



2009-2010 School Profile

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Mounds Park Academy is an independent, nondenominational, coeducational college preparatory school for students in grades Pre-K through 12. Founded on academic excellence, MPA is a challenging, experiential, hands-on and nurturing learning environment with strong student-parent-school partnerships. With an average class size of 17 students and a school-wide student-faculty ratio of nine to one), teachers and staff members know students on an individual basis. Our curriculum is seamless allowing for cross-divisional learning; all grades coexist under one roof. MPA supports more than 50 extracurricular programs. Most students participate in fine arts, academic clubs and associations, social awareness activities, and athletics.

<p>College Counseling Staff:</p> <p>Lisa Rydeski Pederson Director of College Counseling lpederson@moundsparkacademy.org</p> <p>Molly Bye College Counselor mbye@moundsparkacademy.org</p> <p>Vicki Day Administrative Assistant vday@moundsparkacademy.org</p>	<p>Founded: 1982</p> <p>Student Body: Coeducational, Pre-K through 12 Total enrollment: 600 Upper School enrollment: 233 Class of 2010: 52</p> <p>Religious Affiliation: None</p> <p>Annual Tuition: \$16,920 - \$19,960</p> <p>Financial Aid: \$1,403,617 awarded for 2009-2010</p> <p>Campus: 32+ Acres, 246,000 square-foot facility Physical plant value: \$30 million</p> <p>Accreditation: Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)</p> <p>Membership: National Association of Independent Schools, National Association for College Admission Counseling, The College Board, and National Honor Society</p> <p>Student Email Addresses: FirstInitialLastName10@moundsparkacademy.org (year of graduation - i.e., 10)</p> <p>Head of School: Michael Downs</p> <p>Upper School Director: Scott Peeler</p> <p>Assistant Upper School Director: Randall Comfort</p>
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Upper School Course of Studies: The academic day is on a block schedule consisting of five periods, 75 minutes in duration. Grades are not weighted. There is a historical commitment at MPA to a curriculum independent of an externally prescribed content. As a result, the school offers only four AP courses.

English (4 credits required)

English (Grade 9)
 Communication and Western Literature (Grade 10)
 Composition and American Literature (Grade 11)
 World Literature
 Creative Writing
 Contemporary Women Writers
 Multicultural Literature
 Men’s Studies
 Film and Literature

Fine Arts (3 credits required)

Art (studio art, photography, design, painting)
 Drama (beginning, intermediate, advanced performance)
 Music (chorus, concert band, orchestra, jazz band)

History/Social Studies (4 credits required)

Regional Studies (Grade 9)
 Survey of Western Civilization (Grade 10)
 Modern United States History (Grade 11)
 Global Issues
 Economics
 Anthropology
 Constitutional Law
 Philosophy and Ethics
 Public Policy Issues and Action
 World Religions
 The 21st Century World

World Languages (3 credits required)

Spanish (I-VII, including AP)
 French (I-VI, including AP)

Mathematics (3 credits required)

Geometry (Honors available)
 Algebra II with Trigonometry
 Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry
 Math Analysis (Pre-Calculus)
 AP Calculus AB
 Statistics and Discrete Math
 AP Statistics

Science (3 credits required)

Physical Science (Grade 9)
 Biology*/Honors Biology* (Grade 10)
 Chemistry*/Honors Chemistry* (Grade 11)
 Physics/Honors Physics
 Anatomy and Physiology
 Environmental Studies
**Students attend class an additional 25 percent to accommodate labs.*

Computer Science (Independent Study only)

Programming, Stacks, HTML Scripting,
 Multimedia Technology, Mathematical Attractions,
 Music Technology

Electives

Mandarin
 Student Publications
 Yearbook
 Latin

Please note: Course titles and descriptions are available on our Web site, www.moundsparkacademy.org, in Upper School/Course Information.

