



2020–2021 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 sprawling building, which provides opportunities for cross-divisional peer-to-peer learning, leadership, and service.

COVID-19 Response: In the Spring of 2020, MPA instituted distance learning starting in late March. MPA's 1:1 laptop program enabled students to complete the year in synchronous instruction. For the 2020-21 school year, MPA opened as planned with a hybrid schedule that brings half the Upper School students into the building each day. Students not on campus attend classes synchronously using Zoom. Anticipating the need for flexibility in teaching modes this year, teachers completed training in online instruction and course design over the summer. This fall they began using classroom technology upgrades to integrate their in-person and virtual student groups. Grading has remained on an A-F basis.

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Founded

1982

Head of School

Dr. William J. Hudson

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Mark Segal

Student Body

Coeducational, Pre-K through 12
Total enrollment: 514
Upper School enrollment: 240
Class of 2021: 63

Financial Aid

\$3.8 million awarded for 2020–2021

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.

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

English (4 credits required)

English 9
Western Literature
Composition and American Literature
AP Language and Composition (Grade 11)
AP English Literature (Grade 12)
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; Beginning, Advanced, Studio)
Drama (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced performance)
Music (Choirs, Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band; both open enrollment and auditioned ensembles offered)

History/Social Studies (4 credits required)

World History 9/Honors World History 9
World History 10
AP World History (Grade 10)
Modern US History
Constitutional Law (Grade 12 elective)
Government and Economics (Grade 12 elective)
World Religions (Grade 12 elective)
21st Century Global Issues (Grade 12 elective)
Social Entrepreneurship (Grade 12 elective)

World Languages (3 credits required)

Spanish (I–VI, AP)
French (I–V, AP)

Mathematics (3 credits required)

Geometry
Algebra II/Trigonometry
Functions/Probability/Trigonometry (FPT)
Statistics and Discrete Math
Honors Algebra II/III
Advanced Algebra II/Trigonometry
Advanced Algebra III/Adv. Trigonometry
Honors Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

Science (3 credits required)

Physical Science
Biology*/Honors Biology*
Chemistry/Honors Chemistry*
Physics/Honors Physics
AP Biology* (not offered 2020-2021)
Anatomy and Physiology
Environmental Science
**Students attend class an additional 25 percent to accommodate longer labs.*

Independent Study (by individual arrangement)

Not listed on student schedules. Courses appear on transcript only after completion.

Additional Electives

Persuasive Communication, Advanced Argumentation, Engineering and Design, Introduction to Computer Science, Makerspace, Robotics, Yearbook II

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.

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
Nordic Skiing
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball

Activities and Organizations:

Book Club
Conservative Club
Debate
Design Club
Diversity Club
Election Club
Environmental Club
Film and Animation Club
French Club
Gender Sexuality Awareness
Habitat for Humanity
Knitting Club
Music Ensembles (also for credit)
Peer Leaders
Peer Tutors
Quiz Bowl
Racial Justice & Equity Club
FIRST Robotics
Sailing
Social Consciousness Club
Speech
STEM Education Club
Student Council
Theater Productions (for credit)
Women's Empowerment Club
Yearbook (also for credit)

Class Profile

The Class of 2021 consists of 63 students. Four students are recognized as Semifinalists in the National Merit program, and another two students achieved Commended status. Typically, all graduating seniors are accepted to four-year colleges and universities. Each year a handful may choose to pursue a gap year before enrolling in college.

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

Class of 2020 Application Summary

Class size: 53
Average # applications filed/student: 8.6
Total # of ED and REA applications: 21
Chose in-state colleges/universities: 26%
Chose out-of-state colleges/universities: 68%

Mean Test Scores for Classes of 2017–2020

SAT	# Testing	EBRW / Math	
Class of 2020	18	642	708
Class of 2019	14	663	671
Class of 2018	10	644	662
Class of 2017	9	650	730

Five-Year Application Summary

Graduates in Classes of 2016-2020: 269
Average # applications filed/student: 7.1
Total # of ED and REA applications: 59
Chose in-state colleges/universities: 34%
Chose out-of-state colleges/universities: 63%

ACT # Testing Composite

ACT	# Testing	Composite
Class of 2020	38	28
Class of 2019	54	28
Class of 2018	45	28
Class of 2017	49	27

MPA enrolls a few international students in each class, Grades 9-12. MPA includes their test scores in our calculations.

2016-2020 Mounds Park Academy College Admission and Matriculation

The 53 members of the MPA Class of 2020 received offers of admission from 139 four-year colleges and universities in 31 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada. They chose to attend 44 different schools in 18 states, Washington, D.C. and Canada.

