



Michigan Lutheran High School



Admissions Info Guide

Build. Expand. Enrich.

A Global CHRIST-CENTERED Education

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Foreword



Greetings and warm regards,

I am truly humbled daily to be able to serve at Michigan Lutheran High School (ML). Every day I have the opportunity to learn something new from our talented teachers and our dedicated students. I see students being led by a loving and talented staff. And I see the very hands and feet of my Savior being used to uplift, comfort, bless, and enrich the lives of our ML family in both our teachers and our students.

ML looks to **BUILD** up the body of Christ by sharing the love of our Lord with students every day. Some have been a part of this family since very little, some not so long, and some are just learning. But, our goal is to be drawn closer every day to our Lord and to the purpose for which he designed us.

ML then looks to **EXPAND** on the unique knowledge and varied gifts and talents of our students so that they can use these in service to each other. By doing so, they are circling right back to building up the body of Christ.

And then we look to **ENRICH** the lives of all those we meet by being ready to give an answer for the reason for the hope that we have (1 Peter 3:15)! This hope does not disappoint and it is what gives comfort and peace throughout our entire lives.

We want to extend our gratitude to all the parents and students who are considering Michigan Lutheran as their place of education. We are committed to providing the best educational experience for each student. We also invite you to explore more through this profile.

We look forward to welcoming you into our Michigan Lutheran family while giving you an exceptional high school experience.

Your Brother in Christ

Matthew Herbst, M.Ed.

President

Michigan Lutheran High School is nationally accredited through NCPSSA and WELSSA as a school of excellence, holding us to high standards across our entire ministry and utilizing an annual improvement plan to further the high-quality programs we already offer.



WELSSA
WELS School Accreditation





School History



Established in 1970, Michigan Lutheran High School has a rich and storied history spanning nearly five decades. Our founding began a remarkable educational journey with a clear mission: to provide a Christian education for teenagers.

Throughout our history, Michigan Lutheran High School has continually strived for excellence. We have celebrated numerous achievements, graduated over 1500 students, and have expanded our school from an area day-school to an international boarding school serving students and families from all over the globe. Over the years, our commitment to academic excellence, character development, and a greater mission of Christian education has left an indelible mark on countless students who have passed through our doors.



Reflecting on our history, we take immense pride in our diverse community, representing more than 17 nations. This international tapestry enriches our educational environment and underscores our dedication to global educational perspectives. Looking forward, Michigan Lutheran High School remains resolute in its mission to prepare future leaders who will continue to shape society in a positive way.

Mission & Vision



Mission

Michigan Lutheran High School provides Christ-centered learning for Christ-centered living.

Vision

In order to fulfill this mission, Michigan Lutheran High School strives to embody our core values: Faithfulness, Approachability, Excellence, Authenticity, Family, and Servant-Leadership. We do this by meeting the following:

- 01** We are committed to delivering a holistic education that combines strong academics with deep Christian character development, preparing students to have servant-hearts to positively impact their homes, communities, churches, and schools.
- 02** We support students' understanding of cultural diversity, global thinking, and cross-cultural experiences founded on a Christian worldview.
- 03** We inspire creativity and critical thinking, encouraging students to become innovators ready to face future challenges and contribute positively to society.
- 04** We shape students into responsible, ethical, and servant leaders. We encourage participation in community service and being active members of the church.
- 05** We harness the latest technology to enhance learning, prepare students for the digital world, and provide access to global resources.
- 06** We create a safe, inclusive learning environment that fosters individual growth, respecting each student's uniqueness.

Academic Programs



01 Advanced Placement and Dual-Credit Opportunities

Our Advancement Placement and Dual-Credit Courses are designed to challenge students academically while encouraging personal and social growth. Its rigorous curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, and practical skills. Our graduates are well-prepared for higher education and known for their well-rounded education and international perspective.



02 Arts Education

Our Arts program offers a rich array of literature, history, visual arts, music, and art courses. It encourages students to explore their creativity and cultural understanding. It nurtures artistic expression and promotes cultural awareness and a well-rounded education.



03 Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Our CTE program provides practical skills and knowledge in various vocational fields, preparing students for business, technology, and healthcare careers. Equips students with employable skills and real-world experiences in their chosen career paths.

Academic Achievements

01 High Graduation Rates

Michigan Lutheran High School consistently achieves a graduation rate of over 100%, showcasing our commitment to helping students complete their high school education.

