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# Manlius Pebble Hill School

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2022/2023

### 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 rooted in ethical responsibility and personal well-being. Grounded in dialogue, research, curiosity, and creativity, our students first master departmental foundations and then pursue excellence through extensive advanced courses, challenging electives, and real-world offerings such as assistantships, independent study, and international travel. MPH emphasizes students taking ownership of their learning and presents more opportunities to engage in student-generated final assessments rather than teacher-generated exams.

The arts are 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 and performing arts through advanced-level studies and demonstrate their work in performances and art shows.

So that our students may become responsible citizens of the local and global community, MPH has robust student life and co-curricular programs that encourage and support community service activities. Connecting the life of the mind to the real world energizes our students' sense of purpose and understanding of the 21st century.

### ENROLLMENT (as of 9/2022)

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:	127
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	86
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	83
Class of 2023:	<u>34</u>
Total Enrollment:	330

Student/Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

Minority Enrollment: 37% (African American, Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Multicultural, Native American, Pacific Islander)

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## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

MPH students strive to challenge themselves academically. Students must take a minimum of six courses each semester, five of which must be core academic courses that require substantive independent work outside of class time. To graduate, students must earn a defined minimum number of credits in each academic department. A wide range of elective offerings enable students to plan a schedule that stimulates their intellect and encourages them to pursue their own interests. Students can engage in co-curricular courses, including independent study, assistantships, and individual and small group performing arts lessons.

Students have a variety of opportunities to pursue advanced coursework beyond the Advanced Placement offerings. In February 2022, MPH announced a transition to move beyond Advanced Placement. In 2022-2023, MPH began offering an advanced independent curriculum, which is noted by courses that have an AS (“Advanced Studies”) designation. These courses provide college-level academic challenges where students pursue substantive and meaningful inquiries in courses that are unique to MPH. 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 partner schools, MPH offers students an interactive, synchronous distance learning experience in an advanced curriculum. The result is a virtual discussion seminar that is delivered in a state-of-the-art, high-definition classroom. Lastly, several other courses offer highly accelerated and intensive learning experiences without an AS, MSON, or AP designation, including Pre-Calculus, Model United Nations, and Emergency Medical Technician.

MPH students 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 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. From September 2020 to June 2022, MPH offered in-person instruction, 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. In 2022-2023, MPH returned to an exclusively in-person academic program.

## 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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Composite	27.6	28.0	28.0	28.0	28

### SAT SCORES

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
EBRW	610	600	637	638	643
Math	670	627	670	626	670

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2022

Students Taking Exams	61
Number of Exams Taken	153
AP Scholars	18
AP Scholars with Honors	4
AP Scholars with Distinction	15

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Commendation	4	1	1	3	1
Semifinalist		2	2		
Winner			1		

### NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
African American	1			1	
Hispanic					2

### Top 25 College Choices

[CLASSES 2017-2021]

College/University	Number Attending
Syracuse University	17
Rochester Institute of Technology	12
Le Moyne College	10
Cornell University	9
Binghamton University	7
Hobart William Smith Colleges	6
Northeastern University	5
University of Rochester	5
Hamilton College	4
New York University	4
University of Miami	4
American University	3
Boston University	3
George Washington University	3
Nazareth College	3
St. Lawrence University	3
University of Southern California	3
University of Wisconsin-Madison	3
Villanova University	3
Brown University	2
Bucknell University	2
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2
University of California – San Diego	2
Williams College	2
Yale University	2

## College Preparatory Courses      Advanced Studies/AP/MSON Courses

### COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

AS Programming Lab

### CORE HEALTH

Emergency Medical Technician

### ENGLISH

World Literature 9

World Literature 10

American Mythology, American Literature 11

Rhetoric and the Public Sphere 12

AS American Literature: Bearing Witness

AP Language & Composition

AS African American Studies and the Idea of Race

MSON: Watching the Watchmen: The Role of Detective Narratives in a Carceral Culture

*Electives: Introduction to Gaming \* Literature of Zombies \* Publications Workshop \* The Family Myth: Skeletons in the Closet*

### HISTORY

History 9 – Comparative Civics and Government

History 10 – Modern World History

History 11 – US. History through Primary Sources

AS Post-Classical World History 10

AS The American Experience 11

AP European History

Model United Nations

AS More Than a Game: Sports and American Culture

AS The North American City

MSON: Advanced Economics

MSON: Positive Psychology

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

*Electives: Abraham Lincoln's America \* Economic Literacy: Understanding Economic Principles \* Global Citizenship through the Female Lens \* Museum Studies \* U.S Foreign Policy Since the Second World War*

