



2021–2022 School Profile

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Mounds Park Academy is an independent, nondenominational, coeducational college-preparatory day school for students in grades PK-12. With an average class size of 17 students and a school-wide student-faculty ratio of 9:1, teachers know students as individuals. All grade levels are housed in a single building, which provides opportunities for cross-divisional peer-to-peer learning, leadership, and service.

COVID-19 Response: In late March 2020, MPA instituted distance learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. MPA’s 1:1 laptop program enabled students to complete the year via online synchronous instruction. Faculty completed training in online teaching and course design over the summer. MPA opened the 2020-21 school year with a hybrid schedule that brought half the Upper School students into the building each day and used technology upgrades to integrate the in-person/virtual classroom. When not on campus, students attended classes synchronously via Zoom. All students returned to campus in the spring of 2021, which has continued this school year. Grading has remained on an A-F basis.

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Founded

1982

Head of School

Dr. William J. Hudson

Student Body

Coeducational, Pre-K through 12
Total enrollment: 575
Upper School: 231 | Class of 2021: 52

Financial Aid

\$3.6 million awarded for 2021–2022

Campus

32 Acres | 246,000 sq. ft. facility

Accreditation

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

Memberships

NAIS, NACAC, MACAC, ACCIS, College Board, and Cum Laude

Upper School Curriculum

MPA uses an alternating-day block schedule consisting of five 75-minute class periods and one 35-minute period.

Course descriptions available at www.moundsparkacademy.org in Upper School/Curriculum and Course Catalog.

English (4 credits required)

English 9

Western Literature (Grade 10)

American Studies – English (Grade 11)

Grade 12 electives:

- AP English Literature (1 semester)
- Creative Writing
- Contemporary Women Writers
- Fiction and Literary Adaptation
- Men’s Studies
- Science Fiction and the Politics of Imagination

Fine Arts (3 credits required)

Art: Drawing*, Painting*, Ceramics*, Photography*, Printmaking, Mixed Media Studio (**multiple levels*)

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

Theater: Acting, Costumes, Stage Crafts, Winter Show

History/Social Studies (4 credits required)

World History 9/Honors World History 9

World History 10/AP World History (Grade 10)

American Studies – History (Grade 11)

Grade 12 electives:

- Constitutional Law
- Government and Economics
- World Religions
- Social Entrepreneurship
- 21st Century Global Issues

Mathematics (3 credits required)

- 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;

Fourth-year elective math options:

Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Statistics and Discrete Math, AP Statistics

Science (3 credits required)

Science and Engineering (Grade 9)

Biology*/Honors Biology*

Chemistry/Honors Chemistry*

Physics/Honors Physics

Anatomy and Physiology

Environmental Science

(*25% longer classes to accommodate longer labs)

World Languages (3 credits required)

Spanish (I–VI, AP)

French (I–V, AP)

Additional Electives

Persuasive Communication, Advanced Argumentation; Digital Mediums, Engineering & Design, Introduction to Computer Science, Makerspace, Robotics, Yearbook, Yearbook II
Independent Study by arrangement with faculty

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 (including Multivariable Calculus, Arabic, Genetics & Genomics).

Certificates of Distinction offer eligible students the option to be recognized for pursuit of independent academic work and extracurricular experience beyond the MPA curriculum. A student may earn a single certificate, whether in STEM, Global, or Fine Arts, which is recognized at Commencement. Candidates are noted in the Counselor Recommendation.

Graduation Requirements

English	4.00 credits	World Language	3.00 credits	Senior Seminar	.25 credit
Mathematics	3.00 credits	Social Studies	3.00 credits	Senior Performance	.25 credit
Science	3.00 credits	Physical Education	1.00 credit	Service Project	.50 credit
Fine Arts	3.00 credits	Health	.25 credit		

Student Activities and Organizations

Nearly every Upper School student is a member of at least one team, ensemble, or student organization, and most students are involved in several. Students participate and lead in a wide variety of interests, rather than specializing.

