

LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL

Profile

2008-2009

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Ms. Bridgett Hull
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Grade 12
Abraham-Cohen
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Ickes-Lefkoe
Leibowitz-Moody
Moran-Salazar
Salines-Syropoulos
Tabby-Zucker

Lower Merion Township is primarily a suburban-residential community, with a diverse social and economic population located in the western suburbs of Philadelphia with an approximate population of 60,000. Lower Merion High School may be reached from I-76 to City Line exit; south on Route 1; right (going west towards Bala Cynwyd) on Old Lancaster Road; left on Montgomery Avenue; through the Borough of Narberth to the parking lot in front of school.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

HONORS COURSES

English, Mathematics, Science, World Language (French, Japanese, Latin, Spanish), Social Studies, Music and Fine Arts. All courses are designated on the transcript by the word "Honors" or the letter "H" and are accelerated and enriched.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Biology, Chemistry, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Environmental Science, Calculus AB and BC, Computer Science, Statistics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Government and Politics: United States, U.S. History, French Language, Latin Literature, Spanish Language, and Music Theory. All courses are designated on the student's transcript with "AP."

COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE

This program provides students with part of the day in the regular academic schedule and part of the day in meaningful work experience for pay.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

This is an internship program for students in their senior year to become actively involved in a business or community enterprise related to a career interest.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

This program provides students with the opportunity to work in a volunteer capacity in a variety of community service organizations during the school year. Students are assigned a supervising mentor on site and must prepare a project or paper and attend in-school seminars.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Grades: 9 - 12
Enrollment: 1,475
Graduating Class: 388
Teaching Faculty: 132.6 FTE
Type of School: Public
Teacher to Student Ratio: 1: 11.12
Length of Semester: 18 weeks
Class Periods: 55 minutes

SCHOLAR'S PROGRAM OF STUDIES

The Scholar's Program of Studies is intended to encourage students to pursue a broad liberal arts program of studies that exceeds the minimum high school graduation requirements. Students complete the Scholar's Program by earning at least 24 credits, including these subject requirements:

Mathematics	A total of 14 credits in the four
Science	major academic disciplines,
Social Studies	distributed as 4 credits in two
Foreign Language	disciplines and 3 credits in the
	other two disciplines.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

In addition to the required credits, students will be recognized for completing the Scholar's Program with distinction if they attain a grade point average of 4.0 with no failing grades. Courses identified as standard-level earn grade points on the following scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1. Courses identified as honors earn grade points on the following scale: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2. In calculating a student's grade point average for possible recognition as a Distinguished Scholar, only those courses on the A to F scale are used.

GRADING SYSTEM

A = 100-92	I = Incomplete
B = 91-83	M = Medical Excuse
C = 82-74	WP = Withdrew Passing
D = 73-65	WF = Withdrew Failing
E = 64-0 with effort	P = Passing in Pass/Fail
F = 64-0 no effort	F = Failing in Pass/Fail
AU = Audit	N = No Grade

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS OF 2009

21 units of credit (grades 9-12)

- 4.00 credits of English
- 3.75 credits of Social Studies (Non-Western Cultures, Western Civilization, U.S. History, and senior year of American Government)
- 0.25 credit of Senior Project
- 3.00 credits of Mathematics
- 3.00 credits of Science
- 2.00 credits of Arts and Humanities
- 0.50 credit of Health
- 1.00 credit of Physical Education
- 3.50 credits of Electives

CONTINUING EDUCATION

For the class of 2008 more than 95% of Lower Merion High School graduates continued a program of higher education. Approximately 83% enrolled in 4-year colleges, 12% enrolled in 2-year colleges, and 2% in other post secondary educational options. Approximately 3% entered the military or started full-time employment.

CLASS RANK

No class rank is recorded on a student's transcript. Any institution may request in writing from the Guidance Department the class rank of any student, if class rank is required for admission to the school. The class rank reported is weighted and includes only major subject courses completed in grades 9-11.

GUIDANCE SECRETARIES

Ms. Jessica Yinger	Registrar
Mrs. Marie Campli	Guidance
Mrs. Mariane Domeika	Scheduling

SAT Mean Scores

Class of 2008

Critical Reading	582
Mathematics	595
Writing	574

SAT Middle 50% Range of Scores

Class of 2008

Critical Reading	510 - 670
Mathematics	530 - 690
Writing	510 - 650

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS - 2008

Total Candidates	262
Total Exams	507
Grades of 5	170
Grades of 4	162
Grades of 3	125

90% of all AP exam scores were 3, 4, or 5 with a total exam score average of 3.87

NATIONAL MERIT, NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM and NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Semifinalists	21	14	21
Commended	21	32	35
National Achievement Scholar	2*	-	-
National Hispanic Recognition	-	-	-

* one NAS semifinalist and one NAS commended

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

The College Board
Educational Records Bureau
American School Counselor Association
Pennsylvania School Counselors Association
National Association for College Admissions Counseling
Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling