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HERSHEY
SCHOOL®

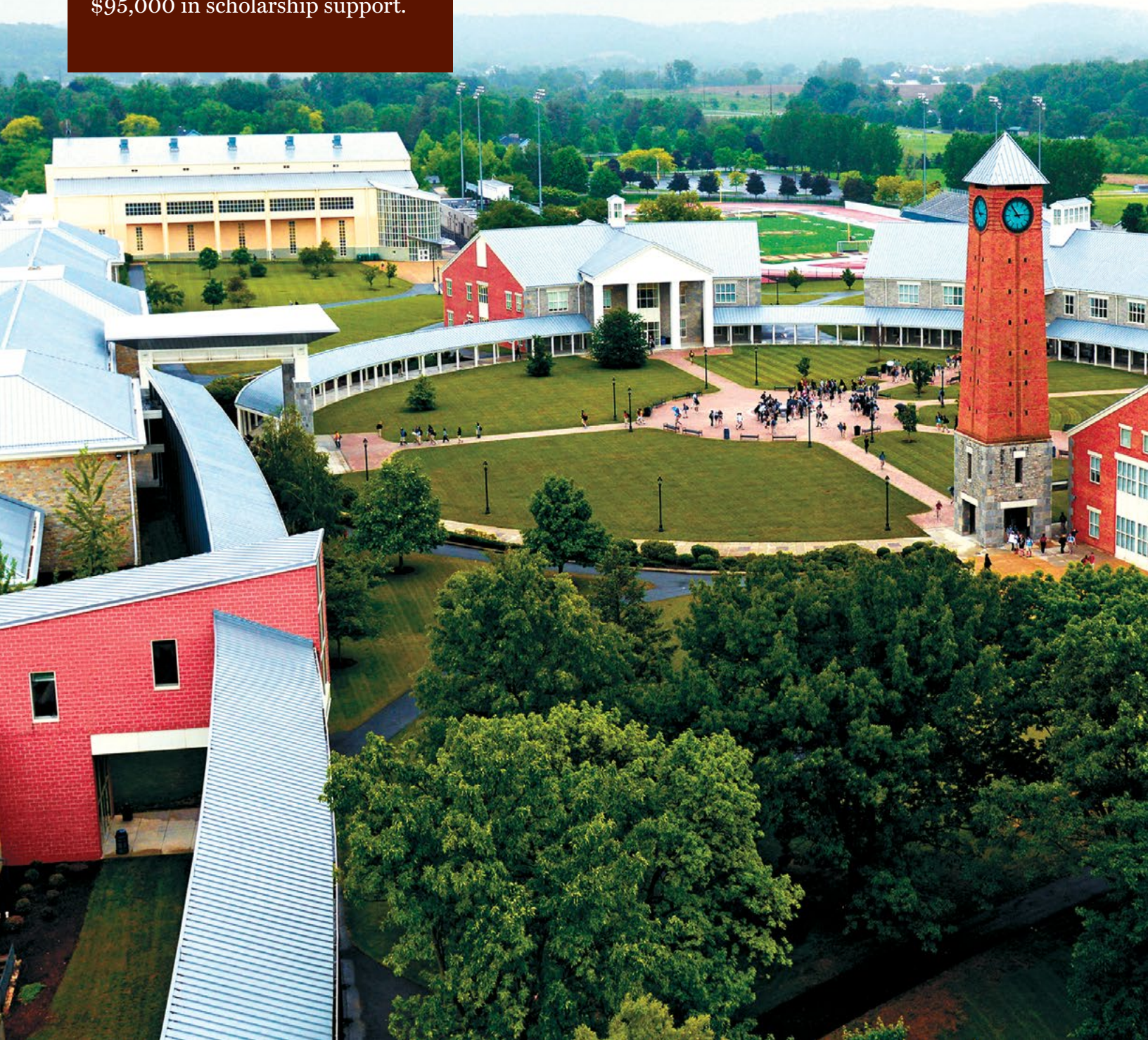
FOUNDED 1909

**There's no other
child like yours.**

**There's no other
education like *this*.**

Milton Hershey School® is one of the world's best private schools, offering a top-notch education and positive home life to children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade from families of low income at no charge.

