



2011-2012 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.

	Founded:	1982
	Student Body:	Coeducational, Pre-K through 12 Total enrollment: 577 Upper School enrollment: 218 Class of 2012: 60
	Religious Affiliation:	None
	Annual Tuition:	\$17,260 - \$20,360
	Financial Aid:	\$2,036,831 awarded for 2011-2012
	Campus:	32+ Acres, 246,000 square-foot facility Physical plant value: \$33 million
	Accreditation:	Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
College Counseling Staff:	Membership:	National Association of Independent Schools, National Association for College Admission Counseling, The College Board, and National Honor Society
Lisa Rydeski Pederson Director of College Counseling lpederson@moundsparkacademy.org	Head of School:	Michael Downs
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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, painting)
 Drama (beginning, intermediate, advanced performance)
 Music (chorus, concert band, orchestra, jazz band)

History/Social Studies (4 credits required)

World History (Grade 9)
 World History (Grade 10)
 United States History (Grade 11)
 Constitutional Law
 Philosophy and Ethics
 Public Policy Issues and Action
 World Religions
 The 21st Century World
 Topics in US History

World Languages (3 credits required)

Spanish (I-VII, including AP)
 French (I-VI, including AP)
 Mandarin Chinese (I-III/IV)

Mathematics (3 credits required)

Geometry (Honors available)
 Algebra II with Trigonometry
 Trigonometry/Probability
 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.*

Independent Study (by individual arrangement)

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	.50 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
Left of Center Club
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 Council
Tutors Guild
Winter Show
Women's Chorale
Women's Quintet
Woodwind Ensemble
Yearbook

The Class of 2012 Profile: This class consists of 60 students. Four students are National Merit Semifinalists and eight 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.** Some (not all) faculty will, in rare instances, recognize exceptional academic performance with an A+ grade.

MPA Class of 2012

Grade Point Distribution (60 students)
Cumulative GPA through end of junior year

3.75 - 4.00	13
3.50 - 3.74	12
3.25 - 3.49	12
3.00 - 3.24	7
2.50 - 2.99	14
2.00 - 2.49	2

Mean Test Score Four-Year History

SAT	# of testing Students	Critical Reading /Math/Writing
Class of 2012	36	639 / 610 / 609
Class of 2011	47	657 / 640 / 645
Class of 2010	43	623 / 613 / 619
Class of 2009	50	628 / 614 / 608
ACT		Composite
Class of 2012	60	27
Class of 2011	66	28
Class of 2010	51	27
Class of 2009	67	27

Average G.P.A. 3.374

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

2008-2011 College Admissions and Matriculation

MPA students in the classes of 2008-2011 have been offered admission to the following colleges and universities. Bold indicates matriculation to that institution. An asterisk (*) indicates matriculation of more than one student.