Diploma Requirements: Students who attend Mounds Park Academy for four years must earn 28 credits in grades nine through 12 in order to graduate. One credit is equivalent to one full year of study. The required 28 credits must include:

English	4.00 credits	World Language	3.00 credits	Health/9th Grade	.25 credits
Mathematics	3.00 credits	Physical Education	2.00 credits	Seminar	
Science	3.00 credits	Fine Arts	3.00 credits	Senior Seminar	.50 credits
Social Studies	4.00 credits			Community Service	.50 credits

The remaining credits needed for graduation may be earned by taking elective courses offered in the curriculum.

Student Activities and Organizations at Mounds Park Academy: Nearly all of our Upper School students are members of at least one team, group or student association, and most are involved in several.

Interscholastic Athletics:

Baseball
Basketball
Boys Hockey
Boys Football
Cross Country Running
Girls Swimming
Golf
Nordic Skiing
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball

Activities and Organizations:

Amnesty International
Book Club
Chamber Choir
Conservative Club
Concert Band
Concert Choir
Dance Team
Debate
Drama Productions
Environmental Club
French Club
Gay/Straight Alliance
Habitat for Humanity
Inkslingers
International Thespian Society
Jazz Choir
Jazz Ensembles
Library Advisory Group
Men's Chorale

MOSAIC (student-led diversity team)
National Honor Society
Newspaper (*MPA Voice*)
Orchestra
Peer Leaders
Quiz Bowl
Science Club
Spanish Club
Spring Musical
Speech
String Quartet
Student Congress
Student Council
Tutors Guild
Winter Show
Women's Chorale
Women's Quintet
Woodwind Ensemble
Yearbook

The Class of 2010 Profile: This class consists of 52 students. Two students are National Merit Semifinalists and five are National Merit Commended students.

Rank in Class: Mounds Park Academy does not report class rank. To provide academic context, we provide a four-year history of mean test scores and a grade-point distribution for the class based on six semesters. Typically, all graduating seniors are accepted to four-year colleges and universities.

There is no weighted grading at MPA; all courses are weighted equally according to the number of times they meet each week. **Grading is on a 4.0 scale. A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0.**

MPA Class of 2010

Grade Point Distribution (52 students)
Cumulative GPA through end of junior year

3.75 - 4.00	13
3.50 - 3.74	8
3.25 - 3.49	10
3.00 - 3.24	7
2.50 - 2.99	8
2.00 - 2.49	4

Average G.P.A. 3.36

Grades are not weighted.
MPA operates on a block schedule.

Median Test Score Four-Year History

SAT	# of testing students	Critical Reading	Math
Class of 2010	(40)	626	611
Class of 2009	(46)	622	614
Class of 2008	(39)	645	620
Class of 2007	(58)	610	620
ACT		Composite	
Class of 2010	(50)	27	
Class of 2009	(58)	27	
Class of 2008	(48)	27	
Class of 2007	(63)	27	

2006-2009 College Admissions and Matriculation

MPA students have been offered admission to the following colleges and universities. Bold indicates matriculation to that institution. An asterisk (*) indicates matriculation of three or more students.

