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Manlius Pebble Hill School

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2019/2020

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 9/2019)

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:	92
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	68
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	131
Class of 2020:	32
Total Enrollment:	<u>323</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.

MPH students are required to complete a capstone research project through one of two options.

The eMPHasis Program provides juniors and seniors an opportunity to bring form, purpose and recognition to the unique program of study they create to match their interests, aptitudes and goals. With the intent to be transdisciplinary and guided by students' innate sense of intellectual curiosity, the eMPHasis program combines select coursework, community engagement beyond the MPH campus, and a related capstone project at the end of their senior year. Students propose an eMPHasis program in one of four transdisciplinary fields: Citizenship and Global Engagement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Design, Performance and Creative Expression, and Sustainability and STEM.

Seniors not participating in an eMPHasis program are required to complete a Senior Thesis Project (STP). The STP involves extensive research on a topic of interest to the student, culminating in an in-depth research paper and public presentation to the MPH community. 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.

ACT SCORES					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Composite	25.9	25.6	27.5	27.6	28.0

SAT SCORES					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Critical Reading	582	595			
EBRW			662	610	600
Math	575	578	658	670	627
Writing	564	575			

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2019	
82	Students Taking Exams
178	Number of Exams Taken
16	AP Scholars
5	AP Scholars with Honors
12	AP Scholars with Distinction
4	National AP Scholars

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Commendation	2	1	3	4	1
Semifinalist	2	2	3		2
Winner			1		

NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Nominations		1	1	1	
Scholars		1	1	1	

Top 25 College Choices

[CLASSES 2015-2019]

College/University	Number Attending
Syracuse University	18
Rochester Institute of Technology	12
Cornell University	10
Boston University	6
Le Moyne College	6
Brown University	5
Hamilton College	5
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	5
Ithaca College	5
New York University	5
University of Connecticut	5
University of Rochester	5
Bucknell University	4
Clarkson University	4
St. Lawrence University	4
The George Washington University	4
Dartmouth College	3
Dickinson College	3
Fordham University	3
Northeastern University	3
Rutgers University	3
Smith College	3
Union College	3
University of Maryland	3
University of Miami	3

College Preparatory Courses

Advanced/AP/MSON Courses

ENGLISH

World Language for ELL	AP Literature & Composition
World Literature 9	AP Language & Composition
World Literature 10	MSON: American Voice, American Speech
American Literature 11	MSON: Creative Non-Fiction Writing
English 12	SON: Creative Writing in the Digital Age
<i>Electives: Creative Writing * Publications * The Language of Film * Yearbook</i>	

HISTORY

Ancient World History	World History Intensive
Modern World History	Model United Nations
United States History	AP United States History
	AP European History
	MSON: American Democracy & Civil Engagement
	MSON: Are We Rome?
	MSON: Advanced Macroeconomics
	MSON: Bob Dylan's America
	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
	MSON: Think Global, Debate Local
	MSON: Wartime Dissent in American History

*Electives: American Citizenship: Civic Engagement * Global Citizenship in the 21st Century*

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I	Algebra I AC
Geometry	Geometry AC
Algebra II & Trigonometry	Algebra II & Trigonometry AC
Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus AC
Accounting	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	AP Physics C: Mechanics
Physics	Topics in STEM AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
	MSON: Advanced Topics in Chemistry
	MSON: Environmental Bioethics
	MSON: Ethics of Biomedical Advancements
	MSON: Etymology of Scientific Terms
	MSON: Genetics & Genomics
	MSON: Introduction to Organic Chemistry
	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
	AP Spanish Language & Culture
	MSON: Arabic I
	MSON: Arabic II
	MSON: Chinese V

Elective College Preparatory Courses

COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCES

3D Modeling
Advanced Media Arts
Broadcasting
Cinematic Storytelling
Comics & Cartoons
Computer Graphics
Introduction to Programming
Web Design
MSON: Data Structures and Design Patterns

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

2D Studio
Advanced Portfolio Preparation
Advanced Studio Concentration
Design Challenge & Design Thinking
Elemental Studio
Introduction to Ceramics
Introduction to Design
Introduction to Photography

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASS OF 2019

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

American University	King's College	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Amherst College	Le Moyne College	SUNY, University at Buffalo
Arizona State University	Marist College	<i>Syracuse University</i>
Babson College	Marywood University	Temple University
Binghamton University	McDaniel College	<i>The George Washington University</i>
Boston College	Miami University, Oxford	The New School
Boston University	Michigan State University	The Ohio State University
Brandeis College	Muhlenberg College	The University of Arizona
Bucknell University	Nazareth College	The University of Iowa
Carnegie Mellon University	New York University	The University of Tampa
Case Western Reserve University	Niagara University	Trinity College
Cazenovia College	Onondaga Community College	Tufts University
Clarkson University	Pace University, New York City	Union College
Colorado School of Mines	Pennsylvania State University	United States Military Academy
Columbia College Chicago	Purdue University	University of British Columbia
Connecticut College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California, Santa Barbara
<i>Cornell University</i>	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Colorado at Boulder
Daemen College	<i>Rochester Institute of Technology</i>	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Dickinson College	Roger Williams University	University of Maryland, College Park
Drew University	Rollins College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Drexel University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Miami
Emerson College	Seton Hall University	University of Pennsylvania
Emory University	Simmons University	University of Pittsburgh
Finger Lakes Community College	St. Bonaventure University	University of Rochester
Florida Southern College	St. John Fisher College	University of San Francisco
Fordham University	St. John's University	University of Washington
Franklin and Marshall College	<i>St. Lawrence University</i>	Ursinus College
Grove City College	Stevens Institute of Technology	Vassar College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Stony Brook University	Wells College
Hofstra University	SUNY College at Geneseo	Wheaton College
Indiana University at Bloomington	SUNY College at Potsdam	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Iowa State University	SUNY Fredonia	
Keuka College	SUNY New Paltz	