

Mercy High School - Middletown, Connecticut, the largest Catholic all girls high school (grades 9-12) in Connecticut, is seeking applicants for the position of Principal. Mercy is known for its exceptional academic program, sport and extracurricular activities and outstanding four-year college matriculation rate. Mercy is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Norwich and the Sisters of Mercy. Mercy High School's first class of young women began school under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy in temporary quarters on the second floor of Xavier High School. The blessing ceremony of Mercy High School was held in September 1965 and classes began at the facility that currently has a student base of approximately 700.

Three principals have guided the school in its mission: the Reverend John Kane (1963-1971), the Reverend Daniel McGrath (1971-1978) and Sr. Mary McCarthy, RSM (1978-present). On July 1, 2012, Mercy will transition to a President-Principal model of governance.

The spirit and teachings of the Sisters of Mercy and their foundress, Catherine McAuley, are an integral part of the teaching and spirit of the Mercy High School community. A deep understanding of Catherine's vision of service and commitment to the education of young women has been fostered throughout the history of the school. The ongoing collaboration between the Diocese of Norwich and the Sisters of Mercy helps to ensure that the school maintains a vibrant Catholic identity based on the vision of Catherine McAuley.

It is with this vision and response to the need to grow that Mercy has continuously improved its facility, curriculum and services, while retaining its identity as a Catholic college preparatory school for young women. To enhance the academic program and meet the ever-changing needs of students, the former convent was renovated into a "new wing" to include classrooms, guidance department suite, art rooms, a darkroom/photography lab, two computer labs, and offices. The library media center was enlarged, a computer lab was added, and all science labs were renovated. Wireless technology was installed, and all faculty received laptop computers for classroom instruction, research and professional development. Mercy also participates in Mercy Learning Online, a distance-learning program established by and for Mercy secondary schools. Athletic fields have been renovated and expanded, and upon completion of a successful capital campaign, a new state of the art gymnasium was opened in 2007.

Mercy High School received initial accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 1973, and was reaccredited in 1983, 1993 and 2003. As the Mercy High School community looks to the future, it is proud of its rich heritage and traditions and looks forward to continuing to educate young women for many years to come.

Middletown, the hub of Middlesex County, is located on the Connecticut River, with easy access to major highways, airports, railroads and other modes of transportation. The city's forty-two square miles include rural, suburban and urban settings, an historic downtown and large city-owned parks and open spaces. Mercy is located in a rural section of the City of Middletown. With a population of 46,000, Middletown has four high-schools (public, State, and two Catholic high schools) and is the home of two colleges: the prestigious liberal arts school, Wesleyan University, and the State of Connecticut's Middlesex Community College.

For consideration, please email or send your resume and letter of intent by March 1, 2012 to: MMcCarthy@mercyhigh.com (Subject: Principal Search Process)

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