MHS is cost-free — from food and housing to sports equipment and healthcare. Students even have the opportunity to accrue up to \$95,000 in scholarship support.





***One of the country's
best independent schools,
Milton Hershey School
offers life-changing
opportunities and
experiences that other
schools simply cannot.***

- 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 and scholarship support

... all at no cost to your family.



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ACADEMICS

Expert teaching, small classes, positive spirit, 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.

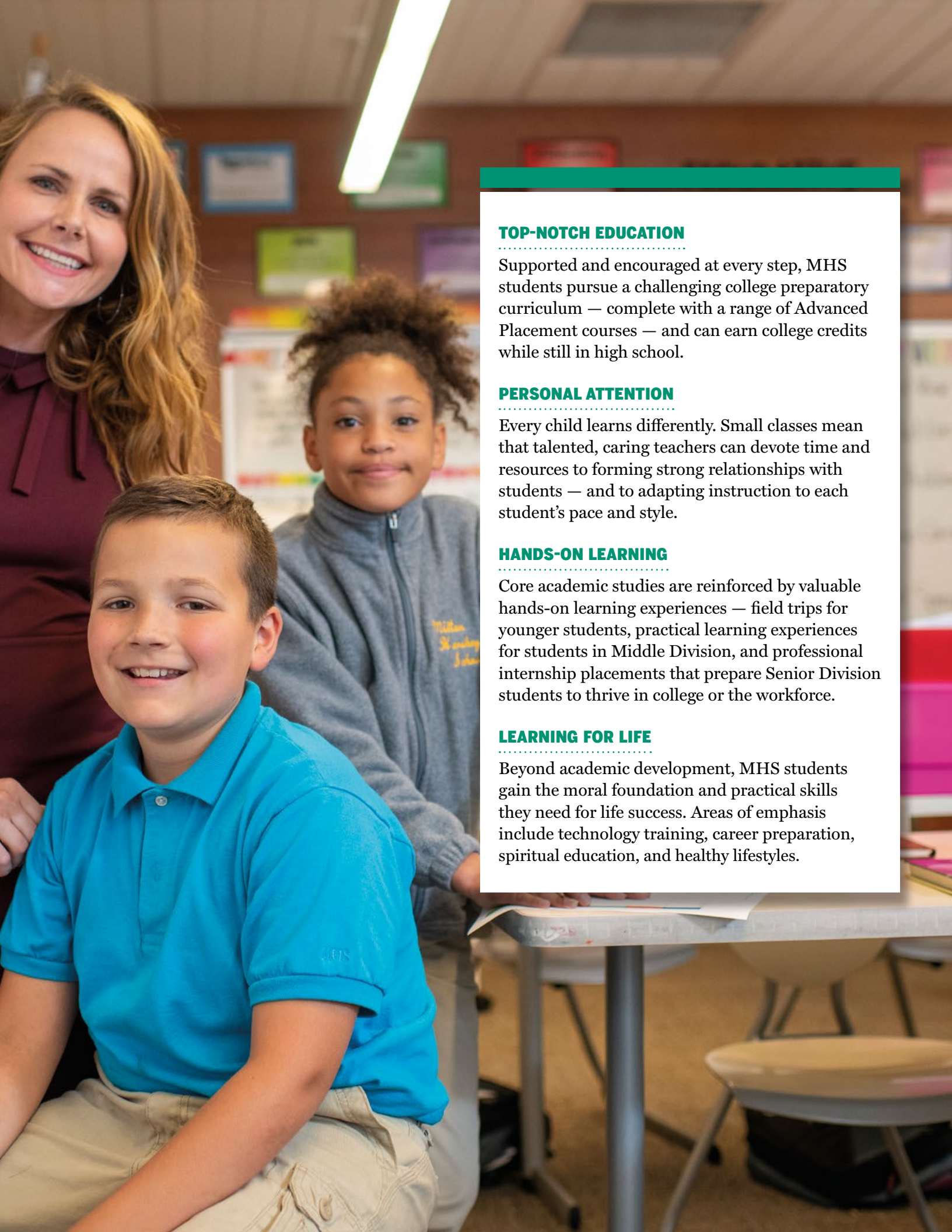
MIDDLE DIVISION ***Grades 5–8***

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

SENIOR DIVISION ***Grades 9–12***

Students may take Advanced Placement courses while preparing for college or careers through internships, career certifications, and co-op programs.





TOP-NOTCH EDUCATION

Supported and encouraged at every step, MHS students pursue a challenging college preparatory curriculum — complete with a range of Advanced Placement courses — and can earn college credits while still in high school.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Every child learns differently. Small classes mean that talented, caring teachers can devote time and resources to forming strong relationships with students — and to adapting instruction to each student's pace and style.

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.

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Beyond academic development, MHS students gain the moral foundation and practical skills they need for life success. Areas of emphasis include technology training, career preparation, spiritual education, and healthy lifestyles.

ACADEMICS

COLLEGE CREDITS NOW

Through our partnership with a number of nearby colleges, students have the opportunity to take a variety of college courses on the MHS campus — and earn college credits — while still enrolled in high school.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

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

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