Agnes Scott College	The Curtis Institute of Music	Lake Forest College	Ohio Wesleyan University	South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
American College of Management & Technology (Croatia)	University of Dallas	Lawrence University *	University of Oregon	University of Southern California *
American University	Dartmouth College *	Lehigh University *	Oxford College of Emory University	Southern Methodist University
American University of Rome (Italy)	Davidson College *	Lewis & Clark College	Pacific Lutheran University	St. Catherine University - St. Paul
Amherst College	Denison University *	Linfield College	Pacific Northwest College of Art	St. Cloud State University
Arizona State University	University of Denver *	Louisiana State University	University of the Pacific	St. Norbert College
University of Arizona *	DePaul University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Pennsylvania	St. Olaf College *
Auburn University	DePauw University	Loyola University Chicago	Pepperdine University	College of St. Scholastica
Augsburg College *	Dickinson College*	Loyola University Maryland	University of Pittsburgh	University of St. Thomas *
Augustana College (IL)	Drake University *	Luther College *	Pitzer College	Stanford University *
Austin College	Drexel University	Lynn University	Pomona College	Stonehill College
Bard College	Earlham College	Macalester College *	Portland State University	Suffolk University
Barnard College	Eckerd College *	Manhattanville College	University of Portland	Sweet Briar College
Bates College	University of Edinburgh (Scotland)	Mannes College of Music	Pratt Institute	Syracuse University
Beloit College	Elmira College	Marist College	Princeton University	The University of Tampa *
Bemidji State University	Elon University	Marquette University *	University of Puget Sound *	Texas Christian University
Bennington College	Emerson College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Purdue University	The University of Texas, San Antonio
Bethel University	Emily Carr University of Art & Design	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Randolph-Macon College	Trinity College
Boston College	Emory University *	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	University of Redlands *	Trinity University
Boston University *	University of Evansville	McDaniel College	Reed College	Tufts University
Boston Conservatory	The Evergreen State College	McGill University (Canada)	Regis University	Tulane University
Bowdoin College	Florida Atlantic University	Miami University of Ohio	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Tulsa
Bradley University	Fordham University	University of Miami	Rhode Island School of Design	Union College
Brandeis University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Michigan State University	Rhodes College	United States Coast Guard Academy
University of British Columbia	Franklin and Marshall College	Michigan Technological University	Rice University	United States Naval Academy
Brown University	Furman University	University of Michigan *	University of Richmond	Ursinus College
University of California at Berkeley	The George Washington University *	Middlebury College	Ripon College	University of Utah
University of California at San Diego	Georgetown University *	Mills College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Valparaiso University
University of California at Santa Barbara	Georgia Institute of Technology	Minneapolis College of Art and Design *	Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design	Vanderbilt University
California College of the Arts	Gonzaga University	Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Rollins College	Vassar College
California Lutheran University	Goucher College	University of Minnesota, Duluth *	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology *	University of Vermont
Carleton College *	Grinnell College *	University of Minnesota, Morris	Rutgers, State University of New Jersey	Villanova University
Carnegie Mellon University	Guilford College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *	College of St. Benedict	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Carthage College	Gustavus Adolphus College	University of Mississippi	St. John's University	College of Visual Arts
Case Western Reserve University	Hamilton College (NY)	University of Missouri	St. Mary's College of California	Viterbo University
The Catholic University of America	Hamline University *	Montana State University *	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Wagner College
Chapman University	Hampshire College *	The University of Montana	St. Paul College	Wake Forest University
College of Charleston	Hampton University	Mount Holyoke College *	St. Xavier University	Washington University in St. Louis *
University of Chicago	Harvard University	University of Nebraska	San Diego State University	University of Washington
University of Cincinnati	Haverford College	New York University	San Francisco Conservatory of Music	Wellesley College
Clark University	Hawaii Pacific University	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	University of San Francisco	Wesleyan University
Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon	High Point University	University of North Carolina-Charlotte	Santa Clara University	Western State College of Colorado
Colby College	Hofstra University	University of North Carolina-Greensboro	Sarah Lawrence College	Wheaton College (MA)
Colgate University	Hope College	North Dakota State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Whitman College
University of Colorado at Boulder *	Hollins University	University of North Dakota	Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta	Whittier College
Colorado College	University of Houston	North Hennepin Community College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Willamette University
Colorado School of Mines	Illinois Wesleyan University	Notre Dame de Namur University	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	Williams College
Colorado State University	Indiana State University	Oberlin College	School of Visual Arts	Winona State University
Concordia College, Moorhead	Indiana University at Bloomington *	Occidental College	Scripps College *	University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire *
Concordia University at St. Paul	Iowa State University		Sierra Nevada College	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
Connecticut College	The University of Iowa *		Simmons College	University of Wisconsin, Madison *
Cornell College	Ithaca College		Skidmore College	University of Wisconsin, Stout *
Cornell University *	Jacobs University Bremen (Germany)		Smith College	Wittenberg University
Cornish College of the Arts	Kalamazoo College			The College of Wooster
Cottey College	Kansas State University			Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Creighton University	University of Kansas			University of Wyoming
	Kenyon College			Yale University *
	Knox College			
	Lafayette College			
	Laguna College of Art and Design			