

MILTON  
HERSHEY  
SCHOOL®

FOUNDED 1909



**Change a life.**

**Transform a future.**



At Milton Hershey School®, qualifying students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade live on campus and receive an exceptional educational experience.

**MHS covers all costs**—from food and housing to sports equipment and health care. Students even have the opportunity to accrue up to \$95,000 in continuing education scholarship support.



**Milton Hershey School offers life-changing opportunities and experiences.**

- Innovative, technology-driven education with talented teachers
- Hands-on learning opportunities and professional certifications
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Nurturing, safe environment with caring houseparents
- Tools and resources to pursue individual interests
- Outstanding college preparation
- Continuing education scholarship support

**... with all costs covered.**




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## ACADEMICS

**Expert teaching, top-tier classes and facilities, state-of-the-art technology, and an emphasis on hands-on learning provide the strong beginnings students need to achieve beyond their expectations.**



### LEARNING AT EVERY LEVEL

#### Elementary Division Pre-K–Grade 4

The school's youngest students build a solid foundation of academic and social skills that lead to success in future learning.

#### Middle Division Grades 5–8

Learning in the transitional years emphasizes character development and leadership skills along with core academic disciplines.

#### Senior Division Grades 9–12

Students have the opportunity to explore various paths in preparation for life after graduation. They can pursue vocational and college prep pathways, including hands-on learning experiences such as internships, apprenticeships, and co-op programs.



**“I push my students to discover what they’re capable of. I won’t accept less than their best.”**

**MIDDLE DIVISION TEACHER**

#### Top-Tier Education

MHS students are supported at every step. They are encouraged to pursue whatever they are passionate about, from agricultural science to computer science, from environmental education to automotive technology, and from college prep to vocational training.

#### Hands-On Learning

Core academic studies are reinforced by valuable hands-on learning experiences—field trips for younger students, practical learning experiences for students in Middle Division, and professional internship placements that prepare Senior Division students to thrive in college or the workforce.

#### Personal Attention

Every child learns differently. Small classes of 12–15 students enable our caring teachers to devote time and resources to forming strong relationships. They can also adapt instruction to each student’s pace and style.

#### Learning for Life

Beyond academic development, MHS students gain the moral foundation, self-awareness, and critical thinking skills they need for life success. Areas of emphasis include leadership development, technology training, career preparation, and healthy lifestyle development.

**ACADEMICS**

**Professional Certification/  
Powerful Skills**

Students explore 12 Career and Technical Education pathways before choosing one for deeper focus. By combining classroom learning with hands-on experience, they prepare for early success in the workplace. Every MHS student graduates with at least two industry-recognized certifications.

**Real-World Experience**

Through internships, apprenticeships, and co-op placements, MHS students gain professional experience and develop skills related to their chosen profession. These experiences make their resumes stand out as they enter the job market.

**Up to \$95,000  
IN CONTINUING EDUCATION  
SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT**

MHS students can accrue for strong academic and behavioral performance

**88%**  
of graduating seniors  
**PLAN TO PURSUE  
POSTSECONDARY  
EDUCATION**

For more information about MHS college destinations, see page 14.



**Leaders in Technology**

MHS provides one-to-one technology in classrooms, labs, libraries, and student homes—all with the latest software.

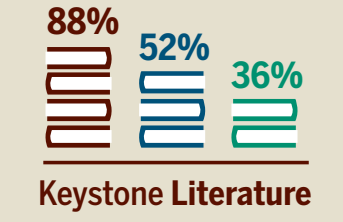
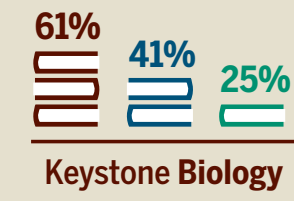
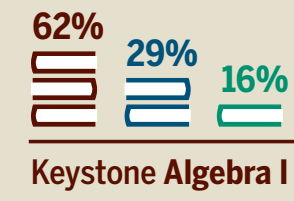
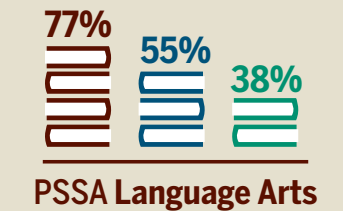
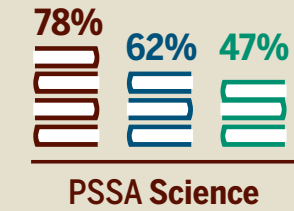
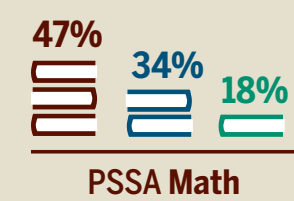
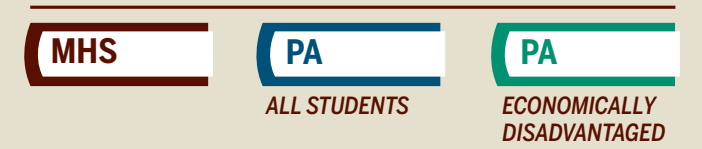


