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# Manlius Pebble Hill School

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

### 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 2024)

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:	133
Middle School, Grades 6-8:	74
Upper School, Grades 9-11:	85
Class of 2025:	37
Total Enrollment:	<u>329</u>

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. 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.

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 Class of 2025 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	9	16	8	2	2
Percent of Class	0.00%	24.32%	43.24%	21.62%	5.40%	5.40%

## 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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Composite	28.0	28.0	28.0	30.4	30.0

### SAT SCORES

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
EBRW	637	638	643	654	666
Math	670	626	670	662	631

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2024

Students Taking Exams	30
Number of Exams Taken	42
AP Scholars	1
AP Scholars with Honors	4
AP Scholars with Distinction	1

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Commendation	1	3	1	1	2
Semifinalist	2			1	
Winner	1			1	

### NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
African American		1		1	
Hispanic			2		

## Top 25 College Choices [CLASSES 2020-2024]

College/University	Enrollees
Syracuse University	14
Rochester Institute of Technology	10
Le Moyne College	8
Binghamton University	5
University of Miami	5
University of Rochester	4
Colgate University	4
American University	4
Cornell University	3
Hamilton College	3
Northeastern University	3
University at Buffalo	3
Boston University	3
Onondaga Community College	3
Yale University	3
The George Washington University	2
Villanova University	2
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2
SUNY College at Geneseo	2
University of California- Davis	2
University of Colorado Boulder	2
University of Wisconsin-Madison	2
Williams College	2
Emory University	2
Hobart William Smith Colleges	2

**COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES**

AS Programming Lab

**ENGLISH**World Literature 9  
World Literature 10  
American Mythology  
American Literature 11AS 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 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 Principles of Gaming  
AS Read Any Good Books Lately: Ethics and Literature  
AS The Evolution of the Antihero  
AS Truth and Testimony II: Creative Non-fiction and Digital Storytelling  
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  
Primary Sources  
History 10 – Modern World HistoryAS Dynamics of Political Leadership  
AS Imagining the Unimaginable: A Critical History of Genocide  
AS World History 10  
AS The American Experience 11  
AS Philosophy and Ethics in the Modern World  
AS The Power of Ideas in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe  
AS More Than a Game: Sports and American Culture  
AS The North American City  
AS Model United Nations  
AS Imagining the Unimaginable: A Critical History of Genocide  
AS Post-Classical World History  
AS Power, Authority, Resistance: Sociology and Political Philosophy*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**Functions  
Algebra 1  
Algebra 2 & Trigonometry  
College Algebra  
Geometry C  
Geometry SPre-Calculus  
AS Pre-Calculus  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
AS Calculus I  
AS Statistics*Electives: Accounting \* Financial Algebra***SCIENCE**Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
The Physics of Motion: Visualizing EnergyAS Biology  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AS Chemistry I: Intro. to Organic and Biochemistry  
AS Chemistry II: Math-Intensive Inorganic Chemistry  
AS Physics I: Electricity and Magnetism  
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, IV  
Beginner's Mandarin Chinese  
Intermediate Mandarin Chinese  
Latin Literature  
Spanish I, II, III, IV  
Spanish Cinema and Theater  
Latin I, II, IIIAP Spanish Language & Culture  
AS Latin American Art and Architecture  
AS Spanish Language and Literature  
AS Vergil and Caesar: Literature of Empire  
French Storytelling  
Current Issues in the Francophone World  
Current Issues in the Spanish-Speaking World**Elective College  
Preparatory Courses****COMPUTER INFORMATION  
SCIENCES**Artificial Intelligence:  
Decoding the Cognitive  
Revolution  
Discovering Computer  
Science  
Entrepreneurship  
Exploring Robotics  
Introduction to Programming  
Social Media Marketing  
Entrepreneurship  
Electronics in Action**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 2024

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

<b>American University</b>	Muhlenberg College	<b>Temple University</b>
Baylor University	Nazareth University	<b>The George Washington University</b>
<b>Binghamton University</b>	New Jersey Institute of Technology	The University of Tampa
<b>Boston College</b>	Niagara University	Towson University
<b>Boston University</b>	Norfolk State University	<b>University at Albany</b>
<b>Bryn Mawr College</b>	Northwestern University	University of Arizona
<b>Clarkson University</b>	Occidental College	University of California- Davis
Colby College	<b>Onondaga Community College</b>	University of California- San Diego
<i>Colgate University</i>	Pennsylvania State University	University of Colorado Boulder
Colorado College	Purdue University	University of Colorado Colorado Springs
<b>Columbia University</b>	Quinnipiac University	University of Colorado Denver
Connecticut College	Reed College	University of Connecticut
Culinary Institute of America	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Denver
Dickinson College	<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	University of Maine
Emerson College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts- Lowell
Endicott College	Rutgers University	University of Miami
Fordham University	Seton Hall University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Skidmore College	University of Notre Dame
Howard University	<b>St. Lawrence University</b>	University of Oregon
Ithaca College	Stony Brook University	University of Pittsburgh
James Madison University	SUNY Brockport	University of Richmond
<b>Johnson and Wales University</b>	SUNY Buffalo State	University of Rochester
Le Moyne College	<b>SUNY College at Geneseo</b>	University of Southern California
Louisiana State University	SUNY College at Oswego	University of Toronto
Macalester College	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	University of Utah
University of Denver	<b>SUNY College of ESF</b>	University of Vermont
<b>Michigan State University</b>	SUNY Cortland	Villanova University
Monmouth University	SUNY Old Westbury	Virginia Tech
Mount Holyoke College	<b>Syracuse University</b>	Western Colorado University