Agnes Scott College	University of Denver *	Loyola University Chicago	University of Puget Sound *	St. Olaf College *
Albion College	DePaul University	Luther College *	Purdue University	College of St. Scholastica
Allegheny College	DePauw University	Lynn University	Randolph-Macon College	University of St. Thomas *
American University	Dickinson College	Macalester College *	University of Redlands *	Stanford University
Amherst College	Drake University *	Marquette University *	Reed College	Stetson University
Arizona State University	Drew University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Regis University	Stonehill College
University of Arizona *	Drexel University	University of Maryland, College Park	Rensselaer Polytech. Institute	Suffolk University
Augsburg College	Earlham College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Rhode Island	Swarthmore College
Austin College	Eastern Illinois University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Rhodes College	Sweet Briar College
Babson College	Eckerd College	McGill University	University of Richmond	Syracuse University
Bates College	Elon University	Miami University, Oxford	Ripon College	Texas A&M University
Beloit College	Emerson College	University of Miami	Rochester Institute of Technology	Trinity College
Bemidji State University	Emory University	Michigan State University	University of Rochester	Trinity University
Bennington College	University of Evansville	Michigan Technological University	Rocky Mountain College	Tufts University
Bethel University	The Evergreen State College	University of Michigan Mills College	Rollins College	Tulane University
Boston College	Fairfield University	Minneapolis College of Art and Design *	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology	University of Tulsa
Boston University *	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison	Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Rutgers, State Univ. of New Jersey	Union College
Bowdoin College	Florida Atlantic University	University of Minnesota, Duluth	College of St. Benedict	United States Air Force Acad.
Bradley University	Fordham University	University of Minnesota, Morris	St. John's University	United States Military Academy
Brandeis University	Fort Lewis College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *	St. Mary's University of Minnesota	United States Naval Academy
University of British Columbia	Franklin Pierce University	University of Missouri, Columbia	University of San Diego	Ursinus College
Brown University	The George Washington University *	Montana State University, Bozeman	University of San Francisco	Vanderbilt University
Bryn Mawr College	Georgetown University	The University of Montana, Missoula	Santa Clara University	Vassar College
Bucknell University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Mount Holyoke College	Sarah Lawrence College	Univ. of Vermont
Buena Vista University	Georgia Southern University	University of New Hampshire	Savannah College of Art and Design	Villanova University
Butler University	Goucher College	New York University	School of the Art Inst. of Chicago	Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State Univ.
University of California at Berkeley	Grinnell College	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	School of the Mus. of Fine Arts	College of Visual Arts
California College of the Arts	Guilford College	University of North Carolina-Charlotte	School of Visual Arts	Wagner College
California Institute of Technology	Gustavus Adolphus College *	University of North Carolina-Greensboro	Scripps College	Wake Forest University
California Lutheran University	Hamilton College – New York	North Dakota State University	Simmons College	Warren Wilson College
Carleton College *	Hamline University *	North Hennepin Community College	Simpson College	Wartburg College
Carnegie Mellon University	Hiram College	Northern Oklahoma College	Smith College	Washington Univ. in St. Louis
Carroll College (Montana)	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Northland College	South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	Univ. of Washington
Carthage College	Hollins University	Northwestern College	Southern Methodist University	Wellesley College
Case Western Reserve University	Hope College	Northwestern University	South Dakota State University	Wesleyan University
The Catholic University of America	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Occidental College	University of So. California *	Westmont College
Chapman University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Ohio Wesleyan University	St. Catherine Univ. St. Paul	Wheaton College
University of Chicago	Indiana University at Bloomington	University of Oregon	St. Cloud State University	Whitman College
University of Cincinnati	Iowa State University	Pacific Lutheran University	University of St. Paul	Whittier College
Clark University	The University of Iowa	University of the Pacific	St. Thomas	Willamette University
Coe College	Jacksonville University	University of Pennsylvania	St. Thomas *	Williams College
Colby College	John Cabot University	Pitzer College	St. Thomas *	Winona State Univ.
Colgate University	Johns Hopkins University	Pomona College	St. Thomas *	Univ. of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
University of Colorado at Boulder	Kalamazoo College	Portland State University	St. Thomas *	Univ. of Wisconsin, La Crosse
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Kansas State University	University of Portland	St. Thomas *	Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison *
Colorado College	University of Kansas	Princeton University *	St. Thomas *	Univ. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Colorado School of Mines	Kenyon College		St. Thomas *	Univ. of Wisconsin, Stout
Colorado State University	Knox College		St. Thomas *	Wittenberg University
Concordia College	Lafayette College		St. Thomas *	College of Wooster
Concordia University at St. Paul	Laguna College of Art and Design		St. Thomas *	Worcester Polytech. Institute
University of Connecticut	Lake Forest College		St. Thomas *	Univ. of Wyoming
Cornell College	Lawrence University *		St. Thomas *	Yale University
Cornell University	Lehigh University			
Creighton University	Lewis & Clark College			
Dartmouth College *	Linfield College			
Davidson College	Loyola Marymount University			
Denison University *				