**MHS STUDENTS VS. PA STUDENTS**

**The Proof of Our Success  
Is in the Numbers**

The combination of innovative teaching, small classes, and rigorous coursework at MHS translates into strong scores on the PSSA and Keystone exams. MHS students outpaced statewide results in every area—often by a wide margin.

**2022 Test Scores for PSSA\* and Keystone\*\***



\*Pennsylvania System of State Assessment \*\*Percentage of students scoring proficient or above on either the PSSA or the Keystone exams

**HOME LIFE**

**We can never replace the feeling of home, but we can be the next best thing. At MHS, students live in safe, supportive, family-oriented homes. Here, learning is central to daily life, and the values and habits that lead to lifelong success are instilled.**

*“Even though they aren’t your real parents and could never replace them, houseparents are here to teach you everything you need to be successful in this world. They are here because they care.”*

MHS GRADUATE



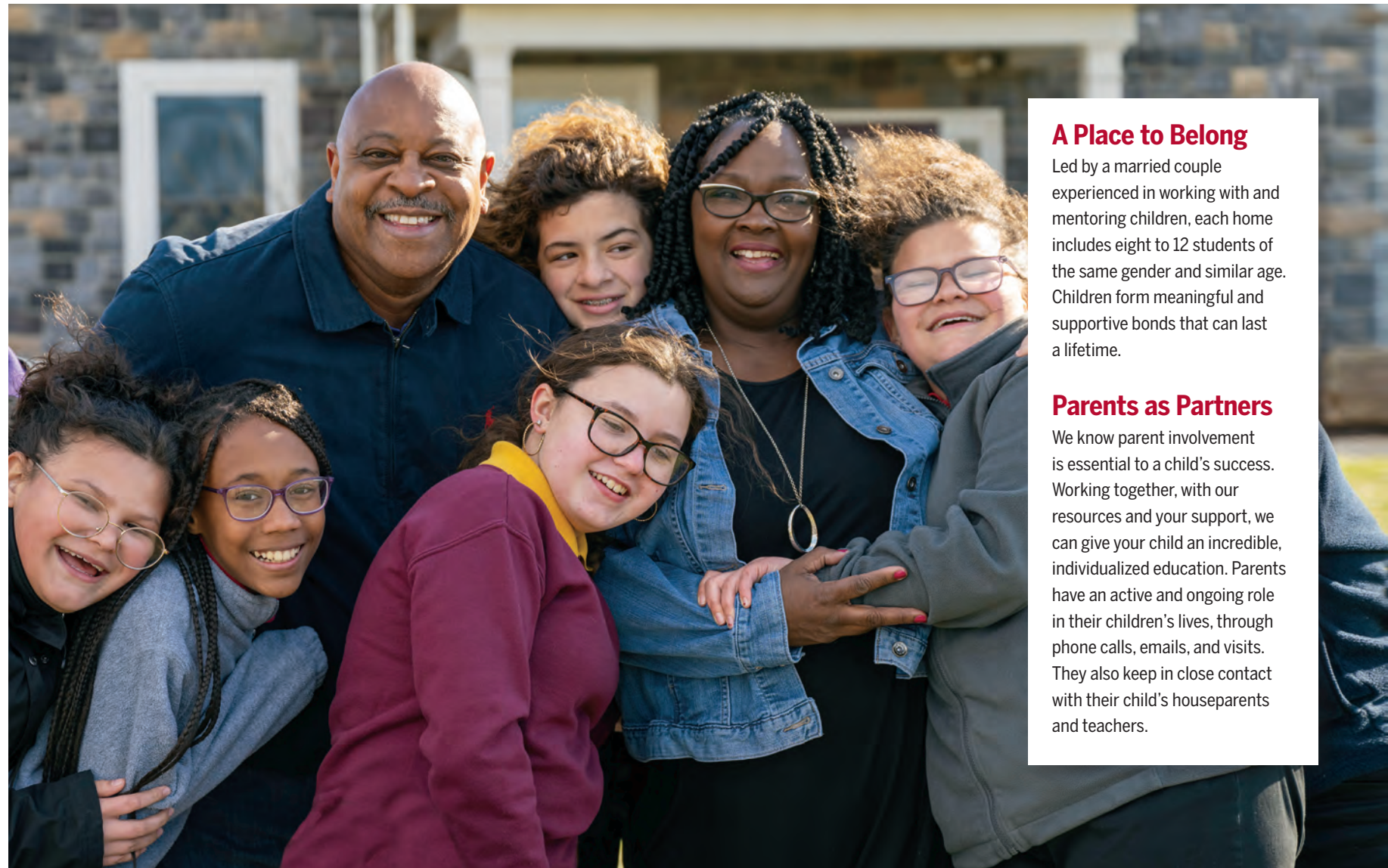
**Live-in Friends**

MHS students support one another, including welcoming new students and helping them adjust. We also make sure each child has free time to just be a kid, surrounded by other children, which allows for fun as well as emotional and intellectual growth.



**Part of the Team**

Student homes emphasize teamwork and mutual respect. Everyone pitches in with chores, cooking, cleaning, and laundry.



**A Place to Belong**

Led by a married couple experienced in working with and mentoring children, each home includes eight to 12 students of the same gender and similar age. Children form meaningful and supportive bonds that can last a lifetime.

