

Mercy Ships is a global charity that has operated hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Mercy Ships has been bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor by mobilizing people and resources worldwide, and serving all people without regard for race, gender, or religion.



The Faculty and Students

MSA students are children of *Africa Mercy* crew and staff members, who all live onboard. The school is comprised of both an international faculty and student body, representing an average of 10 different nationalities during each school term. Average enrollment is about 55 students, with a full-time faculty of 13 teachers, as well as 5 part-time teachers. All teachers, licensed and certified in their home countries, are dedicated to equipping students to influence their world through a series of rigorous coursework. The student-to-teacher ratio averages 5 students to every 1 teacher.

Our energetic teachers cultivate a love of learning, and living onboard a hospital ship instills an appreciation for community, and the joy of helping those in need as students are encouraged to befriend patients in the hospital wards.

Accreditation

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
Association of Christian Schools International



Online School Partnership

MSA partners with Seven Star Academy (sevenstaracademy.org), an accredited provider of online courses, to offer additional elective courses for grades 6 – 12 and Advanced Placement courses for grades 9 – 12.

CEEB code: **444168**

Mission

Mercy Ships follows the 2000-year-old model of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor.



M/V Africa Mercy

**...bringing the hospital
to the world's poor**



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**...inspiring students to
truly follow Jesus.**



Mercy Ships Academy

is a private coeducational school that serves Preschool to Grade 12 students. It provides an exceptional biblically-based education for crew members' children, inspiring them to truly follow Jesus. MSA is located onboard the *Africa Mercy*, an ocean-going motor vessel which docks in west and central African ports to provide surgical treatments to developing nations.



Tracks	Mercy Ships Foundation	US College/ University	European/UK University	Electives Based
Min. 26 Credit to Graduate	Course instructed by MSA Teachers	Speech (0,5) Health (0,5) Fine Arts (1)	*Inc. min. of 2 AP Courses	Possible to complete an Apprenticeship Program
Bible	4	4	4	4
English	4	4	4*	4
Mathematics	4	4	4*	3
Science	4	4	4*	3
Social Studies	4	3	4*	3
French	2	2	2	0
Physical Education	2	2	2	2
Computers	2	2	2	2
Electives	2	3	2	6
Total	28	28	28	27

* It is possible for student to substitute an elective with non-credit study hall.



Quality Academics

MSA has 9 classrooms and a central multi-purposed library and computer center. Students have access to playgrounds on decks 7 and 8 as well as lap pool for recreation and sports activities.



Technology is a priority, and classrooms have been outfitted with interactive touchscreen boards. Wireless internet is provided, and Junior High and High School students are issued a personal Netbook each year. The school has its own computer lab as well as a language and science center.



Vision

MSA equips each student with the foundation of knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill God's purposes in their lives. We do this by partnering with parents in developing Christian character in their children through teaching values based on a biblical world view within the structure of a quality academic education; meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each student.

The Program

MSA offers an international Christian college preparatory program, starting with Preschool, Elementary (kindergarten to grade 5), Junior High (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12). Students graduate at the end of Grade 12 with a High School Diploma.

Academy Activities

- Hospital Visits – Befriend-A-Patient
- Mercy Ministry Opportunities (off-ship) – orphanages, children's homes, schools for the disabled, prisons and/or hospices.
- Student Life Program - (weekly life skills training led by our ship's crew)
- Work Experience on the ship for Junior High and High School
- Junior High And High School Retreat – off-ship with service project focus
- Field Trips in surrounding field service locations
- Weekly school assemblies led by ship crew members (from over 35 nationalities)