

Mounds Park Academy 2024-2025 School Profile

Mounds Park Academy (MPA) is an independent, coeducational college-preparatory day school for students in grades PreK-12. With an average class size of 16 and a schoolwide student-faculty ratio of 7:1, teachers know students well and provide a challenging academic program in an encouraging and supportive environment. All grade levels share the same building, creating opportunities for cross-divisional peer-to-peer learning, leadership, and service.

ABOUT MPA

7:1

STUDENT-
TEACHER RATIO

16

AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

570

TOTAL
ENROLLMENT

219

UPPER SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT

\$5.3M

FINANCIAL AID
IN 2023-24

32

ACRE
CAMPUS

- Coeducational, PreK-12
- Founded in 1982
- Head of School: Dr. Bill Hudson
- Upper School Director: Mark Segal
- Accreditation: Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
- Memberships: NAIS, NACAC, MACAC, ACCIS, and Cum Laude
- CEEB Code: 242277

ABOUT MPA STUDENTS

The Class of 2025 consists of 53 students. Two students are recognized as Semifinalists in the National Merit program, and three students achieved Commended status. Typically, 96-100% of the senior class enrolls directly in four-year colleges. Other choices may include two-year colleges or gap years for volunteering, travel, athletics, or work.

MPA does not rank its students and does not weight grades.

However, the top 20% of each senior class is inducted into the Cum Laude Society in October. The valedictorian and salutatorian are named at commencement. Except for Malone Schools Online Network (MSON) classes, MPA does not integrate other course credits or GPAs on student transcripts. Instead, MPA forwards other transcripts directly to colleges/universities.

Class of 2024 Application Summary: 61 students submitted an average of seven applications each. 27% chose in-state colleges and 73% chose out-of-state schools. 60% chose private institutions and 40% chose public schools.

International Students: MPA typically enrolls several international students in the Upper School. Their scores are included below.

Testing History:

ACT Average

	# Testing	Composite
Class of 2024	42	27.5
Class of 2023	47	28.1
Class of 2022	36	28.2
Class of 2021	42	29
Class of 2020	38	28.8

SAT Average

	# Testing	Composite
Class of 2024	28	670/633
Class of 2023	12	606/597
Class of 2022	20	665/622
Class of 2021	21	670/697
Class of 2020	18	642/708

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UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

MPA uses an alternating-day block schedule with a combination of 75-minute and 40-minute (elective) class periods. **Course descriptions are available at mpa.link/curriculum or at the link to the right.**



English | 4 credits required

English 9

Western/Global Literature (Grade 10)

American Studies – English (Grade 11)

Grade 12 electives:

- AP English Literature
- Creative Writing
- Contemporary Women Writers
- Fiction and Literary Adaptation
- Living the Blues: Music & the Harlem Renaissance
- Literature of Awe
- Science Fiction & the Politics of Imagination
- Short Forms

Science | 3 credits required

Physics (Grade 9)

Biology* or Honors Biology* (Grade 10)

Chemistry or Honors Chemistry* (Grade 11)

(*25% longer classes to accommodate longer labs)

Grade 12 electives:

- Advanced Physics: Mechanics, Waves, Optics, Electromagnetism (two semesters)
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Astronomy
- Advanced Topics in Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Neuroscience

History/Social Studies | 4 credits required

World History 9 or Honors World History 9

World History 10 or AP World History (Grade 10)

American Studies – History (Grade 11)

Grade 12 electives:

- Constitutional Law
- Government and Economics
- Introduction to Psychology
- 21st Century Global Issues
- World Religions

Mathematics | 3 credits required

Three-year progressions:

- Geometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Functions/Probability/Trigonometry (FPT)
- Advanced Algebra II/Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra III/Advanced Trigonometry, Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Algebra II/III, Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB

Grade 12 electives:

- Honors Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- Mathematical Modeling (one semester)
- Statistics (one semester)
- AP Statistics

World Languages | 3 credits required

Spanish (I-VI, AP Language and Culture, AP Literature)

French (I-V, AP Language and Culture)

Fine Arts | 3 credits required

Art: Drawing*, Painting*, Ceramics*, Photography*, Printmaking, Art & Design, Mixed Media Studio/ Studio 2D (*multiple levels)

Music: Varsity Choir, Concert Choir*, Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra*, Chamber Music (various ensembles), Concert Band, Jazz Band*, Madrigals* (*auditioned ensembles)