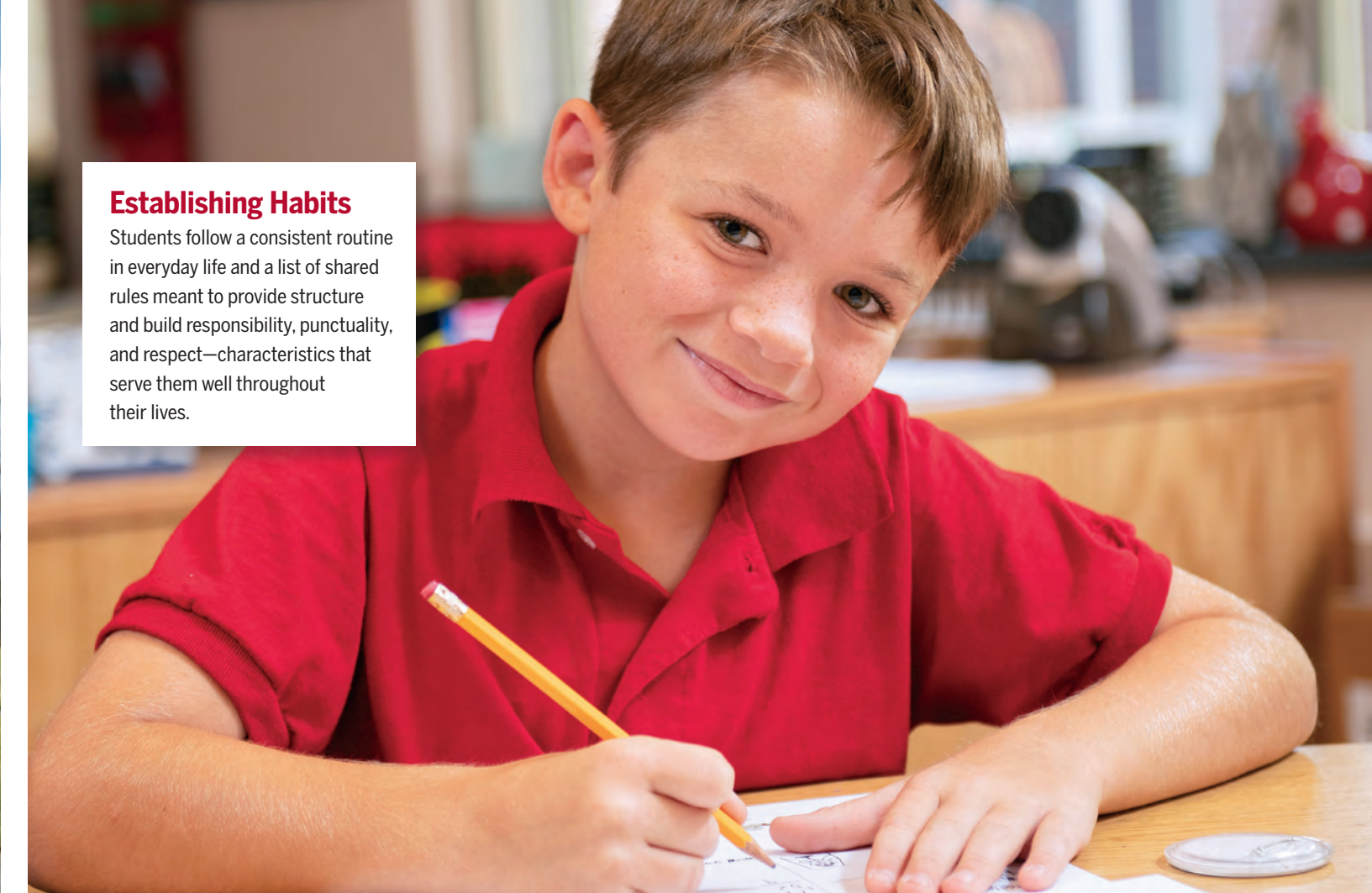
**Parents as Partners**

We know parent involvement is essential to a child’s success. Working together, with our resources and your support, we can give your child an incredible, individualized education. Parents have an active and ongoing role in their children’s lives, through phone calls, emails, and visits. They also keep in close contact with their child’s houseparents and teachers.



### **A Place for Everything**

Student homes offer quiet places to study and comfortable areas to play. They also are equipped with computers, games, sporting equipment, and gaming systems for everyday fun.



### **Establishing Habits**

Students follow a consistent routine in everyday life and a list of shared rules meant to provide structure and build responsibility, punctuality, and respect—characteristics that serve them well throughout their lives.



### **Year-Round Option**

Students may remain at MHS throughout the year or may return home during three major vacation breaks, five weekends, and six weeks during the summer.



### **Eating Well**

MHS students eat three nutritious meals and a variety of healthy snacks each day. Breakfast and dinner are prepared (often with student help) in the student homes, and lunch is provided in the cafeterias on school days.



### **Bridge to Adulthood**

All 12th-grade students live on campus in Transitional Living apartments. This prepares students for adult life by emphasizing time management, meal preparation, budgeting, and other challenges of independent living. Full-time residential staff members provide ongoing support.

