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SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

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 (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 2025)

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:	132
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	70
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	98
Class of 2026:	20
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. Lastly, several other courses offer highly accelerated and intensive learning experiences without an AS, MSON (see below), or AP designation, including Pre-Calculus, Model United Nations, and Emergency Medical Technician. Please note that, due to our move beyond AP, the courses listed below are those that have been available to our current seniors during their junior and senior years. Except for AP Calculus BC, Advanced Placement courses are no longer offered at MPH.

MALONE SCHOOLS ONLINE NETWORK (MSON)

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. Please see [here](#) for more information regarding MSON and course offerings.

SENIOR CAPSTONE

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 cumulative average grades for the Classes of 2025 and 2026 at the completion of their junior year.

GPA Range	4.3	4.29 - 4.0	3.99 - 3.67	3.66 - 3.33	3.32 - 3.0	2.99-2.67
Count	0	13	22	14	3	4
Percent of Class	0.00%	24.32%	43.24%	21.62%	5.40%	5.40%

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					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Composite	29.2	29.6	29.4	29.3	30.4

SAT SCORES					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
EBRW	638	643	654	666	642
Math	626	670	662	631	640

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Commendation	1	3	1	1	2
Semifinalist	2			1	
Winner	1			1	

Top 25 College Choices [CLASSES 2021-2025]	
College/University	Enrollees
Syracuse University	13
Rochester Institute of Technology	8
Binghamton University	8
Cornell University	6
Le Moyne College	6
University of Miami	5
Colgate University	5
University of Rochester	4
University of Southern California	3
Boston University	3
American University	3
Nazareth University	3
University at Buffalo	3
Amherst College	3
Hamilton College	3
Onondaga Community College	3
Northeastern University	3
Yale University	3
The George Washington University	2
Vassar College	2
Barnard College	2
Tufts University	2
Brown University	2
University of Richmond	2
Villanova University	2

College Preparatory Courses Advanced Studies /AP Courses 2024-2026

ENGLISH

World Literature 9
World Literature 10
American Mythology
American Literature 11

AS American Literature: Bearing Witness
AS American Literature: Urban Perspectives
AS A Funny Thing about Literature: Humor and the Literary Imagination
AS African American Studies and the Idea of Race
AS American Ghosts
AS Angry Books: Literature of Protest
AS In an Ideal World: Visions of Utopia in American Culture
AS Irish Literature
AS Lit for Liars
AS Literature and Finance
AS Literature of Dungeons and Dragons
AS Principles of Gaming
AS Read Any Good Books Lately: Ethics and Literature
AS The Evolution of the Antihero

*Electives: American Literature and the Misfit * Belief and Rhetoric in the Public Sphere * Children's Literature * Climate Controlled: Literature in the Age of Global Warming * Contemporary Drama * Cultures of Basketball: Seeing America in 94 Feet * Flash Fiction and Other Short Forms * Irish Literature * Memoir/Narrative Writing * The Works and Worlds of William Shakespeare * Watching the Watchmen: Crime and Detective Narratives in a Carceral Culture * With Great Power: Superheroes in American Literature **

HISTORY

History 9 – Comparative Civics and Government
History 10 – World History Survey
History 11 – U.S. History through Primary Sources

AS Dynamics of Political Leadership
AS Imagining the Unimaginable: A Critical History of Genocide
AS World History
AS The American Experience
AS Philosophy and Ethics in the Modern World
AS Model United Nations
AS Power, Authority, Resistance: Sociology and Political Philosophy

*Electives: Dealers in Hope: The Psychology of Leadership * Galileo to Google: The History and Philosophy of Science * Global Citizenship: Through the Female Lens * Introduction to Economics * Model United Nations * The Great Salt City: The History of the Syracuse Area **

MATHEMATICS

Functions
Algebra 1, C, S
Algebra 2 & Trigonometry C, S
College Algebra
Geometry C, S
Geometry S

Pre-Calculus
AS Pre-Calculus
AS Calculus
AS Statistics
AP Calculus BC

*Electives: Accounting * Financial Algebra * The History of Mathematics*

SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
General Physics

AS Biology
AS Chemistry I: Intro. to Organic and Biochemistry
AS Chemistry II: Math-Intensive Inorganic Chemistry
AS Physics I: Electricity and Magnetism
AS Physics II: Light and Sound
AS Physics: Mechanics
AS Plant Science

*Electives: Independent STEM Projects * MPH Goes CSI: Forensic Science * Plant Science * Scientific Communication: Science in Media * The Physics of Motion: Visualizing Energy*

WORLD LANGUAGE

French Novice A, B
French intermediate
Spanish Novice A, B
Spanish Intermediate
Latin Novice A
Latin Intermediate
Mandarin Chinese Novice A,B
Mandarin Chinese Intermediate

AS Classical Languages, Literature, and Culture
AS Latin American Art and Architecture
AS French Art and Architecture
AS Twentieth-Century Spanish Literature
AS Vergil and Caesar: The Literature of the Empire

*Electives: Current Issues in the Francophone World * Latin Literature * Mandarin Chinese Foundations * Spanish Theater, Cinema, and Culture * West Meets East: A Comparative Cultural Perspective*

Elective College Preparatory Courses

COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCES

Artificial Intelligence: Decoding the Cognitive Revolution

Artificial Intelligence 2

Electronics in Action: Building

Interactive Programs

Exploring Robotics: From Virtual to Physical Worlds

Introduction to Robotics

Introduction to Programming

The Psychology of Algorithms

Video Game Design

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

Strength Training

Explorations in Fitness

PERFORMING ARTS

Advanced Recital

Band

Dance Composition & Performance

Dance History & Repertory

Introduction to Music Theory and Keyboarding

Music Theory I

Orchestra

Stagecraft

Vocal Ensemble

VISUAL ARTS & DESIGN

AS Portfolio and Supplemental Preparation

Elemental Studio

Elemental Studio 2

Introduction to Design

Design 2

Design 3

Introduction to Photography

Photography II

Photography III

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASS OF 2025

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

Alfred University
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University- Tempe
Barnard College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Bridgewater State University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clarkson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Columbia University in the City of New York
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Dean College
Drexel University
Duke University
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hilbert College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Houghton College
Indiana University- Bloomington
Keuka College
Lasell University

Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Louisiana State University
Macalester College
Marist University
Miami University- Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Montana State University
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary's University
Nazareth University
Niagara University
Onondaga Community College
Oberlin College
Pennsylvania State University- Main Campus
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University- New Brunswick
Salem State University
Sarah Lawrence College
Skidmore College
Smith College
St. John Fisher University
St. Lawrence University
Stony Brook University
SUNY at Albany
SUNY at Buffalo
SUNY College at Buffalo State University
SUNY at Canton
SUNY College at Cobleskill
SUNY College at Cortland
SUNY College at Delhi
SUNY College of ESF
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY College at Morrisville
SUNY College at New Paltz
SUNY College at Oswego

SUNY College at Potsdam
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Syracuse University
The College of William and Mary
The George Washington University
The University of Findlay
The University of Montana
Trinity College
Tufts University
University College Dublin
University of California- Berkeley
University of California- Davis
University of California- Riverside
University of California- Santa Barbara
University of California- Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland- College Park
University of Massachusetts- Amherst
University of Massachusetts- Boston
University of Miami
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin- Madison
Utica University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Yale University