



OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

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Grades 9-12

CEEB: 300026

SCHOOL FACTS

2025-2026 Enrollment: 26 students

Faculty size: 10

Average class size: 7

Affiliation: Diocese of Manchester

Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

ADMINISTRATION

Interim Principal

Dean of Students

School Counselor

Dr. Annie Pearson

Mr. Anthony Sully

Miss Sarah Kaczinski

MISSION

Confident in the Truth that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, the mission of Our Lady of Mercy Academy (OLMA) is to provide an education based upon the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and to instill in students God's greatest commands: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

THE SCHOOL

Our Lady of Mercy Academy high school opened in the fall of 2020 and shares a campus with Saint Joseph Regional School (PK-8) that was founded in 1886. Mercy Academy is a small Catholic, coeducational secondary school enrolling students in grades 9 through 12. OLMA provides a rigorous college preparatory education. Admissions are based on demonstration of solid academic performance and positive school citizenship. Families of all faith denominations are welcome.

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Our Lady of Mercy Academy is a regional high school located in the small, vibrant town of Keene (population: 23,000). Students of Mercy hail from a wide geographic area of rural southwest New Hampshire, known as the Monadnock Region.

TUITION 2025-2026

\$9,275 – Approximately 55% of students receive some level of tuition assistance.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Assumption Univ.	Messiah College
Ave Maria Univ.	Plymouth State Univ.
Belmont Abbey College	Providence College
Benedictine College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Boston College	Roanoke College
Catholic Univ. of America	St. Anselm College
Coastal Carolina Univ.	St. Michael's College
Fairfield Univ.	Siena College
Franciscan Univ. of Steubenville	Southern New Hampshire Univ.
Franklin Pierce Univ.	Stonehill College
College of the Holy Cross	UMass - Dartmouth
Hope College	Univ. of Dallas
Husson Univ.	Univ. of New Hampshire
Keene State College	UNC - Pembroke
Le Moyne College	Western New England Univ.
	Wingate Univ.

THE MERCY PROJECT

A unique component of OLMA's curriculum is The Mercy Project course. It is our interpretation of a community service-based course in which students play dynamic roles in both our immediate and extended neighborhoods. This puts Mercy Academy's mission into action. It calls on students to be informed of the world immediately around them and beyond, and the needs of the greater community.

SENIOR SEMINAR

In this workshop-style class, students receive direct guidance and hands-on opportunities to prepare for life after high school. Students learn about their own goals and interests as well as practical life skills which are paramount in young adult life, such as confidence in decision making, leadership, and stress management.

ATHLETICS

Students of Mercy Academy may compete on any of the sports teams of their home school district public high schools. OLMA encourages and supports student participation, and works to assist students as they include varsity athletics along with their academic life.

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Students are encouraged to be actively involved in clubs and organizations. Currently there are more than 15 opportunities in which students may participate.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn 28 total credits and fulfill minimum state and school requirements as listed. Additionally, 15 hours of community service are required per academic year.

Social Studies	4.0
<i>(*including 1 for Mercy Project)</i>	
English	4.0
Theology	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
World Language	2.0
Physical Education	1.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Health	.5
Technology	.5
Electives	5.0
<u>Total Credits</u>	<u>28.0</u>
* Plus 60 hours of community service	

SCHEDULE

OLMA utilizes a hybrid block schedule, which includes two 80-minute blocks and four 40-minute periods (skinnies). This allows for longer periods of time to be given to some core classes and shorter periods for many of the electives. The block classes alternate between A days and B days, while the skinnies meet daily. There is a half-hour lunch period followed by a half-hour of flex time, which may include silent or structured study hall or community-building events.

CURRICULUM

All coursework at OLMA is college preparatory. Placement in Honors courses is determined by demonstrated academic success, teacher recommendation, and student choice.

ADVANCED COURSEWORK

Mercy Academy offers students the opportunity to prepare for select AP exams. Students completing the appropriate coursework take the AP U.S. History and the AP Calculus AB exams. Students may also earn college credit through select dual enrollment courses with credit through River Valley Community College.

CLASS RANK

OLMA does not publish class rank as all of our students participate in demanding college preparatory classes and most attend post-secondary institutions.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade point averages are based on the weighted average of Mercy Academy final letter grades. Grades in Honors classes are awarded .5 more quality points.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade reports are made on a quarterly basis. Cumulative assessments are administered in all classes.

LETTER GRADE	NUMBER RANGE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS
A +	100-97	4.0	4.5
A	96-93	4.0	4.5
A-	92-90	3.7	4.2
B+	89-87	3.3	3.8
B	86-83	3.0	3.5
B-	82-80	2.7	3.2
C+	79-77	2.3	2.8
C	76-73	2.0	2.5
C-	72-70	1.7	2.2
D+	69-68	1.3	1.8
D	67-66	1.0	1.5
D-	65	.7	1.2
F	64-0	0	0
P = Pass			

HONOR ROLL

First Honors

Average of 95% or higher with no grade lower than 92%

Second Honors

Average of 90% or higher with no grade lower than 87%

DISTINCTIONS

Weighted grades are used to determine distinctions. Graduating seniors may be designated:

Summa Cum Laude

4.0

Magna Cum Laude

3.8 to 3.99

Cum Laude

3.6 to 3.79

HOUSE SYSTEM

The House System divides students into smaller communities within Mercy Academy. More importantly, the Houses create opportunities to build character, relationships, school spirit and engage in public service. Students remain in the same House for all four years and each of the four Houses is a mix of grades 9 through 12. The House System planning is carried out by the student-elected Heads of Houses.