02 Impressive GPA Averages

Our students' average GPA is impressive, reflecting their dedication to academic excellence and our rigorous curriculum.

03 College Acceptance Rates

Most of our graduates are accepted into their first-choice colleges and universities, demonstrating our students' readiness for higher education.

04 National Merit Scholars

Multiple students have earned recognition as National Merit Scholars, a testament to their outstanding academic achievements.

05 Perfect AP Exam Scores

Many of our students have achieved perfect scores on their Advanced Placement (AP) exams, reflecting their mastery of college-level material.

06 Health and Physical Growth

Our Physical education, health courses, and athletic facilities are widely used by our students to build a healthy lifestyle which serves them well in everything they do!

07 Fine Arts Education

All students are required to complete courses in the Fine Arts to develop well-rounded students. We strive to have opportunities to compete and get scholarships for their growth in the Fine Arts.

08 Artistic Achievements

Our Arts program has produced award-winning artists, with students receiving scholarships and accolades for their creative talents.

09 Community Engagement

Our commitment to community service is evident through the thousands of hours our students contribute to volunteer work each year. Each class has an annual project to complete together and many of our students volunteer at additional locations to be a blessing to our community.

10 Outstanding SAT/ACT

Our students achieve above-average SAT and ACT scores, highlighting their academic readiness for higher education. They consistently score the highest in the region and exceed the state and national average each year.

Student Life



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Diverse Students

Our school prides itself on its diverse student population, with students from over 17 nationalities, creating a vibrant and multicultural community. This diversity enriches the learning experience and encourages cross-cultural friendships.



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Extracurricular Activities

Our students actively engage in various extracurricular activities, including sports, arts clubs, Academic Challenge, and robotics teams. These activities foster teamwork, leadership skills, and personal growth.



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Community Service

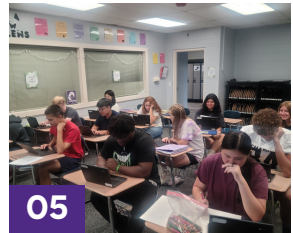
Our students are committed to giving back to the community. They actively participate in various community service projects, volunteering their time and skills to make a positive impact locally and globally.



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Family Atmosphere

Michigan Lutheran students truly are a family. We build many opportunities for students to learn about each other by having fun together! We enjoy our Titan family and foster a family atmosphere in everything that we do.



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Academic Excellence

Michigan Lutheran High School places a strong emphasis on academic excellence. Our students are dedicated to their studies, and many of them achieve high honors and go on to attend prestigious universities worldwide.

Student Achievements



01 Robotics World Competition

April, 2024

02 District Basketball Champions

March, 2024

03 Academic Challenge Champions

February, 2022

04 Sportsmanship Regional Winners

May, 2023

05 Football (Soccer) District Champion

September, 2022

06 Robotics World Competition

February, 2022

07 Equestrian State Champion

November, 2019

08 E-Sports League Champions

March, 2021

09 Volleyball District Champions

November, 2022

Safe and Caring Community



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St. Joseph, Michigan

MLHS is blessed to call home one of the American Midwest's **most attractive settings**: St. Joseph-Benton Harbor of southwest Michigan.



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Safe Community

St. Joseph, Michigan is a quiet yet vibrant community which a highly desired summer/autumn vacation destination due to Lake Michigan being in our backyard.



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Recreation Opportunities

With rivers and lakes around the area coupled with sand dunes and beaches, SW Michigan offers a great deal of enjoyable year-round outdoor recreation



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Safe Campus

Michigan Lutheran's campus is outside of the city located on 7 acres. Accessibility is limited to students and staff through multiple safe and secure entrances. Over the past few years, MLHS has expanded its security system to ensure student safety is always our top priority.



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Mental Health Services

Christian counseling services through Christian Family Solutions is available for all of our students as needed. This service allows us to care for any mental health concerns a student may have during their time at MLHS.

Admission & Selection Process



Admission Requirements

- 01** Complete the online application form, providing personal information, contact details, and academic history.
- 02** Submit transcripts from the most recent school attended, including report cards and standardized test scores.
- 03** Include letters of recommendation from an educator who can attest to the student's character and academic abilities.
- 04** Schedule an interview with our principal or international coordinator.

