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### At A Glance

- Catholic, accredited, college preparatory high school for young women
- Founded in 1962 by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.
- Students represent more than 45 zip codes.
- 45% of students receive financial aid.

### Community

We are located in a rural area of Southern New Jersey. Students come from many different areas including Jersey shore towns, small cities, rural communities and New Jersey suburbs of Philadelphia.

### Motto

Women Leading a World of Change

### Mission

Our Lady of Mercy Academy, rooted in the Catholic faith and guided by the spirit of St. Mary Joseph Rossello, empowers young women to lead a world of change - as individuals, scholars, athletes, leaders, and in service to others.

At OLMA, we strive to instill and nurture the following core values, shaping our graduates into well-rounded individuals who are prepared to lead a world of change.

**Mercy:** Embraces acceptance, compassion, truth, understanding, and support in all aspects of life.

**Wisdom:** Encompasses knowledge, insight, discernment, and the thoughtful application of experience, making decisions guided by a deep understanding of the world.

**Unity:** Fosters collaboration, harmony, inclusiveness, and a shared sense of purpose, working together with others to achieve common goals.

**Courage:** Embodies bravery, resilience, determination, justice, and the strength to face challenges.

OLMA is accredited by the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools and the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools & Colleges.

OLMA is a member of the National Catholic Education Association and the National Coalition for Girls Schools.

## 2024-2025 School Profile

### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2024

Accumulated 400 college acceptances  
Offered over 22 million in scholarships  
10 College Board AP Scholars  
5 Cape Atlantic League Division Championships  
1 South Jersey Team Championship  
1 State Championship

### GRADING

Letter Grade	Range	College Prep	Honors	AP
A+	97-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A	93-96	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	65-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	Below 65	0	0	0

### HONORS:

Head of School Honors | 4.0 GPA;  
No grade below an A  
First Honors | 4.0 GPA;  
No grade below a B  
Second Honors | 3.5 GPA;  
No grade below a B-  
OLMA does not rank.

### REPORTED BY 2024 GRADUATES:

4 year College/University	
Military Academy	94%
2 year College/Trade School	6%

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Admission to OLMA is competitive and students are evaluated based upon five areas: application with essay; letters of recommendation; transcript; entrance exam; and interview. Our Lady of Mercy Academy offers college prep, honors, and AP courses. **Students have the option to enroll in AP courses starting sophomore year.** Dual credit is also available through various community colleges

Students take seven academic courses per year, including:

Theology: 4 years <b>(20)</b>	Science (2 years w/ a lab): 3 years <b>(15)</b>
History: 3 years <b>(15)</b>	Mathematics: 4 years <b>(20)</b>
English: 4 years <b>(20)</b>	Foreign Language: 2 years <b>(10)</b>
Electives <b>(up to 25)</b>	Leadership: 2 years <b>(10)</b>

Leadership I & II: These courses are designed to support positive leadership growth and development and provide a dedicated learning environment for practicing bravery in the face of fear.

Students also enroll in two Innovation Blocks (iBlocks) every year and one Mini-Mester their freshman, sophomore, and junior years.

**Innovation Blocks:** The iBlock encourages students to explore new interests and embrace the possibilities of creativity, providing opportunities to celebrate the arts. These courses are OLMA's version of clubs. Sample iBlocks listed on the next page.

**Mini-Mester Courses:** Through a week-long experiential learning program, the OLMA Mini-Mester delivers a wide variety of experiences and learning opportunities. A complete catalog of available Mini-Mester courses is provided to students each year. Students are required to take at least one service Mini-Mester. Examples include:

Italy - history, architecture, and cuisine  
Hands to Work - service immersion

Costa Rica - wellness, yoga, and surfing retreat  
Culinary Arts - kitchen safety, baking and cooking

**Graduation Requirements:** A minimum of 125 total credits are required for graduation. For a student to graduate, she must complete and pass all required courses.

### Leadership

OLMA offers various leadership development programs that may include workshops, seminars, training sessions, and team-building exercises.

### Student Leadership Council

The Student Leadership Council, in coordination with Class Representatives, is composed of elected student leaders and serves as a platform for student representation, voice and involvement in school-related decisions and initiatives.