## ACTIVITIES

**For young minds to develop without limits, they need adequate resources. Whether it's saxophones to play, helmets to wear, or computers to program, children thrive when their interests are supported, and living on campus gives students the opportunity to pursue these passions outside of the normal school day.**



### Arts

The creative spirit must be nourished along with the mind. From theater and dance groups to musical ensembles and individual instrument lessons, our students learn to love and respect the arts by adding their voices to the mix. High-quality instruction and all equipment and supplies are provided—including musical instruments.

### Other Activities

We offer a wide range of clubs and activities so every student can find their niche. Student Government, scouting, and Mock Trial teach leadership fundamentals. Service clubs build character and purpose. The school's Agricultural and Environmental Education program gives students a chance to explore the basics of agriculture and caring for animals. At MHS, there is something for everyone.

## HERE IS A SAMPLING OF ALL THERE IS TO DO AND EXPERIENCE AT MHS

### Visual and Performing Arts

- Art Clubs
- Choral Groups
- Dance Groups
- Drama Club, Stage Crew, and Theater
- Guitar and Piano Lessons
- Music ensembles such as Marching Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and more

### Agricultural Clubs

- Beekeeping Club
- Beginner and Advanced Animals Clubs
- Bug Club
- Horsemanship
- Hydroponic Club
- Succulent Plant Business

### Other Activities

- Cultural Diversity Club
- E-Sports Club
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- National Honor Society
- Student Government Association