MPA students in the classes of 2016-2020 were offered admission/matriculation 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 *	Cornell University	Michigan Technological University *	Santa Clara University *
The University of Alabama	Creighton University	University of Michigan	Sarah Lawrence College
Albion College	Davidson College	Middlebury College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Alfred University	University of Dayton	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	School of Visual Arts *
Alma College	University of Delaware	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Scripps College
American University *	Denison University	Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Seattle University
The American University of Paris	Community College of Denver	University of Minnesota, Crookston	Sewanee: The University of the South
Arizona State University	University of Denver *	University of Minnesota, Duluth *	Simpson College
The University of Arizona	DePaul University *	University of Minnesota, Morris	Skidmore College
ArtCenter College of Design	DePaul University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *	Smith College *
Augsburg University *	Des Moines Area Community College	University of Mississippi	University of South Carolina
Babson College *	Dickinson College	University of Missouri	South Dakota State University
Baldwin Wallace University	Dominican University of California	Montana State University *	University of Southern California *
Bard College	Drake University *	University of Montana	Southern Methodist University
Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University *	Drexel University *	Mount Allison University (Canada)	Southwest Minnesota State University
Bates College	Duke University	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	St. Catherine University *
Baylor University *	Earlham College	University of New Hampshire	St. Cloud State University
Beloit College	Eckerd College	New York University	St. Lawrence University
Bemidji State University	Elon University	Normandale Community College	St. Norbert College
Bentley University	Emerson College	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	St. Olaf College *
Bethany Lutheran College	Emory University *	North Dakota State University *	College of St. Scholastica
Bethel University	Florida Southern College	University of North Dakota	University of St. Thomas *
Binghamton University	Florida State University	Northeastern University *	Stanford University
Boston College	Fordham University	Northern Michigan University	Stetson University
Boston University *	Franklin & Marshall College	Northland College	Stonehill College
Bowdoin College	Furman University	University of Northwestern	Stony Brook University, The State University of New York
Bradley University	George Washington University *	Northwestern University *	Syracuse University
Brandeis University	Georgetown University	University of Notre Dame *	The University of Tampa
University of British Columbia (Canada)	University of Georgia	Oberlin College	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Brown University	Gettysburg College	Oberlin Conservatory of Music	Texas A&M University
Bucknell University	Goucher College	Occidental College	Texas Christian University
Butler University	Grinnell College *	The Ohio State University *	The University of Texas, Austin
California Lutheran University	Gustavus Adolphus College *	Ohio Wesleyan University	Tulane University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Hamline University	University of Oregon	Union College
University of California, Davis *	Harvard College	Oregon State University	United States Air Force Academy
University of California, Irvine	Haverford College	Otterbein University	United States Military Academy
University of California, Los Angeles	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Utah
University of California, Merced	Hiram College	Pacific Lutheran University	Vanderbilt University
University of California, Riverside	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Pennsylvania State University	Vassar College
University of California, San Diego	College of the Holy Cross	University of Pennsylvania	University of Vermont *
University of California, Santa Barbara	Hope College	Pitzer College *	Villanova University
University of California, Santa Cruz	Howard University	Pomona College	Virginia Tech
Carleton College *	The College of Idaho	Portland State University	University of Virginia
Carnegie Mellon University *	University of Illinois at Chicago	University of Portland	Wagner College
Case Western Reserve University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Pratt Institute	Warren Wilson College
Century College *	Illinois Institute of Technology	Princeton University	Wartburg College
Chapman University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Providence College	Washington University
College of Charleston	Indiana University at Bloomington *	University of Puget Sound *	Washington College
University of Chicago	Iowa State University *	Purdue University *	Washington University in St. Louis *
Clark Honors College, University of Oregon	The University of Iowa	Quest University (Canada)	University of Washington
Clark University	University of Kansas	University of Redlands *	University of Washington, Bothell
Clarkson University	Kenyon College	Reed College	Wellesley College *
Clemson University	Knox College	Regis University	Wesleyan University
Coastal Carolina University	Lafayette College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Wheaton College
Coe College	Landmark College	University of Rhode Island	Whitman College
Colby College *	Lawrence University *	Rice University	Whittier College
Colgate University	Lehigh University	University of Richmond	Whitworth University
College of St. Benedict	Lewis & Clark College	Ripon College	Willamette University
University of Colorado at Boulder *	Loyola Marymount University	Rochester Institute of Technology	College of William and Mary
University of Colorado at Denver	Loyola University Chicago	University of Rochester	Williams College
Colorado College *	Loyola University Maryland	Rollins College	University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire *
Colorado School of Mines	Luther College *	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Wisconsin, Green Bay
Colorado State University	Macalester College *	Rutgers University – Camden	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
Columbia College	Marist College	Rutgers University – New Brunswick	University of Wisconsin, Madison *
Columbia University	Marquette University	Rutgers University – Newark	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Concordia College, Moorhead	Maryland Institute College of Art	Saint John's University (MN)	University of Wisconsin, Platteville
Concordia University, Montreal (Canada)	University of Maryland, College Park	Saint Michael's College	University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Concordia University, St. Paul	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	St. Paul College	University of Wisconsin, Stout *
University of Connecticut	Miami University, Oxford	University of San Diego	The College of Wooster
Cornell College *	University of Miami	University of San Francisco	Yale University
	Michigan State University		

