

Manlius Pebble Hill School

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2016/2017

OUR MISSION

To inspire our students to **think** critically, **act** responsibly, and **discover** a passion for lifelong learning

History

In 1970, The Manlius School (founded in 1869) and Pebble Hill School (formed in 1927) merged to form Manlius Pebble Hill School. Serving Prekindergarten through Grade 12 from its location in a residential suburb east of Syracuse, NY, MPH is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. MPH is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the New York State Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of College Admission Counselors, the New York State Association of College Admissions Counselors, The College Board, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools. MPH is one of 48 independent schools nationwide to receive an endowment grant of \$2 million from the Malone Family Foundation. Money is drawn from the endowment to offer scholarships to gifted students with demonstrated financial need.

Academic Environment

MPH seeks to create an environment of intellectual vigor. Grounded in dialogue, research, curiosity, and creativity, our students first master the basics and then pursue excellence through extensive Advanced Placement courses, challenging electives, and real-world offerings such as assistantships, independent study and international travel.

The arts are viewed as an essential part of a student's intellectual and emotional growth and, therefore, central to the MPH academic experience. Offerings in dance, voice, orchestra, band, and drama are varied and plentiful. Students may pursue the visual arts through advanced level studies and may participate in the production of award-winning publications.

So that our students may become responsible citizens of the local and global community, MPH actively encourages and supports community service activities, believing that the link between academics and the real world energizes our students' sense of purpose and understanding of the 21st century.

Enrollment (as of 9/16)

Manlius Pebble Hill School students come from a wide variety of cultural, socioeconomic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. They attend MPH from over 30 area school districts spanning several counties and two foreign countries.

Lower School, Grades PreK-5:	56
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	78
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	120
Class of 2016	<u>56</u>
Total Enrollment	310

Student/Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1

Minority Enrollment: 37% (African American, Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Multicultural, Native American)

Academic Program

MPH Students strive to challenge themselves academically. Students must take a minimum of five core academic credits per semester. To graduate, students must earn a defined minimum number of credits in each academic department. Our School offers a wide range of electives, enabling students to plan a schedule that stimulates their intellect and encourages them to pursue their own interests. Students have the opportunity to engage in co-curricular courses which include independent study, assistantships, and individual and small group performing arts lessons.

In addition, MPH is the *only school in New York State* to be included in the *Malone Schools Online Network (MSON)*, a consortium of **48** of the nation's most highly regarded independent schools. Together with our *MSON* partners, MPH offers students an interactive distance learning experience. Our students have access to an expanded advanced curriculum and can take courses taught by other member schools – *in real time* – with students from across the country. The result is a virtual discussion seminar that is delivered in a state-of-the-art, high-definition classroom.

Seniors are required to complete a Senior Thesis Project (STP) which includes extensive research in their senior English class, culminating in an in-depth research paper and public presentation. The Senior Thesis Project presentation may include a component of community service, an internship, teaching experience, a performance, or an art exhibition.

Grading

A system of letter grades ranging from A+ to F is used in reporting: “B” is an honors grade; “A” is outstanding. The highest possible grade is A+ and the minimum passing grade is D-. We do not calculate GPA or rank our students.

Discipline Non-Disclosure Policy

Manlius Pebble Hill School has a policy of nondisclosure regarding discipline matters. While we understand that colleges and universities are interested in issues surrounding student character, as an independent school, we do not tolerate egregious breaches of appropriate academic and social conduct. We expel students who violate those standards. Students earning our recommendation and diploma have demonstrated good character over time.

Standardized Test Scores

ACT SCORES					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Composite	27.3	26.5	27.7	25.9	25.6
SAT SCORES					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Critical Reading	601	593	614	582	595
Math	603	591	618	575	578
Writing	600	599	609	564	575
EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENTS					
AP Results 2016	115	Students Taking Exams			
	280	Number of Exams Taken			
	22	AP Scholars			
	15	AP Scholars with Honors			
	16	AP Scholars with Distinction			
	2	National AP Scholars			
NATIONAL MERIT					
Class	Semi Finalists/Finalists				
2016, 2015	2				
2014, 2013	1				
2012	3				
NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP					
	2014	2015			
Outstanding Participants	1	1			
Finalist and Winners	1	1			
NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM					
	2014	2015			
Scholars	1	2			

Top 25 College Choices

(CLASSES 2012-2016)

College/University	Number Attending
Syracuse University	17
Rochester Institute of Technology	16
SUNY College at Geneseo	8
SUNY, University at Buffalo	6
Le Moyne College	5
St. Lawrence University	5
Boston University	4
Brown University	4
Cornell University	4
Fordham University	4
Hamilton College	4
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	4
New York University	4
Vassar College	4
Bucknell University	3
Carnegie Mellon University	3
Dartmouth College	3
Dickinson College	3
Drexel University	3
Fairfield University	3
George Washington University	3
Johns Hopkins University	3
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3
University of Miami	3
University of Rochester	3