Theater: Acting I & II, Improvisation I & II, Costumes, Stage Crafts, Winter Show

Additional Electives

Advanced Argumentation, Digital Mediums, Engineering and Design, Intro to Computer Science, Computer Science II, Makerspace, Music in Film, Music Technology, Persuasive Communication, Robotics, Yearbook I, Yearbook II. Independent Study by arrangement.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.00 credits	Social Studies	4.00 credits	Seminars	1.00 credit
Mathematics	3.00 credits	World Language	3.00 credits	Service Project	0.50 credits
Science	3.00 credits	Physical Education	1.00 credit	Senior Performance	0.25 credits
Fine Arts	3.00 credits	Health	0.50 credits		

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

MPA is a member of the [Malone Schools Online Network \(MSON\)](#), a 19-school national consortium of independent schools offering high-rigor courses taught via virtual classroom to juniors and seniors approved for participation. Classes do not appear on student schedules or transcripts until after course completion. See [maloneschoolsonline.org](#) for more information about consortium membership and curriculum.

College representatives: Be aware that variable class offerings, as well as schedule conflicts, can make it impossible for some eligible students to take advantage of MSON. While rigorous (comparable to advanced or DE coursework), MSON courses can be difficult to join unless students are available during the specific times of day that courses are offered across time zones of participating schools.

Certificates of Distinction recognize students pursuing focused independent academic work and experience beyond the MPA curriculum. A student may earn one certificate—choosing from STEM, Global, Literary Arts, or Fine Arts—after meeting requirements including a presentation to faculty. Candidates are noted in the counselor recommendation as certificates are recognized at Commencement.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

MPA students are able to participate and lead in a wide variety of activities, rather than needing to specialize. About 60% of Upper School students participate in a sport, while more than 70% belong to one or more music ensembles and 18% contribute to theater productions..

Interscholastic Athletics

- Alpine Skiing
- Boys Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Hockey
- Girls Swimming
- Golf
- Girls Gymnastics
- Girls Lacrosse
- Nordic Skiing
- Soccer
- Girls Softball
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Girls Volleyball

Clubs and Activities

- Asian Culture Club
- BIPOC Affinity Group
- Black Student Union
- Cheese Club
- Chess Club
- Chinese Language & Culture Club
- Cooking Club
- Debate Team
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Drama Club
- Election Club
- Environmental Club
- Film & Animation Club
- Freethinker online news
- French Club
- Gender Sexuality Action
- Habitat for Humanity
- HOSA: Future Health Professionals Club
- Rowing Club
- Magic: The Gathering Club
- Math Lab
- Math League
- Outdoor Adventure Club
- Peer Leaders
- Peer Prep Tutors
- Pop Culture Club
- Quiz Bowl
- Racial Justice & Equity Club
- FIRST Robotics Team
- Sailing Club
- Social Consciousness Club
- Spanish Club
- Speech Team
- STEM Education Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Underground Orchestra
- Writing Lab

2020-2024 COLLEGE ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION

The 61 members of the Class of 2024 received offers of admission from 133 unique four-year colleges and universities in 32 states and Washington, D.C.. They chose to attend 46 different schools in 17 states and Washington, D.C.. MPA students in the classes of 2020-2024 were admitted to the colleges and universities listed below.

Bold indicates matriculation to that institution. An asterisk (*) indicates matriculation of more than one student.

