest in Mercersburg in particular. Parents should be sufficiently involved in the admissions process, especially if the student is seeking financial assistance. Athletes may meet with coaches before considering matriculation at Mercersburg, and coaches may make recommendations to the admissions office, but a formal recruiting process does not take place.

Extra-Curricular Activities

[Trinity College] Extracurricular activities are a bit lacking at Mercersburg. There are sports and then there is Stony Batter (the theater group). Mercersburg has 3 strengths: Swimming, Wrestling, and Baseball.

[Columbia] The student Writing Center is open each weeknight for any student to get help with any piece of written work. And the Burgin Center for the Arts provides a stunning setting for artists with two theaters, two recital halls, two dance studios, two computer labs, and labs for sculpting, drawing, painting, and ceramics. The outdoor education program (MOE) takes students into the beautiful habitat surrounding the school for activities ranging from whitewater rafting to rock-climbing.

[Princeton] Mercersburg hosts a clubs and activities fair on the main quad every autumn so students become acquainted with them all. Most clubs are student run, with faculty advisers. Clubs regularly go on trips off campus. Mercersburg students are very active in the community.

Quality of School Life

[Trinity College] The Student Body is mostly white, with relatively large contingents of students from South Korea and Taiwan. The majority of students are boarders and hail from the northeast. Mercersburg is a quiet town.

[Columbia] The dorms range from your standard order to high-ceilinged, hardwood-floored rooms. All dorms are close to the heart of campus, although the gym can be a bit of a hike for those living on front campus. Generous financial aid. Exchange programs and recruiting efforts abroad bring in large numbers of students from Eastern Asia, Germany, and elsewhere in Europe. Large day-student population.

[Princeton] Room set-ups are regulated to prevent fire hazards, and rules are enforced so that students must keep their rooms clean and orderly. Most dorms have kitchenettes, so late-night food access is available. Dorms usually have a snack bar run by the student prefects. The room selection lottery is generated by computer, and the selection takes place by means of seniority. Switching between rooms during the year is possible if conflicts occur. The town of Mercersburg is quaint and small, but there is not much to it. The town is pretty historical (many buildings date back to the 18th century) and there is beautiful scenery of the Tuscarora Mountains.