**... and dozens more.**

## ATHLETICS

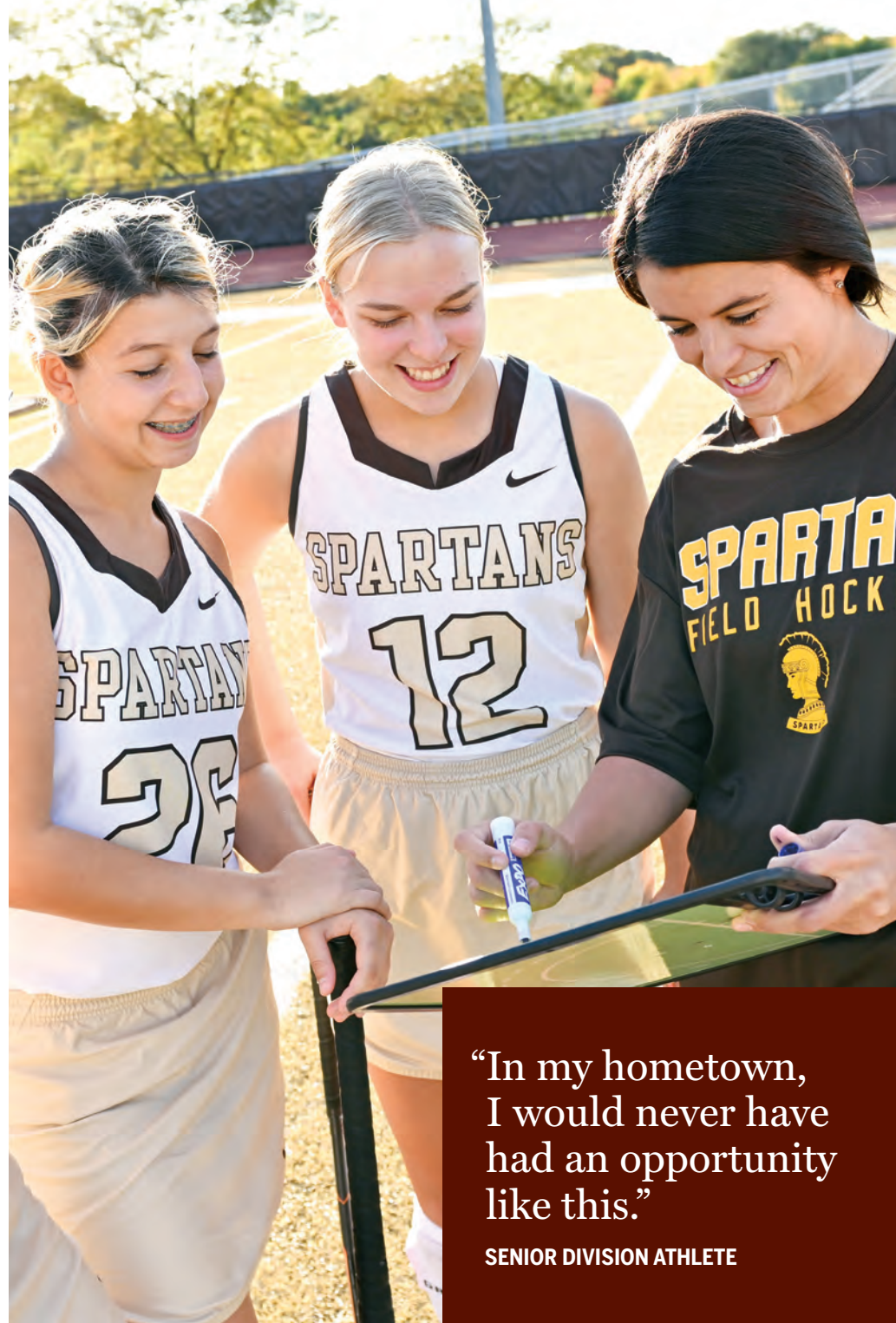
### Athletics

All champions start somewhere, and athletics are a vital part of the Milton Hershey School experience. MHS has a long tradition of developing student athletes who succeed in the classroom and in competition.

Participation in sports builds character, confidence, discipline, time management, and teamwork—all qualities that point to future success. With more than 600 students participating annually in either competitive or intramural/club athletics, our athletes take advantage of our experienced coaches and world-class facilities while learning to compete with courage, resilience, loyalty, and determination.

MHS offers 19 sports with varsity, JV, and some freshman teams. Our program has produced many championship seasons ending with district and state titles. Spartan athletic teams compete against public and private schools in the Mid-Penn Conference.

By living where they play, MHS athletes have greater access to coaches, training facilities, practices, strength and conditioning workouts, team and skill camps, tournaments, and off-season opportunities.



