



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.

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Founded:	1982
Student Body:	Coeducational, Pre-K through 12 Total enrollment: 600 Upper School enrollment: 233 Class of 2010: 52
Religious Affiliation:	None
Annual Tuition:	\$16,920 - \$19,960
Financial Aid:	\$1,403,617 awarded for 2009-2010
Campus:	32+ Acres, 246,000 square-foot facility Physical plant value: \$30 million
Accreditation:	Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
Membership:	National Association of Independent Schools, National Association for College Admission Counseling, The College Board, and National Honor Society
Student Email Addresses:	FirstInitialLastName10@moundsparkacademy.org (year of graduation - i.e., 10)
Head of School:	Michael Downs
Upper School Director:	Scott Peeler
Assistant Upper School Director:	Randall Comfort

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