

## 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 375 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 diverse 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 159 students from Pre/K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade with 50 students in the high school. We draw students from Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Clara counties.

69% of Mount Madonna's high school faculty have advanced degrees including two Ph.D.'s. Our small class size of 18 or fewer 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 53% of the student body receives financial assistance.



## 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 Capstone Project

MMS seniors participate in an optional Capstone Project based on a problem they would like to solve. Their project must explore the social, political, and environmental aspects of their topic. Students are to 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade the students culminate their Marine Science studies with trips to Catalina Island and to the USC Wrigley Center. In the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to engage in our Learning Journeys this year.

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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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Due to our demanding requirements and location, students are rarely able to take additional courses outside of school.

### English (4 years required)

English 9, English 9 Honors, English 10, 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 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade) Algebra 1, Algebra II (Honors), Geometry (Honors), 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, Marine Biology, Oceanography, Physics, Physics Honors, AP Physics C: Mechanics, Science with Humanity Honors, Engineering for Change

### History and Social Science (2.5 years required)

World History and Geography, US History, US History Honors, US Government and Politics, AP US Government and Politics.

### Foreign Language (3 years required)

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

### 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, Values in American Thought I, Values in World Thought II, World Religions, Computer Principles

### Enrichment Classes

Creative Writing & Artistic Expression, Adulting 101, Digital Design, Health, Music, Yearbook: Adobe Design & Production.

### Sports

Mount Madonna School offers cross-country, track and field, wrestling, basketball 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 70%.

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, 2019 (n=11) 2020 (n=17)

Quartile	Weighted	Unweighted
1st	2.73-3.41	2.68-3.23
2nd	3.41-3.93	3.23-3.55
3rd	3.93-4.50	3.55-3.98
4th	4.50-4.62	3.98-4.00

## SAT RESULTS

Combined classes, 2019 (n=11) 2020 (n=17) 2021 (n=11)

Total SAT sittings: 24

	Middle 50%	Mean
ERW	610-640	624
Math	520-590	563
Total	1130-1230	1186

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

Combined high school classes, reported in 2016 through 2020

- 102 students in 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades took AP Exams
- total of 164 exams
- 59% of the AP Exams received scores of 3 and higher

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Combined classes, 2016 through 2020

2 Commended Students, National Merit Scholarship Program, 3 AP Scholars with Honors, 4 AP Scholars with Distinction, 7 AP Scholars, 1 National AP Scholar

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