**“In my hometown, I would never have had an opportunity like this.”**

SENIOR DIVISION ATHLETE



### VARSITY TEAMS

#### Fall

- Field Hockey
- Volleyball
- Football
- Boys' Cross Country
- Girls' Cross Country
- Boys' Soccer
- Girls' Soccer
- Cheer

#### Winter

- Boys' Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Wrestling
- Boys' Swimming
- Girls' Swimming
- Ice Hockey
- Cheer

#### Spring

- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys' Track
- Girls' Track

**RESULTS**

**Young people should have experiences that lead them to discover what they want to do, tools that help them get where they want to go, and the confidence to become who they want to be—so they can determine their own paths.**

“MHS is an amazing place. The opportunities are beyond anything we could have hoped for. We are very grateful.”

MHS PARENT



**AFTER MHS**

Graduate plans for Class of 2022

**88%** planned to begin a **postsecondary education** program —far exceeding the national average.

**7%** planned to enter the **workforce**.

**4%** planned on taking a **gap year**.

**1%** planned on **active military duty**.



**Preparing for Success**

From the day they arrive at MHS, students are getting themselves ready for the day they graduate. Classroom learning builds knowledge. A solid home life builds character and confidence. Activities and other experiences build teamwork and time-management skills. Guided and nurtured at every step, our students have everything they need to succeed.



**College and Career Readiness**

MHS college and career counselors work closely with students to plan for life after MHS. They offer guidance and resources, whether students are looking to enter the military, an apprenticeship, a technical school, or college. The Graduate Programs for Success Division support staff continues to help alumni through their first six years after graduation to increase the likelihood of post-secondary success.

**On-the-Job Training**

MHS Senior Division students have internship opportunities and co-op placements with partner companies such as Hershey Entertainment & Resorts, The Hotel Hershey, the Hershey Bears, The Hershey Company, and many others. In the process, they get hands-on professional experience and build strong resumes.

**Proven Success**

MHS alumni are leaders in many fields, including the arts, business, industry, media, science, and technology. Learn more about success after MHS on page 14.

“MHS changed my life by instilling discipline, a strong work ethic, and, most of all, personal courage.”

MHS GRADUATE



**RESULTS**

**Thousands of Milton Hershey School graduates** have found their passion and carved their own path to success. Their dedication to building an impactful life is, in part, due to the foundation built at MHS. Now, by sharing their stories, our alumni help set the foundation for generations to come.



**Kimberly '88**

**Graduate of Temple University, University of Maryland, and Johns Hopkins University**

- Former Captain in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service
- Recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal



**Nate '18**

**Graduate of Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics**

- Co-op experience with MHS Vehicle Equipment Maintenance Department
- Aircraft mechanic in Alaska



**Jocelyn '01**

**Graduate of The Ohio State University and Columbia University**

- Former spokesmodel for Queen Latifah's makeup line, "Cover Girl Queen Collection"
- Award-winning actress and playwright

**A SAMPLING OF THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY RECENT MHS GRADS**



- Bloomsburg University
- Dickinson College
- East Stroudsburg University
- Indiana University of PA
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lehigh University
- Lock Haven University
- Manor College
- Mansfield University
- Messiah College
- Millersville University
- Moravian College

- Mount Saint Mary's University
- Northampton Community College
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Penn State University
- Shippensburg University
- Susquehanna University
- Temple University
- Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
- Universal Technical Institute
- University of Pittsburgh
- Widener University
- Wilkes University



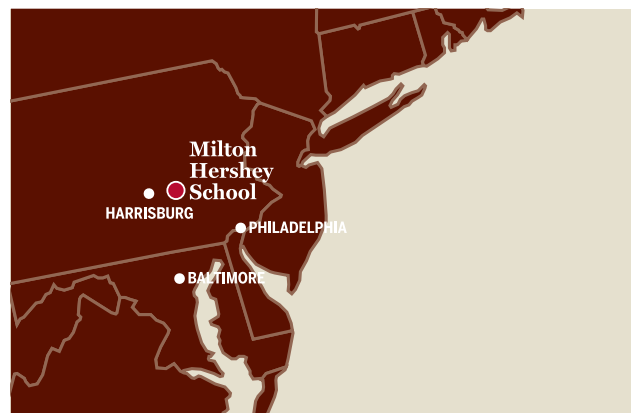
## JUST THE FACTS

### History

Founded in 1909 by chocolate industrialist Milton S. Hershey and his wife Catherine, Milton Hershey School offers children pre-K through 12th grade a top-tier education with all costs covered through the Hersheys' trust.

