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# Manlius Pebble Hill School

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2021/2022

### 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 9/2021)

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:	151
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	68
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	89
Class of 2022:	46
Total Enrollment:	354

Student/Faculty Ratio: 9 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 **28** 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 Senior Capstone, a year-long research project that encourages students to reflect intentionally on their learning and identify areas of their authentic intellectual curiosity. The Senior Capstone aligns with essential elements of Manlius Pebble Hill's mission and core values: critical thinking, responsible agency, and authentic learning. Eligible seniors may also identify a Field of Study related to the Capstone that encapsulates their transdisciplinary interests in and out of the classroom. A Field of Study must connect coursework across at least three academic departments, including advanced or intensive study in one of them, to an activity that engages the student outside of the classroom.

## 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 a GPA or rank our students.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

MPH moved to distance learning in March 2020. For the remainder of that 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. In 2020-2021, MPH offered in-person instruction from September to June, except for some intentional weeks of distance learning following extended breaks. Students who could not be present on campus were able to access their classes via simulcast.

## 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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Composite	27.5	27.6	28.0	28.0	28.0

### SAT SCORES

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
EBRW	662	610	600	637	638
Math	658	670	627	670	626

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2021

Students Taking Exams	87
Number of Exams Taken	177
AP Scholars	15
AP Scholars with Honors	8
AP Scholars with Distinction	15

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Commendation	3	4	1	1	3
Semifinalist	3		2	2	
Winner	1			1	

### NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
African American	1	1			1
Hispanic	1	1			

## Top 25 College Choices

[CLASSES 2017-2021]

College/University	Number Attending
Syracuse University	16
Cornell University	10
Rochester Institute of Technology	10
Le Moyne College	9
University of Rochester	7
New York University	6
Hobart William Smith Colleges	5
University of Miami	5
Northeastern University	4
Boston University	3
Brown University	3
Clarkson University	3
George Washington University	3
Hamilton College	3
Ithaca College	3
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	3
St. Lawrence University	3
University of California-Davis	3
University of Connecticut	3
University of Wisconsin-Madison	3
Villanova University	3
Bucknell University	2
Union College	2
Williams College	2
Yale University	2

## College Preparatory Courses      Advanced/AP/MSON Courses

### CORE HEALTH

Core Health Wellness

Emergency Medical Technician

### ENGLISH

World Literature 9

AP Literature & Composition

World Literature 10

AP Language & Composition

American Literature 11

MSON: Watching the Watchmen: The Role of

English Composition 12

Detective Narratives in a Carceral Culture

*Electives: African American Studies and the Idea of Race \* Publications Workshop \* The Family Myth: Skeletons in the Closet \* The World and Works of William Shakespeare*

### HISTORY

Ancient World History

Advanced Topics: Post-Classical World History

Modern World History

Advanced Topics: American Studies

United States History

AP United States History

AP European History

Model United Nations

MSON: Dynamics of Political Leadership

MSON: Philosophy in Pop Culture

MSON: The History of Modern Germany: World War I to the Present

*Electives: Citizenship in America \* Economic Literacy: Understanding Economic Principles \* Entrepreneurial Studies \* Financial Literacy: Understanding Personal Finance \* Global Citizenship \* Imagining the Unimaginable: A Critical History of Genocide \* Introduction to Psychology \* Syracuse Studies: Exploring Local History*

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1

Precalculus

Geometry

AP Calculus AB

Algebra 2 & Trigonometry

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

MSON: Multivariable Calculus

*Electives: Accounting \* Financial Algebra \* Explorations in Math*

### SCIENCE

Biology

AP Biology

Chemistry

AP Chemistry

Physics

AP Physics C: Mechanics

AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism

MSON: Genetics and Genomics

MSON: Environmental Bioethics

MSON: Etymology of Scientific Terms

*Electives: Astronomy in a Nutshell \* Counting Sheep: The Neurobiology of Sleep \* Forensic Science \* Touch the Stars \* Independent STEM Projects*

### WORLD LANGUAGE

French I, II, III

French IV

Introduction to Mandarin Chinese

AP French Language & Culture

Latin I, II

Advanced Mandarin Chinese

Latin Literature

Advanced Latin Literature

Spanish I, II, III

Ancient Greek

Spanish IV

Spanish Theater, Cinema, & Culture

AP Spanish Language & Culture

## Elective College Preparatory Courses

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCES

3D Modeling

Advanced Filmmaking

Advanced Media Arts I & II

Broadcasting

Cinematic Storytelling

Comics & Cartoons

Computer Graphics

Introduction to Programming

Social Media Marketings

### CORE HEALTH

Advanced First Aid & CPR

Core Health Seminar

Core Health Physical Fitness  
9, 10, 11, 12

Physiology

### PERFORMING ARTS

Concert Chorale

Dance Composition &  
Performance

Dance History & Repertory

History of Musical Theater

Music Theory

Philharmonic Orchestra

Wind Ensemble

### VISUAL ARTS & DESIGN

Advanced Studio

Concentration

Elemental Studio

Elemental Studio 2

Introduction to Design

Introduction to Photography

Photography II

Photography III

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASS OF 2021

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

Alfred University	Marist College	SUNY College of Technology at Canton
American University	Maryland Institute College of Art	<b>SUNY Cortland</b>
<b>Amherst College</b>	Michigan State University	SUNY University at Albany
<b>Barnard College</b>	<b>Nazareth College</b>	<b>Syracuse University</b>
<b>Bentley University</b>	<b>New York University</b>	The New School
Binghamton University	<i>Northeastern University</i>	The Ohio State University
<b>Boston University</b>	Oberlin College	The University of Tampa
California College of the Arts	Onondaga Community College	<b>University at Buffalo</b>
Canisius College	<b>Pace University</b>	<b>University of California, Davis</b>
Case Western University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California, Irvine
Cazenovia College	Providence College	University of California, Riverside
<b>Clark University</b>	Purdue University	<b>University of California, Santa Barbara</b>
Clarkson University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California, Santa Cruz
Colgate University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Connecticut
CUNY City College	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Drew University	<i>Rochester Institute of Technology</i>	University of Maryland, College Park
Drexel University	Savannah College of Art and Design	<b>University of Massachusetts-Amherst</b>
Fairfield University	<b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>	<i>University of Miami</i>
Fordham University	School of Visual Arts	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	Siena College	University of Pittsburgh
<b>George Washington University</b>	Skidmore College	<b>University of Rochester</b>
Hobart William Smith Colleges	St. John Fisher College	University of Vermont
Hofstra University	St. John's University	<b>University of Virginia</b>
Iona College	St. Joseph's University	University of Washington
Ithaca College	St. Lawrence University	<b>University of Wisconsin-Madison</b>
<i>Le Moyne College</i>	Stevens Institute of Technology	<i>Villanova University</i>
Lehigh University	Stony Brook University	<b>Virginia Polytechnic Institute</b>
Louisiana State University	SUNY Buffalo State	Wells College
Loyola Marymount University	SUNY College at Brockport	<b>Yale University</b>
Loyola University Maryland	<b>SUNY College at Geneseo</b>	