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Pebble Hill
School

WHAT'S THE **MPH** EFFECT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?

**It's the courage to think independently
and the capacity to work collaboratively.**

**It's knowing how to balance free time with commitments
and understanding how to manage relationships.**

**And it's feeling like you belong exactly where you are today
while preparing confidently for tomorrow.**

Your child's mind is expanding. We want him to grow in both academic and social intelligence.

The Middle School years are filled with intellectual milestones—but also with self-discovery and interpersonal awareness. At MPH, we integrate increased academic rigor and meaningful character education, so our students become not only the best students they can be, but their best selves. MPH students understand personal, academic, and community responsibility, and weigh the effects of their actions and decisions on their own lives—and the well-being of all around them.

Your child wants to join the conversation. We'll help her find her voice.

MPH educators are more invested in listening to their students than lecturing to them, and in our classrooms, peers challenge and cheer each other in equal measure. By empowering our Middle School students as competent, curious researchers, we also invite them to take their places in a wider discussion—one that teaches them to make sense of and contribute meaningfully to the stores of archival and digital information available to them. We also grant MPH students our respect, giving them the freedom to take calculated risks and engage thoughtfully and openly in the most important debates of our time.

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SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MPH Middle School students are acutely aware of and genuinely interested in the world around them. In dynamic current events classes and through our Advisory program, **MPH students think broadly about social issues** that affect them directly and challenges faced by their classmates, their community, and their contemporaries across the country and around the world.



IMPRESSIVE RANGE

We seek to uncover each child's talents and skills by offering an exciting breadth of classes and experiences. Our **Middle School students are academically multifaceted**, taking courses that include Latin, Coding, Sculpture, Dance, Algebra, and Ancient World History. They also sample widely from an exciting array of extracurricular offerings, from performing arts and athletics to after-school clubs ranging from the Bluegrass Music Club to the Women's Empowerment group. They emerge from this rich range of options as expansive thinkers and well-rounded people.

INDEPENDENT EXPLORATION AT THE STEM FAIR

In preparation for our STEM Fair, an MPH Middle Schooler doesn't just observe the classic Mentos/Coke experiment. He finds a way to measure the precise force of the reactive explosion with a method inspired by a Vernier spirometer. Across the room, one of his classmates isn't just arguing for animal rights. She's making a data-driven case against cruelty by comparing the heat-trapping capacities of fur against those of synthetic fabrics.

MPH offers an educational experience tailored to each of our students, shaped by his or her academic strengths and interests. **We teach to a specific skill level—not a general grade level**—to ensure that all our students fully realize their potential. Free from the constraints of the Common Core, we create the curriculum that most benefits and advances our students.



ACADEMIC CUSTOMIZATION

At MPH your child will never be alone on the journey. Each of our students is assigned a faculty advisor and peer advisory group, and they meet regularly to discuss academic progress, events at school, and issues in the wider world. As the relationship between advisor and advisee grows and deepens, **your child gains a trusted mentor and a vital resource** for both academic and personal questions.



PURPOSEFUL ADVISING

Independent research is a cornerstone of all divisions at MPH, but the STEM Fair in Middle School is a particularly formative academic experience—one that is central to our curriculum and required for all students. MPH Middle Schoolers choose a STEM-related topic of special interest to them, then perform scientific research, analyze data, and present findings to the greater MPH community. Nearly half of our Middle School students even present their work at the Central New York Science & Engineering Fair. This process fully prepares them for research and public speaking in the Upper School. Far more important, it convinces our students that genuine discoveries can be made by any enterprising mind anywhere—even in Middle School.



WHAT'S THE MPH EFFECT FOR LIFE?

We prepare our students, not just for the challenges of Upper School or the rigor of college, but for life itself by exposing them to a wide variety of learning styles and environments, encouraging risk-taking and independence, and cultivating their own defining talents and interests. *Our curricular and co-curricular offerings are extraordinary—and their effects last a lifetime.*

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- 15+ clubs and extracurricular activities
- 80-minute classes
- Academic advisement
- Advisory/Character Education program
- After-hours program until 6pm
- Current Events Literacy
- Daily tutorial period
- Exposure to three world languages
- Family-style lunch, eaten with teachers
- Inclusive athletics program
- Interdisciplinary curriculum
- Performing arts
- Physical education and inclusive modified athletics
- Programming, coding, and web design
- Social entrepreneurship
- Social intelligence and character development programming
- STEM Fair with independent research
- STEAM Park—outdoor learning environment
- Student government and leadership opportunities
- Visual arts and design