

MOUNT MADONNA SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1979, Mount Madonna School (MMS) is a small nonprofit school serving preschool through high school. We are a rigorous, college preparatory CAIS and WASC accredited school emphasizing a solid academic foundation, and meeting all requirements of post-secondary schools.

MMS is located on 355 acres of forested mountaintop property overlooking the Monterey Bay. We are hosted by Mount Madonna Center, a community founded on the principles of yoga and dedicated to compassion, self-development and service to society. The values of the Center and the beauty of the natural environment provide a supportive and inspirational context for our learning community.

Mission and Philosophy

We are a community of learners dedicated to creative, intellectual and ethical growth. We support our students to become caring, self-aware, discerning and articulate individuals. We believe a fulfilling life includes personal accomplishments, meaningful relationships and service to society. We pursue our values and mission through the integration of Academic Excellence, Creative Self-Expression and Positive Character Development. These principles permeate all we do, and bring depth, meaning and enthusiasm to learning at MMS.

Student Body and Faculty

MMS has 184 students from Pre/K to 12th grade with 60 students in the high school. We draw students from Santa Cruz, Monterey and Santa Clara counties.

44% of Mount Madonna's high school faculty have advanced degrees including two Ph.D's. Our small class size of 20 or less students allows us to address student needs and potential, while developing strong relationships and mentoring.

Admissions and Financial Aid

Entry to high school is based on social, emotional and academic readiness. This includes a 3.0 overall average with no grade lower than a C, satisfactory scores on standardized exams, and a record of good conduct and positive contributions to the school community. MMS is committed to maintaining economic diversity within our community of families. The Bernice Arnold Scholarship Endowment and other special donations are allocated for scholarships. Financial scholarship awards are based on a family's economic needs and approximately 37.5% of the student body receives financial assistance.

THE PROGRAM

Integrated Performing Arts

All students study acting, voice, dance, and creative writing as part of Mount Madonna School's well-developed performing arts program. Our productions nurture collaboration and community building for the greater whole, resulting in an inspiring and fulfilling experience.

The Sustainability Capstone Project

MMS seniors participate in a Sustainability Capstone Project using the 17 U.N. sustainable development goals for 2030 as their project inspiration. Students are asked to choose one and explore the local, national and international ramifications, and to engage in a social action project with an educational and service direction, integrating history, politics, statistics, humanities and science.

Learning Journeys

"Through study, reflection, dialogue and action, we seek to develop our capacities as responsible and compassionate world citizens."

Our learning journeys are conducted as part of the development of the student. The first journey begins on the first day of school with the entire high school embarking on a whitewater rafting trip. In 9th and 10th grade the students culminate their Marine Science studies with trips to Catalina Island and to the USC Wrigley Center. In the 11th and 12th grades the students travel to Washington, D.C. and either India or South Africa through the Values in American and World Thought curriculum. These trips, and the preparation for them, aim to develop capacities of self-awareness and an ongoing inquiry into values that inform our actions and our life purpose. The students spend months preparing for meaningful engagement with the environment and with the people of it.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Honors courses are available based on the honors policy established by the University of California. Underscore indicates UC approved honors. All AP courses are open to interested students in 11th and 12th grades. If two AP math courses (AP Calculus AB/BC and AP Statistics) are offered in the senior year, students may only enroll in one of the courses due to scheduling constraints.

English (4 years required)

English 9 (Honors), English 10 (Honors), English 11, AP English Literature and Composition, English 12, English 12 Honors

Mathematics (4 years required)

(Listed in curriculum sequence beginning either 8th or 9th grade)
Da Vinci Algebra 1 – Math, Algebra I, Algebra II (Honors), Geometry (Honors), Frank Lloyd Wright Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors, Calculus I, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Introduction to Statistics and AP Statistics

Laboratory Science (4 years required)

(Listed in curriculum sequence)
Biology, Biology Honors, Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Physics, Physics Honors, AP Physics C: Mechanics, Science with Humanity

History and Social Science (3 years required)

World History and Geography (Honors), US History, US History Honors, US Government and Politics, AP US Government and Politics, Government and Politics Comparative, AP Government and Politics Comparative

Foreign language (3 years required)

Spanish I (Honors), Spanish II (Honors), Spanish III, Spanish III Honors, AP Spanish Language and Culture

Visual and Performing Arts (4 years required)

Performing Arts I-IV (4-year required series), History of Art with Studio.

