

# Mercyhurst Preparatory Erie, Pennsylvania

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

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Mercyhurst Preparatory School (MPS), an International Baccalaureate (IB) and Blue Ribbon School of Excellence located in Erie, Pennsylvania, offers boarding school options for both regional and international students. Pennsylvania International Academy (PIA) serves as administrators for the international student and boarding program for MPS, which remains open during all school breaks and holidays. In our program, students feel at home and can often have conversations with their peers that share the same culture and also learn about others from around the world. The students feel a sense of understanding from one another as well as sense of support.



## COMMUNITY PROFILE

Mercyhurst Preparatory School is located in Erie, Pennsylvania. In Erie, there are many things to do such as hiking, boating, fishing, skiing, visiting the zoo, festivals, art museums, Erie Philharmonic, Lake Erie Ballet and the theatres and playhouses in the area. The two nearest major cities to Erie is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Cleveland, Ohio.



### COMMUNITY FACTS

**Population:** 102,000

**Nearest Major City:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Temperature Range:** 1°C to 27°C

## QUICK FACTS

### LOCATION OF SCHOOL

> Erie, Pennsylvania

### TYPE OF SCHOOL

> Catholic, co-educational boarding school

### GRADES OFFERED

> 9 - 12

### RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

> Catholic

### SAT SCORE (AVERAGE)

> 1650

### NUMBER OF STUDENTS

> 520

### NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

> 30

### STUDENT:TEACHER RATIO

> 13:1

### ARE UNIFORMS REQUIRED?

> Yes

### IS ESL OFFERED?

> Yes

### GRADUATION POSSIBLE?

> Yes-within two years

### NEAREST AIRPORT

> Erie International Airport (ERI)

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Sports

#### Boys:

Baseball,  
Basketball, Cross  
Country, Golf,  
Football,  
Swimming, Soccer,  
Tennis

#### Girls:

Basketball,  
Bowling,  
Cheerleading,  
Cross Country,  
Swimming  
& Diving, Softball,  
Tennis, Volleyball

### School Clubs

Bible Study, Concert  
Choire, Fencing Club,  
Finance Club, Jr.,  
Achievement Club, History  
Club, Model United  
Nations, National Honor,  
Society, Photo Club

## INTERESTING FACTS

> Students may select from 53 honors courses, of which 30 are also IB, in English, mathematics, social studies, science, theology, world languages, and the performing and visual arts.

> Mercyhurst Prep's campus is located adjacent to that of Mercyhurst University

# FACILITIES



Mercyhurst Preparatory School's campus includes: classroom, cafeteria, science laboratories, computer laboratories, and gymnasium, soccer fields (3 indoor), and an off-campus residence hall for 200 students.



## COURSES OFFERED

MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	ENGLISH	LANGUAGES	THE ARTS	ELECTIVES
Algebra I College Prep	Anatomy & Physiology	American Literature (CP, MPS PreIB/H)	British Literature (CP, H)	French I-III (CP, MPS PreIB/H, IB/H)	Painting I/II	Advanced/Basic Acting
Algebra I Plus (CP)	Biology I (CP, IB/H)	Current Events		Introduction to Italian	Drawing I/II	Astronomy
Algebra I MPS PreIB	Biology II IB/H	Global Issues		Spanish I-IV (CP, IB/H, PreIB/H)	Art Foundations	Christianity & Popular Culture
Algebra II/Trig (CO/IB/Honors)	Chemistry I/II (CP, IB/H)	Government & Economics (CP, MPS PreIB, H)			Art Appreciation	Creative Writing
Pre-Calculus (H)	Physics (CP,H)	History of the Americas (CP, H, IB)			Art History (CP, IB/H)	Journalism I
Calculus I Honors	Environmental Science	Holocaust			Ceramics I/II Advanced	Pharmacy Tech
Probability & Statistics	Earth & Space Science (CP)	Modern American History (CP,H)			Concert Choir (CP, IB/H)	Psychology (CP)
Geometry (CP, H, MPS PreIB)	Science Concepts (CP, MPS PreIB/H)	The Civil War (CP)			Music Appreciation	Technical Theatre Production
Geometry II (CP, H)		World History (IB)			Music History (IB/H)	Yearbook

## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Alfred University  
 Allegheny College  
 American University  
 Arizona State University  
 Auburn University  
 Babson College  
 Baldwin-Wallace College  
 Boston College  
 Brandeis University  
 Brown University  
 Bucknell University  
 Canisius College  
 Georgetown University  
 Harvard University

Carnegie-Mellon University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Catholic University  
 Central Florida  
 Clemson University  
 Colgate University  
 Columbia University  
 Columbus College of Art and Design  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College  
 Denison University  
 DePaul University

Trinity College  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Colorado  
 University of Dayton  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of North Carolina  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 Vassar College  
 Villanova University

## DRESS CODE

The present uniform colors are grey, white, and green. The supplier of skirts, slacks, shirts, and shorts is Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Company.

Order uniforms by mail

Order uniforms online

## UNIFORM

Required at all times:

Grey slacks or skirt of modest length – no shorter than 4 inches above the knee (available from Flynn & O'Hara only). Slacks must be hemmed so that they do not drag on the floor and they may not have split seams.

One of the following:

Ironed white oxford cloth shirt with white buttons and buttoned down collar, long sleeved or short sleeved (available from Flynn & O'Hara and elsewhere)

White knit polo shirt with MPS logo, long sleeved or short sleeved available from Flynn & O'Hara

A plain black or brown belt must be worn on all days, with any pair of slacks manufactured with belt loops

Only a plain white turtleneck or tee shirt may be worn under the oxford cloth or polo shirts. Long sleeved turtlenecks or tees may not be worn under short sleeved polos or oxfords

Socks

Girls are required to wear plain grey or black tights with skirts from October 15 to April 1. During the remaining months white, grey, or black solid color knee or crew socks may be worn.

Boys are required to wear white, grey, or black solid color crew socks.

Athletic socks may not be worn with the uniform (ankle bones should be covered).

Shoes: a closed toe shoe in condition of good repair. Boots and sneakers may NOT be worn as part of the uniform.

## DRESS UNIFORM

On designated days during the school year, students are asked to wear their dress uniforms, which consist of the slacks/skirts, belts, shoes, and socks as described above. The only changes are:

ONLY oxford cloth shirts may be worn; no polo shirts.

Green or grey striped MPS tie (available from Flynn & O'Hara or from the MPS bookstore) must be worn.

Although not required, the only sweaters/sweatshirts that may be worn with the dress uniform are:

Green cardigan with MPS logo available from Flynn & O'Hara and from the MPS bookstore)

Green v-neck sweater with MPS logo (available from Flynn & O'Hara and from the MPS bookstore)

Green crew-necked sweatshirt (available only from the MPS bookstore)

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

Green cardigan with MPS logo (available from Flynn & O'Hara only).

Green v-neck sweater with MPS logo (available from Flynn & O'Hara only).

Green crew-neck sweatshirt (available only from the MPS bookstore).

Dark (hunter) green collared or crew neck sweatshirt with white lettering representing the school, an MPS team or an MPS activity. The sweatshirt may not have a hood or a pouch and may not be ripped or torn. All designs must be approved by the MPS administration. This sweatshirt may not be worn on dress uniform days. An oxford cloth shirt or a uniform polo shirt must be worn at all times, even when wearing any of the school sweaters or sweatshirts.

Navy blue shorts (may be worn before Oct. 15 and after April 1) (available only from Flynn & O'Hara)

Solid navy blue socks, only worn with shorts(available from Flynn & O'Hara and elsewhere)