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Manlius Pebble Hill School

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

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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 (MPH). 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 opportunities to engage in student-generated final assessments in addition to teacher-generated exams.

Creative expression is 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, drama, writing, studio art, photography, and design are varied and plentiful. Students may pursue the visual and performing arts through advanced-level studies and share their work in performances, readings, 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 students' engagement with the Central New York region. 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 September 2023)

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:	130
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	85
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	86
Class of 2023:	<u>29</u>
Total Enrollment:	320

Student/Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

Enrollment Diversity: 40% (African American, Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Multicultural, Native American, Pacific Islander)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

MPH students strive to challenge themselves academically in a curriculum that is both structured and flexible. Students must take a minimum of six courses each semester. 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 which include independent study, assistantships, and individual and small group performing arts lessons.

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 that allow students to pursue substantive and meaningful inquiries in a curriculum 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 27 of the nation’s most highly regarded independent schools that offers students an interactive, synchronous distance learning experience in an advanced curriculum. 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 on a topic authentic to their intellectual curiosity. The Senior Capstone requires students to demonstrate skills and habits of mind essential to MPH’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.

GRADING

A system of letter grades ranging from A+ to F is used in reporting, with a minimum passing grade of D-. “B” is an honors grade; “A” is outstanding. We do not calculate a GPA or rank our students. The scale below shows the average of grades for the Class of 2024 in their junior year.

	4.3 A+	4.29 - 4.0 A	3.99 - 3.67 A-	3.66 - 3.33 B+	3.32 - 3.0 B	2.99 - 2.67 B-
Count	0	5	12	3	5	3
Percent of Class	0.00%	17.86%	42.86%	10.71%	17.86%	10.71%

COVID-19 RESPONSE

MPH moved to distance learning in March 2020. From September 2020 to June 2022, MPH offered in-person instruction. Through June 2022, 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

MPH has a policy of nondisclosure regarding discipline matters. 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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Composite	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	30.4

SAT SCORES

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
EBRW	600	637	638	643	654
Math	627	670	626	670	662

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2023

Students Taking Exams	37
Number of Exams Taken	90
AP Scholars	6
AP Scholars with Honors	4
AP Scholars with Distinction	10

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Commendation	1	1	3	1	1
Semifinalist	2	2			1
Winner		1			1

NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
African American			1		1
Hispanic				2	

Top 25 College Choices

[CLASSES 2019-2023]

College/University	Enrollees
Syracuse University	16
Rochester Institute of Technology	10
Le Moyne College	10
Binghamton University	9
Cornell University	7
University of Rochester	5
University of Miami	4
Hamilton College	3
New York University	3
University of Southern California	3
George Washington University	3
Northeastern University	3
American University	3
University at Buffalo	3
Onondaga Community College	3
Yale University	2
University of Pennsylvania	2
Williams College	2
Colgate University	2
Boston University	2
Villanova University	2
University of Wisconsin-Madison	2
University of California-Davis	2
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2
Hobart William Smith Colleges	2

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

AS Programming Lab

CORE HEALTH

Emergency Medical Technician

ENGLISH

World Literature 9	AS American Literature: Bearing Witness
World Literature 10	AS American Literature: Urban Perspectives
American Mythology, American Literature 11	AS A Funny Thing about Literature: Humor and the Literary Imagination AS African American Studies and the Idea of Race AS Angry Books: Literature of Protest AS Irish Literature MSON: The Politics of Horror (Or, The Horror of Politics) MSON: Watching the Watchmen: The Role of Detective Narratives in a Carceral Culture

*Electives: American Literature: Wide-Open Spaces * Contemporary Drama * Doom and Gloom: Literature from the Bad Future * Introduction to Gaming * Literature of Dungeons and Dragons * Literature of Zombies * Publications Workshop * Short Story * The Family Myth: Skeletons in the Closet * Truth and Testimony **

HISTORY

History 9 – Comparative Civics and Government	AS Post-Classical World History 10 AS The American Experience 11
History 10 – Modern World History	AS Philosophy and Ethics in the Modern World
History 11 – US History through Primary Sources	AS The Power of Ideas in 19 th -Century Europe AS More Than a Game: Sports and American Culture AS The North American City Model United Nations AS Imagining the Unimaginable: A Critical History of Genocide

*Electives: Abraham Lincoln's America * Citizenship in America * Dealers in Hope: The Psychology of Leadership * Economic Literacy: Understanding Economic Principles * From Disunion to Union: Achieving the Impossible in Contemporary Europe * Global Citizenship through the Female Lens * Museum Studies * U.S Foreign Policy Since the Second World War*

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1	Pre-Calculus
Geometry	AS Pre-Calculus
Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	AP Calculus AB
College Algebra	AP Calculus BC AP Statistics

*Electives: Accounting * Financial Algebra*

SCIENCE

Biology	AP Biology
Chemistry	AS Biology
Physics	AS Chemistry I: Intro. to Organic and Biochemistry AS Chemistry II: Math-Intensive Inorganic Chemistry AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism MSON: Genetics and Genomics

*Electives: 500 Million Years of Land Plants * Astronomy in a Nutshell * Canine Cognition * Computational Physics * Counting Sheep: The Neurobiology of Sleep * Forensic Science * From Galileo to Google: Science, Ethics, and Society * Molecular Genetics * Transmission and Population Genetics * Venoms, Toxins, and Poisons! Oh My! The Biochemistry of Neurotoxins * Independent STEM Projects*

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I, II, III	French IV
Beginner's Mandarin Chinese	AP French Language & Culture Latin I, II
Intermediate Mandarin Chinese	Ancient Greek
Latin Literature	Advanced Latin Literature
Spanish I, II, III	Vergil and Caesar: The Literature of Empire Spanish IV Spanish Cinema and Theater AS Spanish Language & Literature

Elective: West Meets East: A Comparative Cultural Perspective

**Elective College
Preparatory Courses****COMPUTER INFORMATION
SCIENCES**

Artificial Intelligence
Discovering Computer
Science
Entrepreneurship
Exploring Robotics
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 2023

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

Alfred State College	Le Moyne College	The George Washington University
American University	Miami University-Oxford	Trinity College
Anna Maria College	Middlebury College	Tufts University
Berklee College of Music	Northeastern University	Tulane University
Binghamton University	Onondaga Community College	Union College
Boston College	Peabody Conservatory	University at Albany
Brown University	Queens University	University at Buffalo
Buffalo State College	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of California-Davis
Carnegie Mellon University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California-San Diego
Champlain College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Colorado-Boulder
Clarkson University	Rutgers University-Newark	University of Denver
Colgate University	St. Lawrence University	University of Edinburgh
Cornell University	St. Thomas University	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
CUNY Hunter College	Siena College	University of Maryland-College Park
Dartmouth College	Skidmore College	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Drexel University	Southern Methodist University	University of Miami
Emerson College	Stanford University	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
Fordham University	Stony Brook University	University of New Haven
Georgia Institute of Technology	SUNY Canton	University of Pennsylvania
Hamilton College	SUNY College of ESF	University of Rochester
Harvey Mudd College	SUNY Cortland	University of San Francisco
High Point University	SUNY Geneseo	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Hobart William Smith Colleges	SUNY New Paltz	University of Utah
Howard University	SUNY Purchase	Villanova University
Indiana University-Bloomington	Syracuse University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Johns Hopkins University	Temple University	
Keene State College	Texas Christian University	