Interscholastic Athletics:

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

Activities and Organizations:

Book Club
Debate
Design Club
Diversity Club
Drama Productions (also for credit)
Election Club
Environmental Club
Farm to Fork Club
Film and Animation Club
French Club
Garden Club
Gender Sexuality Awareness
Habitat for Humanity
Knitting Club
Linguistics Club
Peer Leaders
Peer Tutors
Quiz Bowl
Racial Justice & Equity Club
FIRST Robotics
Sailing Team
Social Consciousness Club
Speech
STEM Education Club
Student Council
Women's Empowerment Club

Class Profile

The Class of 2021 consists of 52 students. Two students are recognized as Semifinalists in the National Merit program, and another four students achieved Commended status. Typically, 95-100% of the senior class will enroll directly in four-year college. Other choices include gap years for travel, athletics, work, enrichment. or two-year college.

MPA does not rank its students and does not weight grades. Except for MSON (Malone Schools Online Network) classes, MPA does not integrate other course credits or GPA on our transcript. Instead, MPA forwards other transcripts for colleges/universities to use per their policies and practices.

Class of 2021 Application Summary

Class size: 62
Average # applications filed/student: 7.3
Total # of ED and REA applications: 31
Chose in-state colleges/universities: 29%
Chose out-of-state colleges/universities: 70%

Mean Test Scores for Classes of 2018–2021

SAT	# Testing	EBRW / Math	
Class of 2021	21	670	697
Class of 2020	18	642	708
Class of 2019	14	663	671
Class of 2018	10	644	662

Five-Year Application Summary

Graduates in Classes of 2017-2021: 276
Average # applications filed/student: 7.1
Total # of ED and REA applications: 99
Chose in-state colleges/universities: 32%
Chose out-of-state colleges/universities: 66%

ACT # Testing Composite

ACT	# Testing	Composite
Class of 2021	41	28.8
Class of 2020	38	28.8
Class of 2019	54	28
Class of 2018	45	28

MPA enrolls a few international students in each grade and includes their test scores in our calculations.

2017-2021 Mounds Park Academy College Admission and Matriculation

The 62 members of the Class of 2021 received offers of admission from 137 four-year colleges and universities in 35 states, Washington, D.C., Canada, and Scotland. They chose to attend 45 different schools in 22 states, Washington, D.C. and Canada.

MPA students in the classes of 2017-2021 were offered admission to the colleges and universities listed below. Bold indicates matriculation. An asterisk (*) indicates matriculation of more than one student.