MHS STUDENTS CAN ACCRUE FOR
STRONG ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL
PERFORMANCE

More than **89%** OF GRADUATING SENIORS **PLAN TO PURSUE SOME KIND OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

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



LEADERS in TECHNOLOGY

ONE-TO-ONE TECHNOLOGY IN CLASSROOMS, LABS, LIBRARIES AND STUDENT HOMES — ALL WITH THE LATEST SOFTWARE



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION/ POWERFUL SKILLS

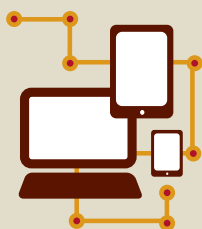
Students explore 12 Career and Technical Education pathways before choosing one for deeper focus. By combining classroom learning with hands-on experience, they prepare for early success in the workplace. Every MHS student graduates with at least two industry-recognized certifications.

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

MIDDLE DIVISION TEACHER

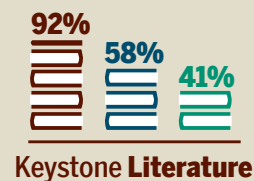
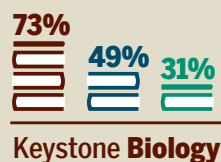
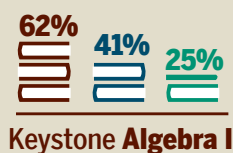
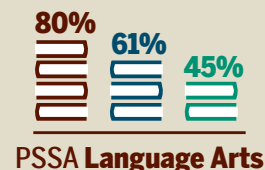
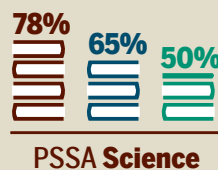
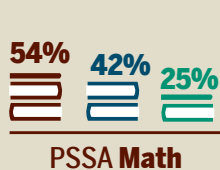
The proof of our success is in the numbers.

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



2018 Test Scores for PSSA* and Keystone**

MHS STUDENTS VS. PA STUDENTS



*Pennsylvania System of State Assessment

**Percentage of students scoring proficient or above on either the PSSA or the Keystone exams

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



PART OF THE TEAM

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





LIVE-IN FRIENDS

MHS students support and look out for one another, including welcoming new students and helping them adjust to school life.

A PLACE TO BELONG

Led by a married couple experienced in working with children, each home includes 8 to 12 students of the same gender and similar age.

CONSTANT CONTACT

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

Homes offer quiet places to study and comfortable areas for play. Homes are equipped with computers, games, sporting equipment, and gaming systems.



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.

