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# Manlius Pebble Hill School

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2020/2021

### 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 9/2020)

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:	116
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	70
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	110
Class of 2021:	<u>36</u>
Total Enrollment:	332

Student/Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1

Minority Enrollment: 34% (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.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

MPH moved to distance learning in March 2020. For the remainder of the academic year, teachers and students engaged in daily synchronous teaching and learning via online classes. Students participated in meaningful class discussion, displayed proficiency, submitted regular and summative assignments, and continued in this new format to pursue rigorous coursework until the end of the school year.

## 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					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Composite	25.6	27.5	27.6	28.0	28.0

SAT SCORES					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Critical Reading	595				
Writing	575				
EBRW		662	610	600	637
Math	578	658	670	627	670

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2020	
76	Students Taking Exams
159	Number of Exams Taken
11	AP Scholars
10	AP Scholars with Honors
8	AP Scholars with Distinction
1	National AP Scholars

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Commendation	1	3	4	1	1
Semifinalist	2	3		2	2
Winner			1		1

NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Nominations	1	1	1		
Scholars	1	1	1		

## Top 25 College Choices

[CLASSES 2016-2020]

College/University	Number Attending
Syracuse University	18
Cornell University	11
Rochester Institute of Technology	11
Le Moyne College	7
University of Rochester	6
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	5
Ithaca College	5
New York University	5
Boston University	4
Brown University	4
George Washington University	4
Hamilton College	4
St. Lawrence University	4
American University	3
Bucknell University	3
Clarkson University	3
Dickinson College	3
Northeastern University	3
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	3
Smith College	3
The New School	3
University of Connecticut	3
University of Maryland	3
Case Western Reserve University	2
Dartmouth College	2
Williams College	2

## College Preparatory Courses    Advanced/AP/MSON Courses

### ENGLISH

World Literature 9  
World Literature 10  
American Literature 11  
English Composition 12

*Electives: Aesthetics & Politics: The Arts in a Changing World \* Encountering the Other \* Publications Workshop \* Short and Shorter \* The Family Myth: Skeletons in the Closet*

AP Literature & Composition  
AP Language & Composition  
MSON: Creative Writing in the Digital Age  
MSON: Native American Literature

### HISTORY

Ancient World History  
Modern World History  
United States History

World History Intensive  
Model United Nations  
Advanced Topics in American Studies  
AP United States History  
AP European History  
MSON: Advanced Microeconomics  
MSON: Bob Dylan's America  
MSON: Building Utopia  
MSON: Diversity in a Global Comparative Perspective  
MSON: Political Identity, American Democracy, and Civic Engagement  
MSON: Philosophy in Pop Culture  
MSON: Sugar Tobacco, Iron, & Silicon: An Economic History of the U.S.  
MSON: The American Food System  
MSON: Wartime Dissent in American History

*Electives: Abraham Lincoln's America \* Citizenship in America \* Dynamics of Political Leadership \* Entrepreneurial Studies \* Macroeconomics \* Microeconomics \* Museum Studies*

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II & Trigonometry  
Pre-Calculus

Algebra I AC  
Geometry AC  
Algebra II & Trigonometry AC  
Pre-Calculus AC  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
MSON: Advanced Applied Math through Finance  
MSON: A Mathematical Approach to Social Justice  
MSON: Multivariable Calculus

*Electives: Accounting \* Financial Algebra*

### SCIENCE

Biology  
Chemistry  
Fundamentals of Physics/  
Topics in STEM  
Physics

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics C: Mechanics  
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism  
MSON: Advanced Topics in Chemistry  
MSON: CSI – Forensic Science  
MSON: Einstein's Relativity & the Evolution of the Quantum Model  
MSON: Environmental Bioethics  
MSON: Ethics of Biomedical Advancements  
MSON: Etymology of Scientific Terms  
MSON: Genetics & Genomics  
MSON: Introduction to Organic Chemistry  
MSON: Making Ethical Medical Choices in a Diverse World

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

### WORLD LANGUAGE

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

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

## Elective College Preparatory Courses

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCES

3D Modeling  
Advanced Media Arts  
Advanced Programming  
Broadcasting  
Cinematic Storytelling  
Introduction to Programming  
Social Media Marketing  
MSON: Explorations in Computer Science  
MSON: Data Structures and Design Patterns

### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Wellness  
Introduction to Psychology  
Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12  
Upper School Seminar  
MSON: Positive Psychology

### PERFORMING ARTS

Concert Chorale  
Dance Composition & Performance  
Dance History & Repertory  
History of Musical Theater  
Music Theory  
Orchestra  
Wind Ensemble

### VISUAL ARTS

Advanced Portfolio Preparation  
Advanced Studio Concentration  
Digital Art Explorations  
Elemental Studio  
Introduction to Design  
Introduction to Photography  
Photography II

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASS OF 2020

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

Allegheny College	Ithaca College	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
<b>American University</b>	<b>John Carroll University</b>	SUNY University at Albany
Bard College	<i>Le Moyne College</i>	<b>SUNY University at Buffalo</b>
Baylor University	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark College</b>	<i>Syracuse University</i>
<b>Binghamton University</b>	Loyola University Maryland	The Ohio State University
<b>Boston University</b>	Marist College	The University of Scranton
Brown University	<b>Maryland Institute College of Art</b>	Trinity College
Bucknell University	Michigan State University	Tufts University
California Institute of the Arts	<b>New York University</b>	Union College
Canisius College	Northeastern University	University of Alaska Southeast
Case Western University	Oberlin College	<b>University of California, Davis</b>
Cazenovia College	<b>Onondaga Community College</b>	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>
Chapman University	Pacific University	<b>University of California, San Diego</b>
Clarkson University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California, Santa Cruz
<b>Colorado College</b>	Purdue University	University of Connecticut
<b>Cornell University</b>	Quest University, Canada	University of Delaware
CUNY Brooklyn College	<b>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</b>	University of Maryland, College Park
CUNY Hunter College	<i>Rochester Institute of Technology</i>	University of Miami
Drew University	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Drexel University	San Francisco Art Institute	University of New Haven
Duquesne University	Santa Clara University	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>
Emerson College	<b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b>
Emory University	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	University of San Francisco
Fordham University	St. John Fisher College	<b>University of Southern California</b>
George Washington University	St. Lawrence University	University of Vermont
<b>Georgetown University</b>	Stony Brook University	University of Virginia
<b>Hamilton College</b>	SUNY Buffalo State	University of Washington
<b>High Point University</b>	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry	<b>University of Wisconsin-Madison</b>
Hobart William Smith Colleges	SUNY College at Geneseo	Villanova University
Hofstra University	SUNY New Paltz	Whitman College
<b>Indiana State University</b>	SUNY Oneonta	<b>Williams College</b>
Indiana University, Bloomington		