Agnes Scott College*	The City University of New York – CUNY	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	Smith College*
The University of Alabama	Davidson College	Middlebury College	University of South Carolina – Columbia
Albion College	University of Dayton	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	South Dakota State University
Alfred University	University of Delaware	Minneapolis Community and Technical College	University of Southern California*
Alma College	Denison University	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Southern Methodist University
American University*	University of Denver*	University of Minnesota – Crookston	Southwest Minnesota State University
Amherst College	DePaul University	University of Minnesota – Duluth*	Southwestern University
Arizona State University – Tempe	DePauw University	University of Minnesota – Morris	St. Catherine University*
Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University*	Dickinson College	University of Minnesota – Rochester	Saint Cloud State University
The University of Arizona	Drake University*	University of Minnesota – Twin Cities*	Saint Edward's University
Art Center College of Design	Drexel University*	University of Mississippi	St. Lawrence University
Augsburg University*	Duke University	University of Missouri – Columbia	Saint Norbert College
Babson College*	Dunwoody College of Technology	Montana State University	St. Olaf College*
Baldwin Wallace University	Earlham College	The University of Montana	The College of Saint Scholastica
Bard College	Eckerd College	Mount Allison University (Canada)	University of St. Thomas*
Barnard College	Elon University	University of Nebraska – Lincoln	Stanford University
Bates College	Emerson College	University of New Hampshire	Stony Brook University
Baylor University*	Emory University*	New York University	Syracuse University
Beloit College	Emory University – Oxford College*	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	The University of Tampa
Bemidji State University	Florida Southern College	North Dakota State University	The University of Tennessee – Knoxville
Bentley University	Florida State University	University of North Dakota	Texas A & M University – College Station
Bethany Lutheran College	Fordham University	Northeastern University*	Texas Christian University
Bethel University	Franklin and Marshall College	Northern Michigan University	The University of Texas at Austin
Binghamton University	George Washington University*	Northland College	Ohio State University*
Boston College	Georgetown University*	Northwestern College	Trinity University
Boston University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Northwestern University*	Tulane University of Louisiana*
Bowdoin College	University of Georgia	University of Notre Dame*	Union College
Bradley University	Gettysburg College	Nova Southeastern University	United States Air Force Academy
Brandeis University	Gonzaga University	Oberlin College	United States Military Academy (West Point)
University of British Columbia	Goucher College	The Oberlin Conservatory of Music	The University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
UNY Brooklyn College	Grinnell College*	Occidental College	University of Northwestern – St. Paul
Brown University	Gustavus Adolphus College*	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Oregon*
Bucknell University	Hamilton College	Oregon State University	University of Oregon – Clark Honors College
Butler University	Hamline University	Pacific Lutheran University	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
California Lutheran University	Harvard University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Utah*
California Polytechnic University – San Luis Obispo	Harvey Mudd College	University of Pennsylvania	Vanderbilt University
University of California – Berkeley	Haverford College	Pitzer College*	Vassar College
University of California – Davis*	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Pomona College	University of Vermont
University of California – Irvine	Hawaii Pacific University	Portland State University	Villanova University
University of California – Los Angeles	Hiram College	University of Portland	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of California – Riverside	College of the Holy Cross	Pratt Institute	University of Virginia
University of California – San Diego	Hope College	Princeton University	Warren Wilson College
University of California – Santa Barbara	University of Houston	Providence College	Wartburg College
University of California – Santa Cruz	Howard University	University of Puget Sound*	Washburn University
Carleton College*	University of Illinois at Chicago	Purdue University*	Washington & Jefferson College
Carleton University (Canada)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Quest University (Canada)	Washington College
Carnegie Mellon University	Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Redlands	Washington State University
Carroll College	Illinois Wesleyan University	Reed College	Washington University in St. Louis*
Case Western Reserve University	Indiana University – Bloomington	Regis University	University of Washington – Seattle Campus
Century College	Iowa State University*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Washington – Bothell Campus
Chaminade University of Honolulu	University of Iowa	University of Rhode Island	University of Washington – Tacoma Campus
Chapman University	Johns Hopkins University	Rhodes College	Wellesley College*
College of Charleston	Kansas State University	Rice University	Wesleyan University
University of Chicago	Kenyon College	University of Richmond	Western Washington University
Clarkson University	Knox College	Ripon College	Wheaton College
Clemson University	Lafayette College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Whitman College*
Coastal Carolina University	Landmark College	University of Rochester	Whittier College
Coe College	Lawrence University	Rutgers University – New Brunswick	Whitworth University
Colby College*	Lehigh University	College of Saint Benedict	Willamette University
Colgate University	Lewis & Clark College	Saint John's University	College of William and Mary
University of Colorado Boulder	Loras College	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Williams College
Colorado College*	Loyola Marymount University	Saint Michael's College	Winona State University
Colorado School of Mines	Loyola University Chicago	University of San Diego	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
Colorado State University – Fort Collins	Loyola University Maryland	San Jose State University	University of Wisconsin – Green Bay
Columbia College Chicago	Luther College*	Santa Clara University	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
Columbia University*	Macalester College*	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Wisconsin – Madison*
Concordia College at Moorhead	Marist College	School of Visual Arts*	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Concordia University – Montreal	Marquette University	Scripps College*	University of Wisconsin – River Falls
University of Connecticut	Maryland Institute College of Art	Seattle Pacific University	University of Wisconsin – Stout
Cornell College*	University of Maryland – College Park	Seattle University	The College of Wooster
Cornell University	University of Massachusetts – Amherst	Sewanee, The University of the South	Yale University
Creighton University	Miami University	Sierra Nevada College	
CUNY New York City College of Technology	University of Miami	Simpson College	
	Michigan State University	Skidmore College	
	Michigan Technological University		