College Preparatory Electives

American Women's History, Marine Biology, Oceanography, Values in American Thought I, Values in World Thought II, World Religions

Enrichment Classes

Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Dance, Fine Art Photography, Digital Design, Health, Fine Art, Music, Yearbook: Adobe Design & Production, and Yoga

Sports

Mount Madonna School offers cross country, track and field and volleyball. Our athletics are exceptional in that our students compete successfully against much larger schools with a deep bench.

GRADE SCALE

A+	=	97-100%
A	=	93-96%
A-	=	90-92%
B+	=	87-89%
B	=	83-86%
B-	=	80-82%
C+	=	77-79%
C	=	73-76%
C-	=	70-72%
D+	=	67-69%
D	=	63-66%
D-	=	60-62%

The minimum passing percentage is 73%.

Grade points awarded on the transcripts:

All A's	=	4
All B's	=	3
All C's	=	2
All D's	=	1
All F's	=	0

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Combined classes, 2017 (n=11) 2018 (n=16)

Quartile	Weighted	Unweighted
1st	2.63-3.47	2.56-3.35
2nd	3.47-3.96	3.35-3.6
3rd	3.96-4.32	3.6-3.89
4th	4.32-4.47	3.89-4.00

SAT RESULTS

Combined classes, 2017 (n=11) 2018 (n=16) 2019 (n=11)
Total SAT sittings: 23

	Middle 50%	Mean
ERW	620-660	640
Math	520-600	553
Total	1140-1260	1194

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

Combined high school classes, reported in 2014 through 2018

- 112 students in 10th through 12th grades took AP Exams
- total of 171 exams
- 32% of the AP Exams received scores of 3 and higher

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Combined classes, 2014 through 2018

2 Commended Students, National Merit Scholarship Program, 3 AP Scholars with Honors, 2 AP Scholars with Distinction, 5 AP Scholars

ACADEMIC POLICIES

GPA's are computed using the listed grade points for all courses taken at MMS, or courses taken or transferred that meet the MMS graduation requirements and are approved by the UC system. Reporting of repeated coursework is consistent with the policies and requirements of the University of California system. AP and Honors classes are weighted by one additional point. A minimum of 240 credits is required for graduation. Dismissal due to disciplinary action is reported. MMS does not rank students.

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

After graduation, nearly 100% of our students choose to attend a four-year university. Alumni of Mount Madonna have attended the following colleges and universities:



Academy of Dramatic Arts, Los Angeles	Princeton University
Amherst College	Reed College
American University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Antioch University	San Diego State University
Bard College	San Francisco State University
Barnard College	San Jose State University
Bennington College	Santa Clara University
Berklee College of Music	Sarah Lawrence College
Boston College	Seattle University
Boston University	Sonoma State University
Brown University	Scripps College
Cabrillo College	Seattle Art Institute
California College of the Arts	Skidmore College
California Institute of the Arts	Smith College
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Sonoma State University
California State University, Long Beach	St. John's College
California State University, Monterey Bay	St. Lawrence University
California State University, Northridge	Stanford University
Carleton College	Suffolk University
Central St. Martins College of Design, London	Tufts University
Chapman University	Tulane University
Claremont McKenna	Union College
Cogswell Polytechnical College, Silicon Valley	United States Military Academy at West Point
Columbia College Chicago	University of Arizona
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	University of British Columbia
Cornell University	University of Buffalo
Cuesta College	University of California, Berkeley
De Anza College	University of California, Davis
DigiPen Institute of Technology	University of California, Irvine
Eckerd College	University of California, Los Angeles
Eugene Lang College of New School University	University of California, Merced
Evergreen State College	University of California, San Diego
George Washington University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of California, Santa Cruz
Harvard University	University of Colorado, Boulder
Kalamazoo College	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Lewis and Clark College	University of Miami
Loyola Marymount University	University of North Dakota
Marlboro College	University of Oregon
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Redlands
Menlo College	University of San Diego
Mills College	University of San Francisco
Monterey Peninsula College	University of Southern California
Muhlenberg College	University of the Pacific
Naropa University	University of Texas, Austin
New York University	University of Vermont
Northeastern University	Vassar College
Oberlin College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Occidental College	Whitman College
Pitzer College	Whittier College
Pomona College	Willamette University
Portland State University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Pratt Institute	Yale University