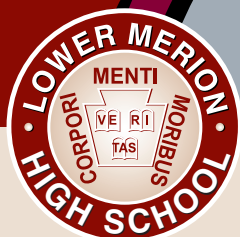


# LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL



of Lower Merion School District  
Nationally recognized for excellence in education

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Lower Merion School District serves the 62,000 residents of Lower Merion Township and Narberth Borough, a diverse, suburban community located just west of Philadelphia. The ethnic/racial composition of the school district is: 79% White/Caucasian, 9% Black/African-American, 8% Asian/Pacific Islander, 2% Hispanic, 1% American Indian and 2% Multi-Racial.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Grades:</b> ..... 9 – 12	<b>Teacher to Student Ratio:</b> .. 1: 10.72
<b>Enrollment:</b> ..... 1,325	<b>Length of Semester:</b> ..... 18 weeks
<b>Graduating Class:</b> .... 374	<b>Class Periods:</b> ..... 55 minutes
<b>Type of School:</b> ..... Public	
<b>Teaching Faculty:</b> ..... 123.5 full-time equivalent	

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

For the class of 2010 approximately 96% of Lower Merion High School graduates continued a program of higher education. Approximately 90% of the class enrolled in 4-year colleges, 5% enrolled in 2-year colleges, 1% in other postsecondary educational options, 1% entered the military, 2% started full-time employment, and 1% were undecided.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

<b>Biology</b>	<b>Latin:</b> <i>Vergil</i>
<b>Calculus:</b> <i>AB and BC</i>	<b>Music Theory</b>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Physics C:</b> <i>Electricity and Magnetism, Mechanics</i>
<b>Computer Science A</b>	<b>Spanish Language</b>
<b>English:</b> <i>Language and Composition, Literature and Composition</i>	<b>Statistics</b>
<b>Environmental Science</b>	<b>United States History</b>
<b>French Language</b>	<b>United States Government/Politics</b>

Courses designated on the student's transcript with "AP."

## HONORS COURSES

<b>English:</b> .....1, 2, 3, 4; Creative Writing, Journalism, Theatre Arts-Drama Appreciation, Creative Performance 1, 2
<b>Mathematics:</b> .....Algebra 2, Geometry, Math Analysis & Trigonometry, Senior Seminar
<b>Science:</b> .....Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Genetics, Geology, Human Anatomy/Physiology, Landscape Architecture/Horticulture, Meteorology, Physics, Oceanography, Organic Chemistry
<b>World Languages:</b> .....French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Japanese 1, 2; Latin 1, 2, 3, 4 Spanish 1 (Spanish Speaker), 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Social Studies:</b> .....African/Asian Studies, Psychology, Economics, U.S. Government, U.S. History, Western Civilization
<b>Music:</b> .....Freshman Chorus, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Music Major
<b>Art:</b> .....Art 1, 2, 3, Advanced Ceramics 3, 4, 5 Advanced Metal Arts 3, 4, 5

All courses are designated on the transcript by the word "Honors" or the letter "H" and are accelerated and enriched.

## LMSD VISION STATEMENT

**Students are our reason for being.** We create an environment designed to fulfill the individual learning needs and aspirations of each student. LMSD develops active partnerships at all levels of our learning community and values the individual contribution of each member.

We view learning as a dynamic, innovative collaboration. Individuals learn best when their hearts, minds, and spirits are intimately engaged in the learning process.

## GRADING SYSTEM – BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2010

A = 92-100	I = Incomplete
B+ = 89-91	M = Medical Excuse
B = 83-88	WP = Withdrew Passing
C+ = 80-82	WF = Withdrew Failing
C = 74-79	P = Passing in Pass/Fail
D+ = 71-73	F = Failing in Pass/Fail
D = 65-70	AU = Audit (no credit)
F = 0-64	NG = No Grade (no credit)

## GRADING SYSTEM – ENDING JUNE 2010

A = 92-100	M = Medical Excuse
B = 83-91	WP = Withdrew Passing
C = 74-82	WF = Withdrew Failing
D = 65-73	F = Failing in Pass/Fail
E = 0-64 with effort	P = Passing in Pass/Fail
F = 0-64 without effort	I = Incomplete
AU = Audit (no credit)	NG = No Grade (no credit)

## MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS OF 2011

4.00 credits of English (1 credit each year)	3.00 credits of Science
4.00 credits of Social Studies (African and Asian Studies, Western Civilization, United States History, and United States Government)	2.00 credits of Arts and Humanities
3.00 credits of Mathematics	0.50 credits of Health
	1.00 credits of Physical Education (all four years)
	3.50 credits of Electives

Completion of Senior Project is mandatory

## CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated at the end of each school year using only final grades in the five major academic areas (English, mathematics, science, social studies, and world languages). Honors, AP, and IB level courses are calculated on weighted 5.0 scale and college prep courses are calculated on a 4.0 scale. The GPA is reported on a weighted 5.0 scale.

## CLASS RANK

No class rank is recorded on a student's transcript.

Any institution may request in writing from the School Counseling Department the class rank of any student if class rank is required for admission to that school or needed for any scholarship program. The class rank reported is weighted and includes only major academic subject courses completed in grades 9-11.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

This program provides students opportunities to work in community service organizations. Students must attend in-school seminars and prepare a project.

## EDUCATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

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

## SAT MEAN SCORES – CLASS OF 2010

Critical Reading..588 Mathematics .....587 Writing.....584

## WRITING SUBSCORES

Multiple Choice ..... 58.1 Essay .....8.1

## SAT MIDDLE 50% RANGE OF SCORES

Critical Reading ..... 500 - 680 Writing..... 500 - 680  
Mathematics ..... 500 - 670

## ACT AVERAGE SCORES – CLASS OF 2010

English..... 27.3 Composite Score..... 26.9  
Mathematics ..... 27.1 Essay ..... 8.0  
Reading ..... 27.2 English/Writing Combined.. 26.0  
Science..... 25.5

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS – 2010

Total Candidates .....284 Grades of 4 ..... 170  
Total Exams.....548 Grades of 3 ..... 134  
Grades of 5 .....168

86% of all AP exam scores were 3, 4, or 5

All scores: total exam score average of 3.51

## NATIONAL MERIT, NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR THE CLASS OF 2011

Semifinalists ..... 10 National Achievement..... –  
Commended..... 32 National Hispanic Recognition..... 2\*

\* NHRP Scholar and Honorable Mention

On average more than 11% of each graduating class is recognized by the National Merit Program.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

54 student clubs and organizations

29 varsity athletic teams

LMSD high schools ranked as top public schools in Philadelphia area by Philadelphia Magazine (2009)

Named one of NAMM's "Best Communities for Music Education"

Award-winning student theater company

Placed more student works at PSEA Art Show than any school in state

Nationally-recognized FIRST Robotics program

Extensive community outreach and service programs

Recent national teaching awards in science, world language and robotics

Nationally-recognized school literary magazine

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