



MISSION and IDENTITY

Our Lady of Mercy School (OLM) is an American, Catholic school in the city of Rio de Janeiro which offers cutting edge educational programs to approximately 610 students from more than twenty nations in pre-school through high school.

Accredited by both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Secretary of Education for the State of Rio de Janeiro, OLM confers both American and Brazilian diplomas upon graduation. **Our Lady of Mercy School is the only school in Rio de Janeiro to implement AP Capstone™**—an innovative diploma program that allows students to develop the skills that matter most for college success: research, collaboration, and communication.

An American School...

We provide for students' intellectual, physical, artistic, and social development through a college preparatory, English-language curriculum.

A Catholic School...

OLM is maintained by the Society of Our Lady of Mercy, a lay association founded by American and British families in 1919 in order to practice the Catholic faith in their own language and provide for the spiritual needs of English-speaking visitors to the city. We tend to students' spiritual development through religious education, community service, liturgical celebrations, and sacramental preparation.

An International and Inclusive School...

We provide transitional and ongoing support for those students with second-language and special learning needs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School is a unique time in a student's life full of rapid changes and exciting opportunities. Engaged in both the search for identity and the struggle for independence, young adolescents are confronted daily with the challenge of balancing new-found freedoms with increased levels of responsibility.

Grounded in the OLM mission to "Educate the whole person for global understanding" and guided by the principles and best practices for middle level education, the OLM Middle School Faculty and Staff not only challenge students with a rich and relevant academic curriculum but also provide the necessary guidance, modeling, and support to accompany students throughout the transition to young adulthood.

Core Academic Program

English Language Arts	Portuguese
American Social studies	Brazilian Social Studies
Mathematics	Spanish
Science	Music
Religion	Visual Arts
Physical Education	Student Advisory

Elective Classes

Guitar Club	Drama
Science Lab	Study Hall
School Environment Club	Chess Club
OLMatters (school newspaper)	Student Council

Athletics, Events, and Opportunities

Soccer Team	Volleyball Team
Cheerleading Squad	Basketball Team
Student Council	Mathcounts
Global Initiatives Network	Talent Show
College Fair	Summer Camps
Middle School Dance	Spirit Week
Friendship Festival	Halloween Party
Thanksgiving Celebration	Christmas Celebration
International Festival	June Party



Religious Education & Pastoral Services

At OLM our students' spiritual and moral development is just as important as their academic growth. All students at OLM attend Religion Class two times each week, and the school community celebrates Mass on a monthly basis. Sacramental preparation is available through the Religious Education Department and the OLM Parish. In High School, all students must complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service in order to graduate.



Technology Programs

Every Middle School classroom is a computer lab, featuring one-to-one laptop computers, wireless high-speed internet connection. Teachers use interactive whiteboard technology, web access, and a multitude of software resources to provide powerful, relevant, and fun learning experiences.

Academic and Personal Support

The OLM Guidance Department supports students experiencing academic, social, emotional, and other difficulties. Four full-time counselors work with students and their families to overcome obstacles to academic success.

OLM at a Glance

The only American, Catholic school in Rio de Janeiro

Founded in 1952 by the Society of Our Lady of Mercy

Accredited by AdvancEd and the Brazilian Ministry of Education

Serves 570 students from more than 20 countries in PK-12

Athletic teams in soccer, basketball, volleyball and cheerleading

Requires all students to complete 100 hours of community service

Requires all students to write, and defend a Senior Thesis

Student Profile

11%	American or from other English speaking countries
78%	Brazilian
8%	From Europe and Asia
3%	From Latin America and Africa

OLM Graduates have been accepted to...

Amherst College	Ohio State University
Auburn University	Pace University
Bates College	Palm Beach Atlantic University
Bentley University	Penn State University
Boston University	PUC (RJ)
Brandeis University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Brown University	SUNY Binghamton
Bryn Mawr College	SUNY Brockport
Chapman University	SUNY Buffalo
Columbia College	Temple University
Dartmouth College	Tennessee Wesleyan College
Drexel University	Texas A & M University
Emerson College	UC Berkeley
ESPM	UCLA
Fordham University	UFRJ
Fundação Getúlio Vargas	Universidade de Rio de Janeiro
Georgetown University	University of Alberta
George Washington Univ.	University of British Columbia
Georgia Tech	University of Calgary
Grinnell College	University of Colorado
Hamilton College	University of Illinois
IBMEC	University of Miami
Indiana University	University of Michigan
Iowa State	University of Missouri
Johns Hopkins University	University of San Diego
Lawrence Tech	University of South Florida
Lewis University	University of Southern Maine
Loyola Marymount Univ.	University of Texas
Marymount Manhattan College	University of Toronto
Michigan State University	University of Virginia
New Jersey Inst. of Tech.	Valencia College
New York University	Vassar College

Accreditation and Affiliations

AdvancEd and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Ministry of Education and Culture of the State of Rio de Janeiro

Association of American Schools of South America (AASSA)

Association of American Schools in Brazil (AASB)

National Honor Society and Junior National Honor Society



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