

MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL
Religious Programs
Off-Campus Worship Form & Directory [Form A]

<u>Student Last Name</u>		<u>Student First Name</u>
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Student Home Mail Code</u>	<u>Student ID #</u>

Box 1	<u>Houses of Worship – Hershey (See attached directory)</u> Write the name of the house of worship that you would like the student to attend. Verify that this house of worship <u>is</u> listed on the attached Off-Campus Worship Directory. (Transportation <u>is</u> provided by the MHS Transportation Department)	<u>Write Name of House of Worship</u>
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Box 2	<u>Houses of Worship – Other (Not on the attached directory)</u> Write the name of the house of worship that you would like the student to attend. Verify that this house of worship <u>is not</u> listed on the attached Off-Campus Worship Directory. (Transportation <u>is not</u> provided by the MHS Transportation Department)	<u>Write Name of House of Worship</u>
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Please mark the religious heritage in which you would choose to nurture your child:

Catholic
 Protestant
 Muslim
 Buddhist
 Jewish
 No Affiliation
 Other _____

Student has experienced (*a copy of the certificate should accompany this form):

Baptism No _____ Yes _____ Date/Church _____
 1st Communion No _____ Yes _____ Date/Church _____
 Confirmation/Membership No _____ Yes _____ Date/Church _____

Please check mark the activity requested (*a copy of certificates received must accompany this form):

Catholic Religious Education/CCD _____
 Other _____
 (Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation)

Sponsor/Parent Signature _____

Note: Before a student may be transported to an off-campus worship service, this form must be signed and returned to the Office of Religious Programs. Incomplete forms will not be processed and the student will not be permitted to attend the off-campus house of worship. By signing this form, you give MHS approval to share Sponsor/Parent address and telephone number to houses of worship for direct contact with you. This is on a need to know basis in compliance with all federal and state confidentiality codes. **If you prefer that your address and telephone number not be released to the off-campus house of worship, please indicate by checking here _____.**

To Be Completed By Religious Program

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Sent To Home Life</u>	<u>Dated Entered</u>	<u>Copy Sent To Student Home</u>
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To Be Completed By Home Life

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Signature _____
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What is the “off-campus worship” program?

The off-campus worship program is a voluntary opportunity for MHS students to experience and participate in a formal worship service in their own denominational tradition. This opportunity is in addition to the compulsory Chapel Service on Sunday morning. This program provides weekly transportation to and from local churches listed in the Off-Campus Worship Directory. While it is not a compulsory service, it is encouraged and provided by the Religious Programs Office.

Who may participate in the off-campus worship program?

Any MHS student, PreK-12th grade, may participate in this program, with prior approval of the student’s sponsor through the submission of this form to the Religious Programs Office. A student’s Houseparents may also accompany a student to a worship service on an *occasional* basis, should they deem it necessary or beneficial for the student. However, the off-campus worship transportation is not open for regular participation by anyone other than MHS students.

What houses of worship are included in the program?

An Off-Campus Worship Directory listing the houses of worship to which our students are regularly transported is enclosed. Most of the denominational traditions of the Judeo-Christian background are represented. All of the houses of worship to which MHS transports students are limited to the confines of Derry Township or Hershey proper.

What must the student do to begin participation in the off-campus worship program?

Once a sponsor decides to have a student attend a specific house of worship, s/he must submit this completed and signed OCW form to the Office of Religious Programs. The Houseparents will then be notified when the student is able to begin attending the house of worship requested. The student must also present to the Houseparent a program bulletin from the house of worship attended upon returning to the student home. Without the completed OCW form submitted, a student may not attend any off-campus house of worship. A student may visit any house of worship twice before being required to have an Off-Campus Worship form signed by their sponsor. The Permission to Visit a House of Worship form [Form B] must be completed and signed by the Houseparents in order to visit a place of worship to which MHS transports. The Houseparents shall not force or coerce a student to attend off-campus worship, and so the sponsor is responsible to encourage the same with their child. If a sponsor requests off-campus worship and the child refuses to go, it is the sponsor’s responsibility to discipline this behavior, in order to prevent even the appearance of religious proselytism. Our religious policy prohibits any adult forcing or coercing a student to attend a religious event/service against his/her will, including an approved one.

May a sponsor transport a child to off-campus worship service?

A sponsor may transport a student to off-campus worship after the Sunday Chapel Service, with notification of the student’s Houseparents forty-eight hours ahead of the date. The student must be signed out at the student home and may not leave directly from Founders Hall unless the Director of Religious Programs has granted permission otherwise. Students may not take MHS / OCW transportation to a house of worship and return to campus with the sponsor or another person. All students leaving campus on MHS/OCW transportation must return to campus on the same.

What is a student to do if they have a problem during the off-campus worship experience?

A student experiencing any type of problem, or having any concern about their off-campus worship experience, should report the same to their Houseparents immediately upon returning to the student home after the off-campus worship experience. The Houseparents, in turn, will contact the Religious Programs Office and further inquiry will be done from that office. In order for a concern or problem to be addressed relating to the off-campus worship experience, the student or his/her Houseparents must initiate the inquiry. In extraordinary cases of inappropriate adult behavior, service to a house of worship may be temporarily suspended until a thorough investigation of a charge is concluded.

What happens if a student behaves inappropriately at their off-campus worship service?

If, at any time, a participating house of worship contacts the Religious Programs Office providing information regarding inappropriate behavior on the part of a participating MHS student, the student will be subject to the appropriate procedures under the MHS Uniform Disciplinary Code.

Milton Hershey School

Off-Campus Worship Directory

Anabaptist

Spring Creek Brethren Church
335 East Areba Avenue
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-7192
Website: www.springcreekcob.org
Service time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Brethren in Christ Church
99 South Valley Road
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-5433
Service time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Baptist

First Baptist Church/Living Legacy
228 McCorkle Road
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-7956
Service time: 10:45 AM – 12:00 Noon

Catholic

St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church
359 West Areba Avenue
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-7168
Website: www.stjoanofarc.us
Service time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Episcopal

All Saints Episcopal Church
310 Elm Avenue & Valley Road
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-2454
Website: www.allsaintshershey.org
Service time: 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Evangelical Free

Evangelical Free Church
330 Hilltop Road
Hummelstown, PA 17036
(717) 533-4848
Website: www.hersheyfree.com
Service time: 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Lutheran

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
212 Cocoa Avenue
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-2467
Website: www.htluth.org
Service time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Nazarene

Church of the Nazarene
P.O. Box 502, Route 322
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 534-2010
Website: www.hersheynazarene.org
Service time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Presbyterian

Derry Presbyterian Church
248 East Derry Road
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-9667
Website: www.derrypres.org
Service time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

United Church of Christ

Church of the Redeemer
500 West Chocolate Avenue
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-7300
Website: www.redeemerchurchucc.org
Service time: 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

United Methodist

First U.M. Church
64 West Chocolate Avenue
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 533-9668
Website: www.firstumchershey.org
Service time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Fishburn U.M. Church
1215 Fishburn Road
Hershey, PA 17033
(717) 534-2262
Website: www.gb-gm-umc.org/fishburn
Service time: 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM