



## 2012-2013 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.

	<b>Founded:</b>	1982
	<b>Student Body:</b>	Coeducational, Pre-K through 12 Total enrollment: 550 Upper School enrollment: 202 Class of 2013: 53
	<b>Religious Affiliation:</b>	None
	<b>Annual Tuition:</b>	\$18,080 - \$21,230
	<b>Financial Aid:</b>	\$2,386,556 awarded for 2012-2013
	<b>Campus:</b>	32+ Acres, 246,000 square-foot facility Physical plant value: \$33 million
	<b>Accreditation:</b>	Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
<b>College Counseling Staff:</b>	<b>Membership:</b>	National Association of Independent Schools, National Association for College Admission Counseling, The College Board, and National Honor Society
<b>Lisa Rydeski Pederson</b> Director of College Counseling <a href="mailto:lpederson@moundsparkacademy.org">lpederson@moundsparkacademy.org</a>	<b>Head of School:</b>	Michael Downs
<b>Andrea Hager</b> College Counselor <a href="mailto:ahager@moundsparkacademy.org">ahager@moundsparkacademy.org</a>	<b>Upper School Director:</b>	Scott Peeler
<b>Laurie Foss</b> College Resource Center Coordinator <a href="mailto:lfoss@moundsparkacademy.org">lfoss@moundsparkacademy.org</a>	<b>Assistant Upper School Director:</b>	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 9  
Western Literature  
Composition and American Literature  
World Literature  
Creative Writing  
Contemporary Women Writers  
Multicultural Literature  
Men’s Studies  
Film and Literature

**Mathematics (3 credits required)**

Geometry  
Algebra II with Trigonometry  
FPT/Trigonometry/Probability  
Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry  
Honors Algebra III/Adv Trigonometry  
Honors PreCalculus  
AP Calculus AB  
Statistics and Discrete Math  
AP Statistics

**Fine Arts (3 credits required)**

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

**Science (3 credits required)**

Physical Science  
Biology\*/Honors Biology\*  
Chemistry\*/Honors Chemistry\*  
Physics/Honors Physics  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Environmental Studies  
*\*Students attend class an additional 25 percent to accommodate longer labs.*

**History/Social Studies (4 credits required)**

World History 9  
World History 10  
Modern US History  
Constitutional Law  
Public Policy Issues and Action  
World Religions  
The 21st Century World  
Topics in US History

**Independent Study (by individual arrangement)**

Not listed on student schedule; Listed on transcript only after completion.

**Electives**

Robotics  
Yearbook

**World Languages (3 credits required)**

Spanish (I-V, Advanced, AP)  
French (I-V, Advanced, AP)  
Mandarin Chinese (I, II/III, III/IV, IV)

**Please note:** Course titles and descriptions are available on our Web site, [www.moundsparkacademy.org](http://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:

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

**Courses Required for Graduation:**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Health  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Seminar  
Physical Education 9/10  
Junior Seminar  
Senior Seminar  
Community Service

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  
Diversity Club  
Drama Productions  
Environmental Club  
French Club  
Future Problem Solvers  
Gay/Straight Alliance  
Habitat for Humanity  
Inkslingers  
International Thespian Society  
Jazz Choir  
Jazz Ensembles

Left of Center Club  
Library Advisory Group  
Men's Chorale  
National Honor Society  
Robotics Team  
Orchestra  
Peer Leaders  
Robotics  
Quiz Bowl  
Robotics  
Spring Musical  
Speech  
String Quartet  
Student Council  
Tutors Guild  
Winter Show  
Women's Chorale  
Woodwind Ensemble  
Yearbook

**The Class of 2013 Profile:** This class consists of 53 students. Four students are National Merit Semifinalists and nine 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.

**Grading:** There is no weighted grading at MPA. **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 2013**

**Grade Point Distribution** (53 students)  
Cumulative GPA through end of junior year

3.75 - 4.00	14
3.50 - 3.74	17
3.25 - 3.49	9
3.00 - 3.24	3
2.50 - 2.99	8
2.00 - 2.49	2

**Mean Test Score Four-Year History**

<b>SAT</b>	<b># of testing Students</b>	<b>Critical Reading /Math/Writing</b>
Class of 2013	28	670 / 623 / 619
Class of 2012	36	639 / 610 / 609
Class of 2011	47	657 / 640 / 645
Class of 2010	43	623 / 613 / 619

**ACT** **Composite**

Class of 2013	50	28
Class of 2012	60	27
Class of 2011	66	28
Class of 2010	51	27

**Average G.P.A.: 3.45**

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

## 2009-2012 College Admissions and Matriculation

MPA students in the classes of 2009-2012 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	<b>Creighton University</b>	Kenyon College	Northwestern College	Skidmore College
<b>Alaska Pacific University</b>	<b>The Curtis Institute of Music</b>	Knox College	<b>Northwestern University *</b>	<b>Smith College *</b>
<b>American College of Management &amp; Technology (Croatia)</b>	University of Dallas	Lafayette College	Notre Dame de Namur University	Southern Methodist University
<b>American University</b>	Dartmouth College	Laguna College of Art and Design	<b>Oberlin College</b>	St. Catherine University - St. Paul
American University of Rome (Italy)	<b>Davidson College *</b>	<b>Lake Forest College</b>	<b>Occidental College</b>	St. Cloud State University
Amherst College	Denison University	<b>Lawrence University *</b>	University of Oregon	St. Edward's University
Arizona State University	<b>University of Denver *</b>	<b>Lehigh University *</b>	Oxford College of Emory University	<b>St. John's University (NY)</b>
<b>University of Arizona</b>	<b>DePaul University</b>	Lewis & Clark College	Pacific Lutheran University	St. Norbert College
Auburn University	<b>DePaul University *</b>	Linfield College	Pacific Northwest College of Art	<b>St. Olaf College *</b>
<b>Augsburg College</b>	<b>Dickinson College</b>	Lipscomb University	University of the Pacific	<b>College of St. Scholastica</b>
Augustana College (IL)	<b>Drake University *</b>	Louisiana State University	University of Pennsylvania	<b>University of St. Thomas *</b>
Austin College	Drew University	<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	University of the Pacific	<b>Stanford University *</b>
Bard College	Drexel University	Loyola University Chicago	Pepperdine University	<b>Stonehill College</b>
Barnard College	<b>Duke University</b>	<b>Loyola University Maryland</b>	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>	Suffolk University
<b>Bates College</b>	<b>Earlham College</b>	<b>Luther College *</b>	<b>Pomona College</b>	<b>Sweet Briar College</b>
Baylor University	<b>Eckerd College</b>	<b>Lynn University</b>	<b>Portland State University</b>	Syracuse University
Beloit College	<b>University of Edinburgh (Scotland)</b>	<b>Maclester College *</b>	University of Portland	<b>The University of Tampa *</b>
<b>Bemidji State University</b>	<b>Elmira College</b>	University of Maine	Pratt Institute	Texas Christian University
<b>Bennington College</b>	Elon University	Manhattenville College	<b>Princeton University *</b>	The University of Texas, San Antonio
Bethel University	<b>Emerson College</b>	Mannes College of Music	<b>University of Puget Sound *</b>	Trinity University
Boston College	<b>Emily Carr University of Art &amp; Design</b>	Marist College	<b>Purdue University</b>	<b>Tufts University</b>
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>Emory University *</b>	<b>Marquette University *</b>	Randolph-Macon College	<b>Tulane University</b>
Boston Conservatory	Eugene Lang College	<b>Maryland Institute College of Art</b>	<b>University of Redlands *</b>	University of Tulsa
Bowdoin College	University of Evansville	Marymount Manhattan College	<b>Reed College</b>	Union College
<b>Bradley University</b>	<b>The Evergreen State College</b>	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	Regis University	United States Coast Guard Academy
Brandeis University	Florida Atlantic University	<b>McDaniel College</b>	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	<b>United States Naval Academy</b>
University of British Columbia	<b>Fordham University</b>	McGill University (Canada)	<b>Rhode Island School of Design</b>	<b>Unity College</b>
<b>Brown University</b>	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Miami University of Ohio	<b>Rhodes College</b>	Ursinus College
University of California at Berkeley	<b>Franklin and Marshall College</b>	<b>University of Miami</b>	<b>Rice University</b>	University of Utah
University of California at San Diego	<b>Furman University</b>	<b>Michigan State University</b>	University of Richmond	<b>Valparaiso University</b>
University of California at Santa Barbara	<b>The George Washington University *</b>	<b>Michigan Technological University</b>	Ripon College	<b>University of Vermont</b>
California Lutheran University	<b>Georgetown University</b>	<b>University of Michigan *</b>	Rochester Institute of Technology	Villanova University
<b>Carleton College *</b>	Georgia Institute of Technology	<b>Middlebury College</b>	Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design	Viterbo University
Carnegie Mellon University	Gettysburg College	Mills College	Rollins College	Wagner College
Carthage College	Gonzaga University	<b>Minneapolis College of Art and Design *</b>	<b>Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology *</b>	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	Goucher College	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Rutgers, State University of New Jersey	Warren Wilson College
The Catholic University of America	Green Mountain College	Minnesota State University, Moorhead	<b>College of St. Benedict *</b>	Wartburg College
<b>Century Community and Technical College</b>	<b>Grinnell College *</b>	<b>University of Minnesota, Duluth *</b>	<b>St. John's University *</b>	<b>Washington University in St. Louis *</b>
<b>Chapman University</b>	Guilford College	<b>University of Minnesota, Morris</b>	Saint Louis University	University of Washington
College of Charleston	<b>Gustavus Adolphus College</b>	<b>University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *</b>	St. Mary's College of California	<b>Wellesley College *</b>
University of Chicago	Hamilton College (NY)	University of Mississippi	<b>Saint Mary's University of Minnesota</b>	Wesleyan University
Clark University	<b>Hamline University *</b>	<b>University of Missouri*</b>	<b>St. Paul College</b>	Western State College of Colorado
Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon	<b>Hampshire College *</b>	<b>University of Montana</b>	St. Xavier University	Wheaton College (MA)
Coe College	Harvard University	<b>Mount Holyoke College *</b>	San Diego State University	<b>Whitman College *</b>
<b>Colby College</b>	Haverford College	University of Nebraska	<b>University of San Diego</b>	Whittier College
Colgate University	<b>Hawaii Pacific University</b>	University of New England	San Francisco Conservatory of Music	<b>Willamette University</b>
<b>University of Colorado at Boulder *</b>	Hendrix College	<b>New York University *</b>	University of San Francisco	Williams College
University of Colorado at Denver	<b>High Point University</b>	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	<b>Santa Clara University</b>	<b>Winona State University</b>
<b>Colorado College</b>	Hofstra University	University of North Carolina-Charlotte	Sarah Lawrence College	<b>University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire</b>
<b>Colorado School of Mines</b>	Hollins University	University of North Carolina-Greensboro	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
Colorado State University	University of Houston	North Dakota State University	Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta	<b>University of Wisconsin, Madison *</b>
Concordia College, Moorhead	University of Illinois	<b>University of North Dakota *</b>	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	<b>University of Wisconsin, Stout *</b>
Concordia University, Montreal	<b>Illinois Wesleyan University</b>	<b>North Hennepin Community College</b>	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	Wittenberg University
<b>Connecticut College</b>	<b>Indiana State University</b>	<b>North Hennepin Community College</b>	<b>School of Visual Arts</b>	The College of Wooster
Cornell College	<b>Indiana University at Bloomington *</b>	Northeastern University	<b>Scripps College *</b>	University of Wyoming
<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>Iowa State University</b>	Northland College	Sierra Nevada College	<b>Yale University *</b>
Cornish College of the Arts	<b>The University of Iowa</b>		Simmons College	
<b>Cotley College</b>	Ithaca College			
	<b>Jacobs University Bremen (Germany)</b>			
	<b>Kalamazoo College</b>			
	Kansas State University			
	<b>University of Kansas</b>			