

Mounds Park Academy 2025-2026 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

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STUDENT-
TEACHER RATIO

16

AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

575

TOTAL
ENROLLMENT

220

UPPER SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT

\$5.4M

FINANCIAL AID
IN 2024-25

32

ACRE
CAMPUS

- Coeducational, PreK-12
- Founded in 1982
- Head of School: Dr. Lori-Anne Brogdon
- 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 2026 consists of 55 students. Three students are recognized as Semifinalists in the National Merit program, and one student 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 2025 Application Summary: 52 students submitted an average of 6.9 applications each. 25% chose in-state colleges and 75% chose out-of-state schools. 58% chose private institutions and 42% 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 2025	35	27.9
Class of 2024	47	27.5
Class of 2023	36	28.1
Class of 2022	42	28.2
Class of 2021	38	29

SAT Average

# Testing	EBRW/Math
24	653/639
28	670/633
12	606/597
20	665/622
21	670/697

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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. All courses are taught at a college-preparatory level.

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
- Black Voices in American Literature
- Creative Writing
- Contemporary Women Writers
- Fiction and Literary Adaptation
- Literature of Awe
- Science Fiction & the Politics of Imagination

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),

Advanced Chinese Language and Culture

Fine Arts | 3 credits required

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

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

Theater: Acting I, Comedy Sketch Writing, Intro to Improv, Stagecraft I, Stagecraft II, They All Wore Masks (History of Theater), Winter Show, and Voice-Overs, Accents, & Podcasts

Additional Electives

Advanced Argumentation, Engineering and Design, Intro to Computer Science, Computer Science II, Makerspace, Intro to Music Theory, 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	* = Pass/No Credit	

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

MPA is a member of the [Malone Schools Online Network \(MSON\)](#), a 27-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 62% of Upper School students participate in a sport, while about 70% belong to one or more music ensembles, and 18% contribute to theater productions.

Interscholastic Athletics

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

Clubs and Activities

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| Anime / Manga Club | HOSA |
| Art & Design Club | Hot Springs Peer Listeners |
| Board Game Club | Linguistics Club |
| Black Student Union | Magic: the Gathering Club |
| BIPOC Affinity Group | Math Lab |
| Ceramics Club | Mountain Biking Club |
| CD Club | Outdoor Adventure Club |
| Cheese Club | Peer Leaders |
| Community Sing | Peer Tutors |
| Cooking Club | Ping Pong Club |
| D & D Club | Pop Culture Club |
| Debate (Classic) | Quiz Bowl |
| Design Club | Racial Justice & Equity Club |
| Diversity Club | FIRST Robotics |
| Drama Club | Sailing Team |
| Election Club | Service Club |
| Environmental Club | Sewing Club |
| Film and Animation Club | Social Consciousness Club |
| Freethinker Online | Spanish Club |
| Newspaper | Speech |
| French Club | STEM Education Club |
| Garden Club | Student Ambassadors |
| Gender Sexuality Awareness | Student Council |
| Global Community Club | Ukrainian Language Club |
| Habitat for Humanity | Underground Orchestra |
| Hacky Sack Club | Writing Lab |

2021-2025 COLLEGE ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION

MPA students in the classes of 2021-2025 were admitted to the colleges and universities listed below. Bold indicates matriculation. 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
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
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
California State University, Bakersfield
Carleton College*
Carleton University (Canada)
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll College
Case Western Reserve University*
Century College
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Champlain College
Chapman University
University of Chicago
College of Charleston
CUNY Brooklyn College
CUNY New York City College of Technology
Claremont McKenna College*
Clark University
Clemson University
Coe College
Colby College*
Colgate University*
University of Colorado – Boulder*
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University – Fort Collins
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Concordia College – Moorhead
Concordia University – Saint Paul
University of Connecticut
Connecticut College
Cornell College
Cottery College
Creighton University
Culinary Institute of America
Dartmouth College*
Davidson College
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver*

DePaul University*
Denison University
Drake University*
Drexel University
Duke University
Dunwoody College of Technology
Earlham College
Eckerd College
University of Edinburgh
Elon University
Emerson College
The Evergreen State College
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University*
Georgetown University*
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Grinnell College*
Gustavus Adolphus College
University of Hartford
Hamline University*
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hawai'i Pacific University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
University of Houston
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Wesleyan University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University – Bloomington
Iowa State University
University of Iowa*
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
Johns Hopkins University
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State University
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lewis & Clark College
Loras College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago*
Loyola University New Orleans
Luther College*
Macalester College*
University of Maine
Marist University
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
University of Maryland – Baltimore County
University of Maryland – College Park
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Massachusetts – Boston
McDaniel College
McGill University
McMaster University
Miami University (Ohio)
University of Miami
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University*
University of Michigan
Middlebury College

Milwaukee School of Engineering
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*
University of Montana
Muhlenberg College
Naropa University
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
University of New Hampshire
The New School
New York University
North Carolina State University
North Dakota State University
Northeastern University*
Northern Michigan University
Northland College
Northwestern University*
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
University of Oregon
Pace University
Pacific Lutheran University
Penn State University
University of Pennsylvania
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College*
University of Pittsburgh
Pomona College
Portland State University
University of Portland
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
University of Puget Sound*
Purdue University*
University of Redlands
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
University of Richmond
Ripon College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
College of Saint Benedict
St. Catherine 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. Andrews
University of St. Thomas*
Salem State University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
University of San Diego*
San Jose State University
University of San Francisco*
Santa Clara University

Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College*
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Shenandoah University
Simmons University
Skidmore College*
Smith College*
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
Stanford University
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Temple University
Texas Christian University
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Texas at San Antonio
Trinity University
Tulane University of Louisiana*
Union College
University of Utah
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College*
University of Vermont
University of Victoria
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
University of Virginia
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington College
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis*
Washington and Lee University
University of Washington – Seattle
University of Washington – Tacoma
Wayne State University
Wellesley College*
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western Washington University
Wheaton College (MA)
Whitman 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*