### Music Ministry

The Music Ministry enriches our spiritual life through music. Students in this group lead worship during prayer services and Mass, using their voices and instruments to inspire and support our community. This group plays a key role in fostering a deeper connection through the power of music.

### Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry is rooted in the Catholic tradition of educating and encouraging young women to lead lives of faith, service, justice and mercy.

### National Honor Society

- 3.7 minimum GPA
- 60 hours community service
- Peer tutoring
- Blood drive

### Mentoring Program

Experienced student leaders have the opportunity to be paired with new students to foster mentorship and peer support. This helps create a supportive environment for leadership growth.

### Ambassadors

The Student Ambassador program is a leadership opportunity for students who are dedicated to serving and representing Our Lady of Mercy Academy. The program serves to enrich and enhance the leadership, communication skills and personal growth of its student members, while creating an alliance of spirited students who help advance the recruitment activities and the community involvement of the school.

### Deliberative Voices

Students explore and discuss issues they face in a deliberative, reasoned inclusive manner.

OLMA does not offer after school clubs due to transportation limitations.

### HONORS COURSES:

Algebra I  
Anatomy & Physiology  
Chemistry I  
Literature I  
Pre-Calculus  
Spanish I  
Spanish IV

Algebra II  
Biology  
Chemistry II  
Literature II  
U.S. History I  
Spanish II

Literature III  
Literature IV  
Geometry  
Physics  
U.S. History II  
Spanish III

### AP COURSES:

Biology  
English Literature & Composition  
Psychology

Calculus AB  
U.S. History  
Government & Politics

Chemistry  
Language & Composition  
Environmental Science

### DUAL CREDIT COURSES:

Business  
AP Calculus  
Honors Spanish III

Honors U.S. History II  
AP Government & Politics  
Honors Spanish IV

AP Language & Composition  
AP U.S History II  
AP Literature & Composition

### SAMPLE iBLOCK OFFERINGS:

Music  
Art  
Environmental

Dance  
Film  
Service

Theatre  
Journalism  
Newscast

\*Students have the option to enroll in online classes through Educere and/or RCSJ at an additional cost.



**OLMA has 16 varsity sports: Soccer, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Tennis, Cross Country, Cheer, Bowling, Swim, Basketball, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Track & Field, Softball, Crew, Golf, and Sailing**

75-80% of our students are involved with Athletics.

We are in the Cape Atlantic League

Most of our teams are in Non-Public Group A for State competition.

### GUIDANCE CURRICULUM

Our guidance curriculum begins with classroom instruction starting freshman year on creating useful study habits.

Sophomores participate in a 6-week career exploratory program focused on career inventories and education on career pathways.

Junior guidance class focuses on resume building and interview preparation. Juniors also partake in Mock Interview Day with professionals in the working field. Junior and senior classes focus heavily on college planning. They also participate in Job Shadow Day, where they have the opportunity to learn about a given career off-campus. Options include but are not limited to hospitals, business offices, doctor offices, architects and engineering sites.

A Career Day is hosted for grades 9-11, bringing in over 20 professionals from a variety of fields. A college fair is hosted for grades 11-12, bringing in 40 colleges/universities.

### COLLEGES ATTENDING FOR RECENT GRADUATES

Air Force Academy  
Brown University  
College of Charleston  
Duquesne University  
Florida Atlantic University  
High Point University  
James Madison University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Rowan University  
Susquehanna University  
University of Delaware  
University of Miami  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Southern California  
Villanova University  
United States Military Academy, West Point  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Arcadia University  
Catholic University of America  
College of William & Mary  
Emerson College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Howard University  
Marquette University  
Pepperdine University  
Rutgers University  
The Ohio State University  
University of Georgia  
University of Mississippi  
University of Scranton  
University of Tennessee  
Widener University

Boston University  
Clemson University  
Cornell University  
Emory University  
Franklin & Marshall University  
IE University of Madrid, Spain  
Northeastern University  
Rosemont College  
Saint Joseph's University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Kentucky  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of South Carolina  
University of Virginia