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1

Geometry

Algebra 2 & Trigonometry

Precalculus

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

MSON: Linear Algebra

MSON: Multivariable Calculus

*Electives: Accounting \* Financial Algebra*

### SCIENCE

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

AP Biology

AP Physics C: Mechanics

AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism

AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism MSON:

Advanced Topics in Chemistry

MSON: Genetics and Genomics

MSON: Modern Physics: Einstein's Relativity and the Evolution of the Quantum Model

*Electives: 500 Million Years of Land Plants \* Astronomy in a Nutshell \* Canine Cognition \* Computational Physics \* Counting Sheep: The Neurobiology of Sleep \* Forensic Science \* Venoms, Toxins, and Poisons! Oh My! The Biochemistry of Neurotoxins \* Independent STEM Projects*

### WORLD LANGUAGE

French I, II, III

Beginner's Mandarin Chinese

French IV

AP French Language & Culture Latin I, II

Intermediate Mandarin Chinese

Latin Literature

Spanish I, II, III

Advanced Latin Literature

Vergil and Caesar: The Literature of Empire

Spanish IV

Spanish Cinema and Theater

AP Spanish Language & Culture

MSON: Arabic II

*Elective: West Meets East: A Comparative Cultural Perspective*

## Elective College Preparatory Courses

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCES

Computer Graphics

Entrepreneurial

Studies

Introduction to

Programming

Social Media Marketing

### CORE HEALTH

Core Health Seminar 9

Core Health Wellness 10

Core Health Physical Fitness 9, 10, 11, 12

The Psychology of Stress and Well-Being

### PERFORMING ARTS

Acting

Advanced Recital

Band

Dance Composition & Performance

Dance History & Repertory

Introduction to Music Theory and Keyboarding

Music Theory I

Orchestra

Stagecraft

Theater Practicum

Vocal Ensemble

### VISUAL ARTS & DESIGN

Elemental Studio

Elemental Studio 2

Introduction to Design

Design 2

Introduction to Photography

Photography II

Photography III

Portfolio & Supplemental Preparation

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASS OF 2022

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

<b>Alfred University</b>	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY Canton
<b>American University</b>	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	SUNY Cortland
Amherst College	<b>McGill University</b>	SUNY Geneseo
Anna Maria College	Middlebury College	SUNY Morrisville
Bard College	Mitchell College	SUNY New Paltz
<b>Binghamton University</b>	Mount Holyoke College	<b>SUNY Potsdam</b>
Boston College	<b>Nazareth College</b>	SUNY Oswego
<b>Boston University</b>	New England College	<b>Syracuse University</b>
<b>Bowdoin College</b>	New York University	The London School of Econ. and Poli. Sci.
Brandeis University	Niagara University	Thomas Jefferson University
Case Western University	North Carolina A&T State University	Tufts University
Cazenovia College	<b>North Carolina State University at Raleigh</b>	Union College
Champlain College	Northern Vermont University-Johnson	University at Buffalo
Clark University	Northern Vermont University-Lyndon	University of British Columbia
Clarkson University	<b>Northeastern University</b>	University of California-Berkeley
<b>Colgate University</b>	<b>Northwestern University</b>	University of California-Davis
Connecticut College	Ohio State University	University of California-Irvine
<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>Onondaga Community College</b>	University of California-Riverside
Drexel University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California-Santa Barbara
<b>Emory University</b>	Portland State University	University of California-Santa Cruz
Fisher College	Purdue University	University of Connecticut
Fordham University	Rice University	University of Houston
Franklin and Marshall College	Roanoke College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
George Washington University	Roberts Wesleyan College	University of Kentucky
Georgetown University	<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	University of Pittsburgh
Gettysburg College	<b>Rollins College</b>	<b>University of Richmond</b>
<b>Hamilton College</b>	Russell Sage College	<b>University of Rochester</b>
Hampshire College	<b>Saint Joseph's University</b>	<b>University of Southern California</b>
High Point University	Saint Michael's College	University of Virginia
Hilbert College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
<b>Hobart William Smith Colleges</b>	Siena College	Utica College
Hofstra University	St. John Fisher College	<b>Vassar College</b>
Indiana University-Bloomington	St. Lawrence University	Villanova University
Ithaca College	<b>St. Olaf College</b>	Washington University in St. Louis
James Madison University	<b>Stetson University</b>	<b>Wentworth Institute of Technology</b>
Johns Hopkins University	Stonehill College	Wesleyan University
Keuka College	Stony Brook University	Wheaton College
<b>Le Moyne College</b>	SUNY at Albany	<b>Williams College</b>
Loyola University Maryland	SUNY Alfred State	<b>Yale University</b>
Lycoming College	SUNY Buffalo State	