A photograph of two male students sitting on a wooden bench in a locker room. The student on the left is a white male with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue zip-up sweatshirt and khaki shorts, smiling at the camera while holding a black and red sneaker. The student on the right is a Black male wearing a dark blue sweatshirt with a red collar and khaki shorts, also smiling. In the background, there are grey lockers with green circular handles and a blue backpack on the bench.

ESTABLISHING HABITS

Students follow a set schedule and a list of shared rules meant to build responsibility, punctuality, and respect — characteristics that serve them well throughout their lives.

A photograph of three male students playing football on a grassy field. Two students in the foreground are wearing khaki shorts and dark socks; one is in a blue polo shirt and the other in a red polo shirt. They are both reaching out to catch a football. A third student in a blue polo shirt is standing in the background to the left.

YEAR-ROUND

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.

A photograph of two students in a laundry room. One student, wearing a blue polo shirt and khaki pants, is bending over a white front-loading washing machine, putting laundry into a black basket. Another student, wearing a white t-shirt and dark pants, is standing nearby. The room has wooden cabinets and multiple washing machines.

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.

ATHLETICS

Participation in sports builds character, confidence, discipline, time management, and teamwork — all qualities that point to future success. Additionally, MHS sports are a great source of fun and community spirit. Our teams are competitive, and our athletic facilities are second to none.

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. All equipment and supplies are provided — including musical instruments.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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.





So Many Options

Here is a sampling of all there is to do and experience at MHS.

Sports

16 varsity athletic teams

Visual and Performing Arts

4 art clubs

8 choral groups

16 dance groups

Band, orchestra, guitar and piano lessons and ensembles

Drama Club, Stage Crew and Theater opportunities

Jazz and marching bands

Agricultural Clubs

Beef, Sheep, Goat and Beekeeping Clubs
Bug Club

Horsemanship and Equine Basics

Floral Art, Plantology, Soap and Woodturning Clubs

Beginner and Advanced Animals Clubs

Other Activities

Outdoor Adventure Club

Scouting

Student Government

Tae Kwon Do

Yearbook

... and dozens more.

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

SENIOR DIVISION STUDENT

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 2019



89% PLANNED TO BEGIN A **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM** — FAR EXCEEDING THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.



8% PLANNED TO **ENTER THE WORKFORCE.**



3% 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 support staff continue to support 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 the Hotel Hershey, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts, the Hershey Bears, and many others. In the process, they get hands-on professional experience and build strong résumés.

PROVEN SUCCESS

MHS alumni are leaders in many fields, including business, industry, media, science, and technology. Learn more about success after MHS at mhskids.org.

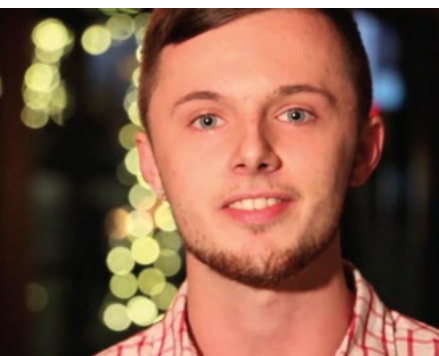
“MHS changed my life by instilling discipline, a strong work ethic and, most of all, personal courage.”

MHS GRADUATE



RESULTS

Thousands of Milton Hershey School graduates have found their own way to make a positive impact on the world. 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 new generations.