College Preparatory Courses

Advanced/AP/MSON Courses

ENGLISH

English 9: The Story & the Hero
English 10: World Literature
English 11: American Literature
English Language Learners

Advanced Language & Composition
AP Literature & Composition
AP Language & Composition

*Electives: America in Black & White • Crime Fiction: Confronting Fear & Evil
Journalism • Madness in Literature • There & Back Again: Fantasy as Social Commentary*

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II & Trigonometry
Math Functions
College Algebra

Algebra I AC
Geometry AC
Algebra II & Trigonometry AC
Pre-Calculus AC
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Multivariable Calculus

HISTORY

Ancient World History
Modern World History
United States History

World History Intensive
Model United Nations
AP United States History
AP European History
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
MSON: The American Food System
MSON: Genocide & Human Rights in
the 21st Century
MSON: Philosophy in Pop Culture

*Electives:
Citizenship in America: Contemporary U.S. Issues • Global Citizenship in the 21st Century
O Captain, My Captain: The Dynamics of Political Leadership*

SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
Fundamentals of Physics
Physics

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
MSON: Advanced Topics in Chemistry
MSON: Astronomy
MSON: Environmental Bioethics
MSON: Etymology of Scientific Terms
MSON: Genetics & Genomics
MSON: Introduction to Organic Chemistry
MSON: Medical Bioethics
MSON: Modern Physics

Electives: Forensic Science • Geology

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I, II, III
Latin I, II
Latin Literature
Mandarin Chinese
Spanish I, II, III

French IV
French Literature
French Theater, Cinema, & Culture
AP French Language & Culture
Advanced Latin Literature
Advanced Mandarin Chinese
Spanish IV
Spanish Theater, Cinema, & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture
MSON: Ancient Greek
MSON: Arabic I

Elective College Preparatory Courses

Computer Information Science

3D Modeling
Advanced Media Arts
Advanced Programming
Cinematic Storytelling
Computer Graphics
Introduction to Programming
Web Comics

Health & Physical Education

Freshman Seminar
Health and Wellness
Introduction to Psychology
Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12

Performing Arts

Band
Concert Chorale
Dance Composition & Performance I & II
Music Theory
Orchestra
MSON: History of Rock & Roll

Visual Arts

Advanced Portfolio Preparation
Advanced Studio Concentration
Elemental Studio
Introduction to Photography
Introduction to Sculpture
Mixed Media
Yearbook

College Acceptances - Class of 2016

Enrollments appear in **bold**. Multiple enrollments are in **bold** and *italics*.

Albright College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Saint Joseph's University
Alfred University	Hofstra University	Saint Michael's University
Allegheny College	<i>Ithaca College</i>	The College of Saint Rose
American University	Johns Hopkins University	Salve Regina University
Arizona State University	Juniata College	University of San Francisco
Bates College	Kenyon College	Sarah Lawrence College
Binghamton University	King's College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Boston College	Le Moyne College	School of Visual Arts
Boston University	Loyola University Maryland	Simmons College
Brown University	Manhattan College	Skidmore College
Bryn Mawr College	Manhattanville College	Smith College
Bucknell University	University of Maryland, College Park	University of South Florida, Tampa
University of California, Santa Cruz	University of Massachusetts, Boston	University of St. Andrews
Canisius College	McDaniel College	St. John Fisher College
Chapman University	The University of Memphis	St. John's University
College of Charleston	Miami University, Oxford	St. Lawrence University
Clark University	University of Miami	SUNY College at Brockport
Clarkson University	Middlebury College	SUNY College at Geneseo
Colby College	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY College at New Paltz
Colgate University	Nazareth College	SUNY College at Oneonta
University of Colorado at Boulder	University of New Haven	SUNY College at Potsdam
Connecticut College	University of New Orleans	SUNY Alfred State College
Cornell College	The New School	SUNY Fredonia
Cornell University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	SUNY Oswego
Curry College	Northeastern University	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Dartmouth College	Oberlin College	SUNY, University at Albany
University of Dayton	Ohio University	SUNY, University at Buffalo
Denison University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Swarthmore College
DePaul University	Oklahoma State University	<i>Syracuse University</i>
<i>Dickinson College</i>	Onondaga Community College	The University of Tampa
Drexel University	Pace University	Temple University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Philadelphia University	Trinity College
Emerson College	University of Pittsburgh	The University of the Arts
Endicott College	Portland State University	Utica College
Fairfield University	Providence College	Vassar College
Florida Gulf Coast University	University of Puget Sound	University of Vermont
Florida Institute of Technology	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Wells College
Florida State University	Richmond, The American International College in London	Wesleyan University
Franklin and Marshall College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Widener University
The George Washington University	University of Rochester	College of William and Mary
Green Mountain College	Roger Williams University	The College of Wooster
University of Hartford		
Hartwick College		