Agnes Scott College Allegheny College American University* Amherst College Appalachian State University Arizona State University University of Arizona Augsburg University* Augustana University Babson College Bard College* Barnard College Bates College Baylor University Beloit College Bennington College Bentley University Bethel University (MN) Binghamton University Boston College Boston University Bowdoin College Bradley University Brandeis University University of British Columbia Brooklyn College CUNY Brown University Bucknell University Butler University California Lutheran University California Polytechnic University* University of California – Berkeley University of California – Davis University of California – Irvine University of California – Los Angeles University of California – Riverside University of California – San Diego* University of California – Santa Barbara University of California – Santa Cruz Carleton College* Carleton University (Ontario) Carnegie Mellon University Carroll College Case Western Reserve University* Chaminade University of Honolulu Champlain College Chapman University University of Chicago The City University of New York, CUNY Claremont McKenna College Clarkson University The College of Charleston Coe College Colby College* Colgate University* University of Colorado Boulder Colorado College* Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Columbia College Chicago Columbia University* Concordia College at Moorhead Concordia University, St. Paul Connecticut College University of Connecticut Cornell College Cornell University Cottey College Creighton University Culinary Institute of America Dartmouth College Davidson College University of Dayton University of Delaware Denison University University of Denver* DePaul University*	Des Moines Area Community College Dickinson College Drake University* Drexel University Duke University Dunwoody College of Technology Durham College Earlham College Eckerd College The University of Edinburgh Elon University Emerson College Emory University (Oxford College) The Evergreen State College Florida Institute of Technology Florida State University Fordham University Franklin and Marshall College The George Washington University* Georgetown University* Georgia Institute of Technology Gettysburg College Gonzaga University Goucher College Grinnell College* Gustavus Adolphus College Hamilton College Hamline University* University of Hartford Harvard University Harvey Mudd College Haverford College Hawai'i Pacific University Hiram College Hofstra University College of the Holy Cross University of Houston Howard University University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Illinois Institute of Technology Illinois Wesleyan University Indiana University Iowa State University University of Iowa Jacksonville University Johns Hopkins University Kalamazoo College Kansas State University Kenyon College King's College London Knox College Lafayette College Lawrence University* Lewis & Clark College Loras College Louisiana State University Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Chicago* Loyola University Maryland Luther College* Macalester College* University of Maine Marist College Marquette University Maryland Institute College of Art University of Maryland – College Park Marymount Manhattan College Massachusetts College of Art and Design Massachusetts Institute of Technology University of Massachusetts – Amherst McDaniel College McGill University (Québec) Miami University (Ohio) University of Miami Michigan State University Michigan Technological University* University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	Middlebury College Milwaukee School of Engineering Minneapolis College Minneapolis College of Art and Design Minnesota State University (Mankato)* University of Minnesota – Crookston University of Minnesota – Duluth* University of Minnesota – Morris University of Minnesota – Twin Cities* University of Missouri – Columbia Montana State University* The University of Montana Mount Allison University (New Brunswick) Muhlenberg College Naropa University University of Nebraska – Lincoln University of New Hampshire The New School New York University University of North Dakota Northeastern University* Northern Michigan University Northland College Northwestern University* University of Northwestern – St. Paul University of Notre Dame Nova Southeastern University Oberlin College Occidental College The Ohio State University Ohio Wesleyan University University of Oregon* Oregon State University Pace University Pacific Lutheran University Pennsylvania State University University of Pennsylvania Pepperdine University University of Pittsburgh Pitzer College* Pomona College Portland State University University of Portland Princeton University Providence College University of Puget Sound* Purdue University* University of Redlands Reed College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhode Island School of Design University of Rhode Island Rhodes College Rice University University of Richmond Ripon College Rochester Institute of Technology* Roger Williams University Rollins College Rutgers University University of St. Andrews College of Saint Benedict St. Catherine University* Saint Cloud State University St. Edward's University Saint John's University St. Lawrence University Saint Louis University Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Saint Michael's College St. Olaf College* The College of Saint Scholastica University of St. Thomas (MN)* Salem State University Salve Regina University San Diego State University University of San Diego*	University of San Francisco* San Jose State University Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art & Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago School of Visual Arts Scrpps College* Seattle Pacific University Seattle University Shenandoah University Sierra Nevada University Simmons University Simpson College Skidmore College* Smith College* University of South Carolina University of Southern California* Southern Methodist University Southwestern University Stanford University Stonehill College Suffolk University SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Syracuse University The University of Tampa Temple University Texas A & M University Texas Christian University The University of Texas at Arlington The University of Texas at Austin The University of Texas at Dallas The University of Texas at San Antonio Trinity University Tulane University of Louisiana* Union College United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy University of Utah Vanderbilt University* Vassar College University of Victoria Villanova University University of Virginia University of Vermont Virginia Polytechnic Institute Warren Wilson College Wartburg College Washington & Jefferson College Washington College Washington State University Washington University in St. Louis* University of Washington – Seattle University of Washington – Tacoma Wayne State University Wellesley College* Wesleyan University West Virginia University Western Washington University Wheaton College (MA) Whittman College* Whittier College Willamette University* College of William & Mary Williams College* Winona State University University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire* University of Wisconsin – Madison* University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee University of Wisconsin – River Falls* University of Wisconsin – Stout* The College of Wooster Worcester Polytechnic Institute Xavier University Yale University*
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