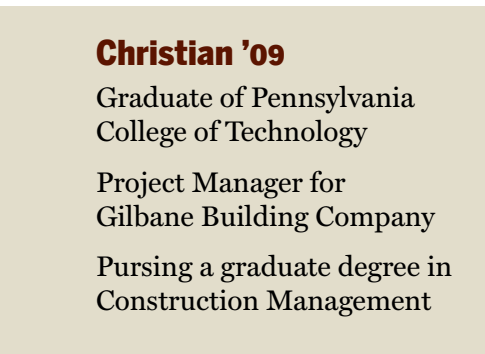
Joshua '15

Graduate of Gallaudet University
Internship at the National Institute
for the Deaf in Bogotá, Columbia
Elementary School Teacher
in Mexico City, Mexico



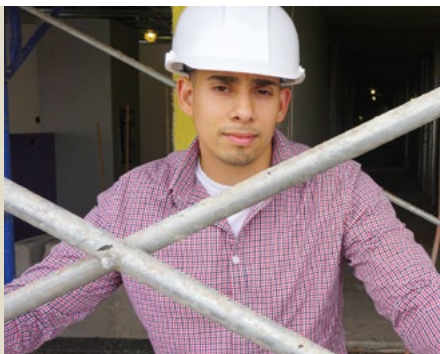
*A sampling of the colleges and universities
attended by recent MHS graduates:*

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY
DICKINSON COLLEGE
EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY
HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PA
LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
MANOR COLLEGE
MESSIAH COLLEGE
MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY
MORAVIAN COLLEGE
MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
RICE UNIVERSITY
ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF
TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
URSINUS COLLEGE
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
WIDENER UNIVERSITY
WILKES UNIVERSITY



Christian '09

Graduate of Pennsylvania
College of Technology
Project Manager for
Gilbane Building Company
Pursing a graduate degree in
Construction Management



Tiffany '07

Graduate of Dickinson College
Former Executive Director
for Governor Tom Wolf
Director, Bureau of Campaign
Finance and Civic Engagement

We believe every child deserves a top-notch education.

This is why MHS was founded and why it is cost free. If you think MHS could make a difference for your child, we would like to help.

APPLYING

What should I do first?

STEP 1:

Application for Admission

Complete all parts of the Application for Admission — or fill out an online application at mhskids.org.

The parent or legal guardian must sign the Application for Admission and the School Information Form. Mail the completed Application for Admission, along with the requested paperwork (listed on the back of the application) to:

**Milton Hershey School
Admissions Office
430 E. Governor Road
P.O. Box 830
Hershey, PA 17033-0830**

STEP 2:

School Information Form

Take the signed School Information Form to your child's school. The school will complete the form and send it directly to MHS.

Minimum Qualifications for Admission

To be considered for enrollment, the child must:

- **Come from a family of lower income**
- **Be 4-15 years old at the time of enrollment**
- **Have the ability to learn**
- **Be free of serious behavioral problems that are likely to disrupt life in the classroom or student home life at MHS**
- **Be able to participate and benefit from the school's program**

Admissions depends on many factors. Learn more about admission considerations at mhskids.org/admissions/admissions-criteria/

Is my child a good fit for MHS?

In accordance with the 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.

Can my child and I visit?

We encourage interested families to visit, tour, and meet our students and staff. The MHS Admissions Office is open Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Schedule a campus visit by calling 800.322.3248 (toll-free) or emailing mhs-admissions@mhs-pa.org.

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.

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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 grade 12 a top-notch education at no cost to their families.

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 4,200 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 nation.

ENROLLMENT

2,000+ students, Pre-K–Grade 12

In 2018-19, new students came from:

- Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon counties – 20%
- Other Pennsylvania counties – 52%
- States other than Pennsylvania – 28%

Over 50% of MHS students have a sibling at the school.

There is an equal number of boys and girls.

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 190 caring, talented teachers committed to whole-child education.

HOME LIFE

MHS has 180 student homes, each with 8 to 12 students, led by 480 houseparents.

Seniors live together in 10 Transitional Living apartment-style settings meant to prepare them for independent living after graduation. There are 30 Transitional Living staff.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL CERTIFICATIONS

Every MHS student graduates with two or more industry-recognized certification, 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. There are more computers than there are people at MHS.

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 scholarship support through strong academic and behavioral performance and good citizenship.

INCLUDED AT NO COST TO FAMILIES

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 (in individual or group settings)
- Dental care
- Tutoring and individual academic assistance
- All activities
- Sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- Computers
- Field trips
- 24/7 security

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