### Location

MHS is located in beautiful Hershey, Pennsylvania, 25 minutes from Harrisburg, 90 minutes from Baltimore, and just under two hours from Philadelphia.



### Campus

At more than 7,000 acres, the MHS campus is one of the largest in the United States. With more than 200 buildings, 6 swimming pools, animal barns, a 7,000-seat stadium, and 1:1 technology, it is one of the most well-resourced, technologically advanced, and well-maintained educational institutions in the world.

### Enrollment

**Approximately 2,000 students, Pre-K–Grade 12**

In 2021-22, new students came from:

- Dauphin, Lancaster, or Lebanon counties—22%
- Other Pennsylvania counties—48%
- States other than Pennsylvania—30%

The male-to-female ratio is approximately 1:1, and over 50% of MHS students have a sibling in attendance.

### Divisions

MHS consists of three divisions, each emphasizing the specific needs and interests of the ages it serves.

**Elementary Division: Pre-K–Grade 4**

**Middle Division: Grade 5–Grade 8**

**Senior Division: Grade 9–Grade 12**

### Faculty

There are over 300 caring and talented full- and part-time teachers committed to whole child education.

### Home Life

MHS has over 180 student homes, each with eight to 12 students, led by more than 600 full- and part-time houseparents.

Seniors live together in 10 Transitional Living apartment-style buildings meant to prepare them for independent living after graduation. There are approximately 35 Transitional Living staff members.

### Career and Technical Certifications

Every MHS student graduates with two or more industry-recognized certifications, choosing among 12 career paths.

### Technology

From high-tech “smart” classrooms to laptops for Senior Division students to computers in the student homes, MHS is committed to providing the tools and the technological education each student needs to learn and prepare for the future.

### Activities

From sports to arts to leadership development, MHS offers experiences that help young people pursue their passions and grow as individuals. Everything they need to participate is provided by the school.

### After MHS

Whatever they do after graduation, MHS students lead successful lives. MHS college and career counselors begin working with students in grade 8 and continue their support for six years after graduation.

MHS students can accrue up to \$95,000 in continuing education scholarship support through strong academic and behavioral performance and good citizenship.

### All Costs are Covered at MHS

Everything below is included for all MHS students:

- Tuition
- Housing
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Clothing
- School supplies
- Medical care (including eyeglasses and medications)
- Counseling services
- Dental care
- Tutoring and individual academic assistance
- All activities
- Sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- Computers
- Field trips
- 24/7 security

## ADMISSIONS

**We believe every child deserves a top-tier education. This is why MHS was founded and why all costs are covered. If you think MHS could make a difference for your child, or a child you know, we would like to help.**

### Apply for Admission Today!

We are currently accepting applications for students ages 4–15. Applying is easy and completely cost free. Just scan this QR code or visit our website: [mhskids.org](https://mhskids.org).

If you do not have access to reliable internet or prefer a paper application, please call or text the MHS Office of Admissions at 717.647.5050 to have one sent to you.



### Minimum Qualifications for Admission

To be considered for enrollment, a child must meet the following five criteria:

- Come from a low-income family
- Be 4-15 years old at the time of enrollment
- Have the ability to learn at MHS
- Be free from serious behavioral problems likely to disrupt the classroom or student home life at MHS
- Overall, have the ability to participate in and benefit from the MHS program

Admission depends on many factors. Learn more about admission considerations at [mhskids.org/admissions/admissions-criteria](https://mhskids.org/admissions/admissions-criteria).

### Is my child a good fit for MHS?

In accordance with Milton Hershey School's Equal Opportunity Policy, the school admits qualified students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, sex, religious creed, disability, or any other status protected under applicable federal or Pennsylvania law, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

While MHS believes all children deserve the very best education, the school is not right for every child, even if he or she meets the minimum requirements for age and family income. For example, some children are not likely to adjust and do well in the school's unique student home life environment, or have past behavioral problems that are likely to be disruptive. Other children may be receiving, and may continue to need, services that are beyond what the school provides as part of its program.

### What if I have questions?

We are here to provide any assistance you might need—on the phone, via email, or in person, Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

**Call/Text 717.647.5050**

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