

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 on the summit of Mount Madonna overlooking Monterey Bay. We are designated as a rural school by the US Department of Education. We are hosted by Mount Madonna Center, a community founded on the philosophical principles of yoga and non-harming, and dedicated to compassion, self-development and service to society.

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.

Equity and Inclusion

We are committed to providing an inclusive and equitable learning environment. Each individual who enters our gates is embraced for who they are, treated with humanity and dignity, and supported on their journey. This includes, and is not limited to, the academic, social, emotional, as well as spiritual, religious, and ethical dimensions of human life.

Student Body and Faculty

MMS has 151 students from Pre/K to 12th grade with 44 students in the high school. We draw students from Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Clara counties. Our student body reflects these four counties ethnic make-up with 38% identifying as students of color and 52% as white.

41% of Mount Madonna's high school faculty have advanced degrees including four Ph.D.'s. Our small class size of 16 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 55% of the student body receives financial assistance.



PROGRAM

Integrated Performing Arts

All students study acting, voice and dance 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.

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 grade students travel to Yosemite as part of their biology course. In 10th grade the students culminate their Marine Science studies with a trip to Catalina Island. In the 11th grade students travel to Washington and 12th grades students travel to India as part of the Values in World Thought program. 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.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Mount Madonna School is in the business of growing action-oriented global citizens, fostering in our students a deep sense of stewardship for our planet and a commitment to our local and global community.

In our classrooms, in our gardens and the 375 forested acres of campus, we connect our learning to pressing issues, ones that require immediate engagement and action in our local communities. In doing so, we become part of a global movement to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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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. Due to our demanding requirements and location, student's discretionary time outside of school is limited..

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, Values 12: Self and Society Honors

Mathematics (4 years required)

(Listed in curriculum sequence beginning either 8th or 9th grade) Algebra 1, Algebra II (Honors), Geometry (Honors), 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, Technology, Engineering, and Art 9, Marine Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Oceanography Honors, Oceanographic Engineering Honors, Principles of Engineering Honors, Biomedical Engineering Honors, Physics, Physics Honors, AP Physics C: Mechanics, Science with Humanity Honors

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, Spanish II, Spanish II Honors, Spanish III, Spanish III Honors, Spanish IV, AP Spanish Language and Culture

Visual and Performing Arts (4 years required)

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

College Preparatory Electives

Introduction to Psychology, Psychology Honors, The Dinosaurs, Values 11: Self and Society, The Modern and Postmodern, Computer Principles.

Enrichment Classes

Creative Writing, Adulting 101, Health, Yearbook: Adobe Design & Production, Yoga, Physical Education, Choir

Sports

Mount Madonna School offers cross-country, track and field, 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%	The minimum passing percentage is 70%.
A = 93-96%	
A- = 90-92%	Grade points awarded on the transcripts:
B+ = 87-89%	All A's = 4
B = 83-86%	All B's = 3
B- = 80-82%	All C's = 2
C+ = 77-79%	All D's = 1
C = 73-76%	All F's = 0
C- = 70-72%	
D+ = 67-69%	
D = 63-66%	
D- = 60-62%	

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Combined classes, 2022 (n=10) 2023 (n=8)

Quartile	Weighted	Unweighted
1st	2.73-3.52	2.68-3.41
2nd	3.52-3.93	3.41-3.68
3rd	3.93-4.40	3.68-3.97
4th	4.40-4.57	3.97-4.00

SAT RESULTS

Combined classes, 2021 (n=11) 2022 (n=10) 2023 (n=8)

Total SAT sittings: 8

(*No student took the SAT in 2020/2021 due to COVID and lack of testing sites)

	Middle 50%	Mean
ERW	670-710	690
Math	690-700	695
Total	1360-1420	1390

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

Combined high school classes, reported in 2018 through 2022

- 92 students in 10th through 12th grades took AP Exams
- total of 167 exams
- 74% of the AP Exams received scores of 3 and higher

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Combined classes, 2018 through 2022

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