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# Manlius Pebble Hill School

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2017/2018

### 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 9/2017)

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:	72
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	83
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	104
Class of 2018	53
Total Enrollment	312

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Composite	26.5	27.7	25.9	25.6	27.5

### SAT SCORES

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Critical Reading	593	614	582	595	
EBRW					662
Math	591	618	575	578	658
Writing	599	609	564	575	

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2017

113	Students Taking Exams
272	Number of Exams Taken
18	AP Scholars
9	AP Scholars with Honors
28	AP Scholars with Distinction
3	National AP Scholars

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Commendation	2	1	2	1	3
Finalist	1	1	2	2	3
Winner					1

### NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

	2014	2015
Outstanding Participants	1	1
Finalist and Winners	1	1

### NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM

	2014	2016	2017
Nominations	2	1	1
Scholars	1	2	1

## Top 25 College Choices

[CLASSES 2013-2017]

College/University	Number Attending
Syracuse University	20
Rochester Institute of Technology	13
Cornell University	7
Le Moyne College	6
New York University	6
SUNY College at Geneseo	6
Boston University	5
Ithaca College	5
University of Rochester	5
Brown University	4
Dickinson College	4
Fordham University	4
Hamilton College	4
St. Lawrence University	4
SUNY, University at Buffalo	4
University of Miami	4
Clarkson University	3
Dartmouth College	3
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	3
Johns Hopkins University	3
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3
Skidmore College	3
The George Washington University	3
University of Tampa	3
Vassar College	3

## College Preparatory Courses

## Advanced/AP/MSON Courses

### ENGLISH

World Literature for English Language Learners	Advanced Language & Composition
World Literature 9	AP Literature & Composition
World Literature 10	AP Language & Composition
American Literature 11	MSON: American Voice, American Speech
	MSON: Creative Non-Fiction Writing Workshop
	MSON: Creative Writing in the Digital Age

*Electives: Creative Writing • Journalism • Language of Film • There & Back Again: Fantasy as Social Commentary*

### HISTORY

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

*Electives: Global Citizenship in the 21st Century • Mightier than the Sword: International Relations & Diplomacy*

### MATHEMATICS

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

### SCIENCE

Biology	AP Biology
Chemistry	AP Chemistry
Fundamentals of Physics	AP Physics C: Mechanics
Physics	AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
	MSON: Advanced Topics in Chemistry
	MSON: Astronomy
	MSON: Astronomy Research Seminar
	MSON: Comparative Ecosystems
	MSON: Genetics & Genomics
	MSON: Introduction to Organic Chemistry
	MSON: Medical Bioethics

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

### WORLD LANGUAGE

French I, II, III	French IV
Latin I, II	French Theater, Cinema, & Culture
Latin Literature	AP French Language & Culture
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  
Animation  
Cinematic Storytelling  
Computer Graphics  
Introduction to Programming  
Web Design  
MSON: Beyond the Graphical User Interface  
MSON: Data Structures and Design Patterns

### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Wellness  
Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12

### INTERDEPARTMENTAL STUDIES

Entrepreneurial Studies  
Freshman Seminar  
Introduction to Psychology  
Macroeconomics  
Microeconomics  
MSON: Advanced Economics  
MSON: Positive Psychology

### 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  
Yearbook

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASS OF 2017

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

Allegheny College	Lehigh University	<b>SUNY Purchase College</b>
Amherst College	Marist College	SUNY, University at Buffalo
Arizona State University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Swarthmore College
Baldwin Wallace University	Marymount Manhattan College	<b>Syracuse University (5)</b>
Bard College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Temple University
Barnard College	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	The George Washington University
Bates College	<b>McGill University</b>	The New School
<b>Becker College</b>	Miami University, Oxford	The Ohio State University
Belmont University	Michigan State University	The University of the Arts
Berklee College of Music	<b>Middlebury College</b>	The University of Georgia
Binghamton University	<b>Mount Holyoke College</b>	The University of Iowa
Boston College	Mount Saint Mary College	<b>Union College</b>
<b>Boston University</b>	Muhlenberg College	<b>United States Naval Academy</b>
Bowdoin College	Nazareth College	University of British Columbia
Brandeis University	New York Institute of Technology, Manhattan	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b>
<b>Brown University</b>	<b>New York University (2)</b>	<b>University of California, Davis</b>
Bryn Mawr College	Northeastern University	University of California, Irvine
Bucknell University	Northwestern University	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>
Case Western Reserve University	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	University of California, San Diego
Central Michigan University	Occidental College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Champlain College	Pace University	<b>University of Connecticut</b>
<b>Clarkson University</b>	Pennsylvania State University	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign</b>
Colby College	Point Park University	University of Maine
<b>Colgate University</b>	Providence College	<b>University of Maryland, College Park</b>
College of William and Mary	Purdue University	<b>University of Massachusetts, Amherst</b>
Colorado College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	<b>University of Miami</b>
Connecticut College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Michigan
<b>Cornell University (3)</b>	<b>Rice University</b>	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
<b>Dartmouth College</b>	Rider University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
DeSales University	Roberts Wesleyan College	University of Oregon
<b>Dickinson College</b>	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Ottawa
Drexel University	<b>Rutgers University-New Brunswick</b>	<b>University of Rochester (3)</b>
Duquesne University	<b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>	University of Toronto
Elmira College	School of Visual Arts	University of Virginia
Emerson College	Siena College	<b>University of Washington</b>
Fordham University	<b>Skidmore College</b>	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Franklin and Marshall College	<b>Smith College (2)</b>	Utica College
Georgetown University	Spelman College	Vanderbilt University
<b>Gettysburg College</b>	<b>St. John Fisher College</b>	<b>Vassar College</b>
Goucher College	Stony Brook University	Villanova University
<b>Hamilton College</b>	<b>Suffolk University</b>	Virginia Commonwealth University
Haverford College	SUNY Buffalo State College	Wagner College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	SUNY College at Cortland	Webster University
<b>Hofstra University</b>	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry	Wellesley College
Howard University	SUNY College at Geneseo	<b>Wells College</b>
Illinois Institute of Technology	SUNY Fredonia	Wesleyan University
Indiana University at Bloomington	SUNY New Paltz	<b>Williams College</b>
<b>Ithaca College (3)</b>	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	<b>Yale University</b>
Lafayette College		
<b>Le Moyne College</b>		