Selection Process



Step 1
Academic
Evaluation

- All applicants undergo a thorough academic evaluation. This includes a review of their transcripts, GPA, standardized test scores, and any advanced coursework or honors classes taken.



Step 2
Interview

- Shortlisted candidates are invited for a one-on-one interview with a faculty member. The interview assesses the student's interpersonal skills, interests, and alignment with the school's values.



Step 3
Final Review
and Selection

- The admissions committee conducts a final review of all application materials, considering academic performance, test scores and interview results. Admissions decisions are made based on this holistic evaluation.



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www.MichiganLutheran.org/apply

Fees and Scholarships



Tuition Fees

- Annual tuition fees for the academic year can be found on our website at <https://michiganlutheran.org/admissions/assistance/>
- Tuition fees cover all standard academic courses, access to school facilities, and extracurricular activities.
- Room and Board fees are also found on our website.
- These fees cover everything needed to live on-campus for the full school year.

Room and Board Fees

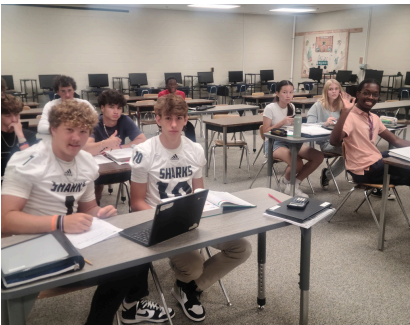
Additional Fees

In addition to tuition, there may be additional fees for activities such as field trips, specialized courses, and optional services. These fees will be communicated in advance to parents and students.

Scholarships

- We are proud to offer scholarships to exceptional students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievements, leadership qualities, or artistic talents.
- Scholarship opportunities include:
 - Academic Excellence Scholarships** Awarded to students with exceptional academic records and standardized test scores.
 - Leadership Scholarships** Recognizing students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and contributions to their communities.
 - Service Oriented Scholarships** Awarded to students with an outstanding record of service to others either in their community, school, or church.
- Scholarship eligibility and application details can be found on our website or by contacting the Admissions Office.

School Facilities



Academic Facilities

- High-standard classrooms and learning spaces equipped with state-of-the-art technology.
- 1:1 Student devices available for research and academic use
- Well-equipped science laboratories for experiments and research.
- Computer labs with high-speed internet access and the latest software.
- Sports fields, including a soccer field, basketball court, and weight room and second gym for auxiliary training.
- Music rooms with musical instruments and recording equipment.
- Stage and audiovisual facilities for events and performances.
- Lecture and seminar rooms for lectures and presentations.
- Cafeteria and dining areas with healthy food options and relaxation spaces.

Boarding Facilities



Student Housing

Operating domestically since 1970, MLHS expanded to become one of only nine Michigan boarding schools in 2014. We provide student housing for students who join from all over the **nation** and the **world**.

- World-Class living arrangements in apartments shared with fellow classmates
- 24:7 supervision from caring dorm supervisors and teachers
- Family style meals
- Monthly student outings
- Directly adjacent to the main campus for easy access to student events
- Recreation rooms for gaming, social time, and building meaningful relationships
- Teacher mentoring and study halls



Extracurricular Opportunities

FINE ARTS

- Titan Chorus
- Jazz Band
- Festival Singers
- Concert Band
- Pep Band
- Marching Band
- Drama Performances

STUDENT LIFE

- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- Yearbook
- E-Sports
- Ambassadors
- Robotics
- Global Club
- Trap and Air Rifle Club

ATHLETICS

- Fall sports: football (co-op), boys soccer, girls volleyball, girls golf
- Winter: boys and girls basketball, cheer
- Spring: boys baseball, boys and girls track & field, girls softball, girls soccer.
- Year-Round: Boys and girls powerlifting training with competitions in January-February.



Parents' Testimonials



There are so many reasons I want my daughter to attend ML: Christian education, Christian friends. My experience at ML was amazing (Class of 97), and I want the same things for my daughter. But I believe the mission statement says it best: Christ-centered learning for Christ-centered living!



Christ-centered education at a small school that will provide a high-quality education for college and/or trade school prep.



Here at Michigan Lutheran High School we have been astonished at how much the teachers and faculty cares for our student. The atmosphere for our child is calming, not disruptive, and great examples of great students.



The best part of the experience is probably the community you have here. At ML, it feels like you get to know people you wouldn't have known otherwise.



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