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# Manlius Pebble Hill School

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2018/2019

### 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 New York State Association of Independent 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 9/2018)

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 as well as international countries.

Lower School, Grades PreK-5:	82
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	77
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	117
Class of 2019:	38
Total Enrollment:	<u>314</u>

Student/Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1

Minority Enrollment: 35% (African American, Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Multicultural, Native American, Pacific Islander)

## 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.

### ACT SCORES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Composite	27.7	25.9	25.6	27.5	27.6

### SAT SCORES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Critical Reading	614	582	595		
EBRW				662	610
Math	618	575	578	658	670
Writing	609	564	575		

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2018

97	Students Taking Exams
214	Number of Exams Taken
19	AP Scholars
10	AP Scholars with Honors
18	AP Scholars with Distinction
5	National AP Scholars

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Commendation	1	2	1	3	4
Semifinalist	1	2	2	3	
Winner				1	

### NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

	2014	2015
Nominations	2	2
Outstanding Participants	1	1
Finalist & Winner	1	1

### NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM

	2014	2016	2017	2018
Nominations	2	1	1	1
Scholars	2	1	1	1

## Top 25 College Choices

[CLASSES 2014-2018]

College/University	Number Attending
Syracuse University	21
Rochester Institute of Technology	13
Cornell University	7
Boston University	6
Brown University	6
Hamilton College	6
New York University	6
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	5
Ithaca College	5
Le Moyne College	5
University of Connecticut	5
Clarkson University	4
Dickinson College	4
St. Lawrence University	4
SUNY College at Geneseo	4
University of Rochester	4
Bucknell University	3
Dartmouth College	3
Fordham University	3
Johns Hopkins University	3
Northeastern University	3
SUNY, University at Buffalo	3
The George Washington University	3
Tufts University	3
Union College	3

## College Preparatory Courses

## Advanced/AP/MSON Courses

### ENGLISH

World Literature for English Language Learners	AP Literature & Composition
World Literature 9	AP Language & Composition
World Literature 10	MSON: American Voice, American Speech
American Literature II	MSON: Creative Writing in the Digital Age
English 12	MSON: James Joyce's "Ulysses"
	MSON: Modernism

*Electives: Creative Writing • Superheroes: Then & Now • Publications • Yearbook*

### HISTORY

Ancient World History	World History Intensive
Modern World History	Model United Nations
United States History	AP United States History
	MSON: Are We Rome?
	MSON: Building Utopia
	MSON: Debate Local, Think Global
	MSON: Diversity in a Global Comparative Perspective
	MSON: Genocide & Human Rights in the 20th Century
	MSON: Philosophy in Pop Culture
	MSON: The American Food System

*Electives: Citizenship in America • Global Citizenship in the 21st Century • Museum Studies*

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra I	Algebra I AC
Geometry	Geometry AC
Algebra II & Trigonometry	Algebra II & Trigonometry AC
Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus AC
	AP Calculus AB
	AP Calculus BC
	AP Statistics
	MSON: Advanced Applied Math through Finance
	MSON: Linear Algebra
	MSON: Multivariable Calculus

### SCIENCE

Biology	AP Biology
Chemistry	AP Chemistry
Fundamentals of Physics/ Topics in STEM	AP Physics C: Mechanics
Physics	AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
	MSON: Advanced Topics in Chemistry
	MSON: Comparative Ecosystems
	MSON: Environmental Bioethics
	MSON: Etymology of Scientific Terms
	MSON: Genetics & Genomics
	MSON: Introduction to Organic Chemistry
	MSON: "Journal Club" of Biological Literature
	MSON: Medical Bioethics
	MSON: The Quantum Mechanical World

*Electives: Forensic Science • Geology • Topics in STEM: Building Solutions*

### WORLD LANGUAGE

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

## Elective College Preparatory Courses

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCES

3D Modeling  
Advanced Media Arts  
Advanced Programming  
Cinematic Storytelling  
Computer Graphics  
Electronics  
Introduction to Programming  
Web Design  
MSON: Data Structures and Design Patterns  
MSON: Ethics in the Digital Age

### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Wellness  
Introduction to Psychology  
Physical Education  
MSON: Positive Psychology

### INTERDEPARTMENTAL STUDIES

Entrepreneurial Studies  
Freshman Seminar  
Macroeconomics  
Microeconomics

### PERFORMING ARTS

Band  
Concert Chorale  
Dance Composition & Performance  
Dance History & Repertory  
Music Theory  
Orchestra

### VISUAL ARTS

Advanced Portfolio Preparation  
Advanced Studio Concentration  
Elemental Studio  
Introduction to Ceramics  
Introduction to Design  
Introduction to Photography  
Mixed Media  
Photography II

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASS OF 2018

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

Alfred University

**American University**

Andrews University

Bentley University

Binghamton University

**Boston University**

*Brown University*

**Bucknell University**

**California Polytechnic State University**

Carnegie Mellon University

**Case Western Reserve University**

**Clarkson University**

**Colby College**

Colgate University

College of Charleston

*Cornell University*

Dickinson College

**Drexel University**

**Emory University**

Endicott College

**Florida Keys Community College**

Fordham University

Franklin and Marshall College

Gannon University

Gettysburg College

*Hamilton College*

Hartwick College

**High Point University**

*Hobart and William Smith Colleges*

Illinois Institute of Technology

Ithaca College

Keuka College

Lasell College

Lawrence University

Lafayette College

**Le Moyne College**

Loyola University Chicago

Lycoming College

Marist College

McGill University

Mercyhurst University

Miami University, Oxford

Middlebury College

Nazareth College

**New York University**

*Northeastern University*

Onondaga Community College

Pennsylvania State University

Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

*Rochester Institute of Technology*

Roger Williams University

Rollins College

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

**Rutgers University-New Brunswick**

**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**

Seton Hall University

**Siena College**

Skidmore College

Smith College

Southern Adventist University

Southern Methodist University

**Southwestern Adventist University**

St. Bonaventure University

St. John Fisher College

St. John's University

**St. Lawrence University**

Stony Brook University

SUNY Buffalo State College

SUNY College at Brockport

SUNY College at Geneseo

SUNY Fredonia

SUNY New Paltz

SUNY, University at Albany

SUNY, University at Buffalo

*Syracuse University*

The George Washington University

**The New School**

**The Ohio State University**

**The University of Montana, Missoula**

**The University of Scranton**

The University of Tampa

**Tufts University**

**Union College**

University of California, Davis

**University of California, San Diego**

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of Cincinnati

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

*University of Connecticut*

University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Boston

**University of Miami**

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**University of Rochester**

University of South Carolina

University of South Florida, Tampa

University of Vermont

University of Washington

**University of Wisconsin, Madison**

Vassar College

**Villanova University**

Wake Forest University

Wesleyan University