



Montclair Kimberley Academy

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About the School

Montclair Kimberley Academy is one of the largest independent day schools in New Jersey, located on three campuses with traditions dating back to 1887. There are 176 faculty members; 88% hold advanced degrees. MKA currently enrolls students in grades Pre-K through 12 from more than 85 communities in New Jersey and New York. There are 446 students in the Upper School; the Class of 2026 numbers 113 students.

Mission Statement

MKA's challenging, engaging, and innovative academic program provides a vibrant and transformative education. Our faculty's deep and genuine understanding of our students as individuals and as learners fosters their ethical development, intellectual growth, and personal success. MKA's diverse, collaborative, and inclusive community inspires students to lead lives of noble character, purpose, and distinction.

Diversity & Inclusion Statement of Purpose

We believe that a diversity of experiences presented through a rigorous multicultural curriculum develops our global cultural competency. To cultivate a love of learning, we encourage ourselves to explore and appreciate differences and similarities, to challenge stereotypes and to acknowledge the broad range of perspectives within and outside of our community. We uphold that an inclusive school environment fosters a culture of mutual respect, oral responsibility, and academic excellence. To recognize complexity and value empathy, we welcome, embrace, support and encourage our entire community: its races, cultures, genders and sexualities, its experiences and economics, its aspirations, abilities and affiliations. We strive for equity and social justice as the foundation for our engagement with an increasingly complex world. To promote full and active citizenship and leadership, we engage with the world through the strength of our ethical convictions and recognize our deep interdependence with others.

Global Experience

MKA values the integration of classroom learning and real-world experience. The Global Experience program empowers students to think critically about and cultivate empathy for the classroom beyond our walls and to gain the skills necessary to be more informed, ethical and active global citizens. Students can participate in our PenPal programs with schools in China, Tanzania, and Morocco, various virtual experiences such as cooking classes and manga lessons, and our travel programs over Spring Break, May Term and summer. Through these opportunities, students find themselves in a position to affect meaningful change because they are encouraged to build bridges between themselves and people in other places.

May Term

May Term provides a transitional learning experience for seniors, helping to prepare them for life beyond high school. Options include group travel, independent projects, internships, service projects, and an entrepreneurial venture known as Startup 101. In recent years, students have utilized AI to create a translator for underrepresented languages, written, directed and performed an original theater production, interned with a National Geographic photographer, assisted in collegiate biochemistry research, and launched a tick repellent business.

Academic Program & Diploma Requirements

Grading Policies

MKA does not weight grades or rank its students. Only graded courses taken at MKA are used in the GPA calculation.

Graduates must earn 120 credits, including 4 years of English, 3 years of a single World Language, 3 years of Mathematics, 3 years of History, 3 years of Science; 9 credits in the Fine and Performing Arts, and 4.5 credits in Health, Wellness and Physical Education.

Curriculum Notes

Classes meet for 75 minutes, 4 times in an 8-day cycle, with an average class size of 14. Beyond the 5 traditional academic disciplines, curricular offerings include courses in computer science and the fine and performing arts. Course placements are based on student achievement and teacher recommendation, and do not always conform to grade-level generalizations below. Honors courses are accelerated courses for qualified students who have shown exceptional ability and who work well independently. Students are recommended for honors courses by meeting specific prerequisites and may request only one honors course against recommendation each school year. **Enrollment in AP courses is by faculty invitation only and all students are required to take the corresponding exam in May. Students may not request any AP or Post-AP course against recommendation.**

Course of Study (available to the class of 2026)

All Honors, AP and Post-AP courses are highlighted.

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	English 1 English 1 CRW English 1 Honors	English 2 English 2 CRW English 2 Honors	Electives in Literature (Semester)	
			AP Language & Comp	AP Literature & Comp
World Languages	Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 1 Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 2 Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 2 Honors Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 3 Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 3 Honors		Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 4 Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 4 Honors AP Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish Language	Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 5 Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish 5 Honors
History	Early World History Early World History Honors	Modern World History Modern World History Honors	United States History United States History Honors American & Comparative Government Honors	Economics Economics Honors Political Theory Honors Civil Rights Revolutions (12)
Mathematics & Computer Science	Geometry Geometry Honors Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Honors	Adv Algebra 2 Honors Precalculus Precalculus Honors Adv Precalculus Honors Comp Sci Fundamentals Intro to Programming	Calculus Calculus Honors AP Calculus AB AP Calculus AB/BC Statistics AP Statistics AP Computer Science	AP Calculus BC Post-AP Linear Algebra Post-AP Multivariable Calculus Post-AP Data Structures & Algorithms
Science	Biology 1 Biology 1 Honors Biology 1 Science Research Honors	Chemistry 1 Chemistry 1 Honors Chemistry 1 Science Research Honors	Biology 2 Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry Biomechanics & Physiology Science Research Honors 1, 2	Environmental Science 1, 2 AP Environmental Science Physics 1 Physics 1 Honors AP Physics 1 AP Physics C: Mechanics, Electricity & Magnetism

AP & Post-AP Course Enrollment By Class

# AP	2026	2025	2024
0	19%	19%	23%
1-2	9%	21%	19%
3-4	19%	21%	14%
5-6	27%	21%	23%
7-9	26%	18%	21%
# Post-AP	2026	2025	2024
1	14%	16%	10%
2	7%	3%	7%
3	3%	3%	3%

Honors History Course Enrollment By Class

# Honors History Courses (11th & 12th)	2026	2025	2024
0	25%	19%	21%
1	48%	54%	50%
2	21%	19%	28%
3	5%	8%	0%
4	1%	0%	1%

Standardized Testing

(Distribution represents scores for the Class of 2025 only)

ACT	
Section	Mean
English	31
Mathematics	27
Reading	33
Science	29
Composite (36)	30

SAT Reasoning	
Section	Mean
EBRW	684
Mathematics	680
Total (1600)	1364

AP Courses and Exams

MKA offers AP courses and exams in the following subjects: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition; Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture; Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Calculus AB/BC, Computer Science A, Statistics; Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism; Music Theory and Studio Art.

The Class of 2025 took 396 exams in 17 subjects. 90% of exams earned scores of 3 or higher; 65% earned scores of 4 or 5. This class includes 10 AP Scholars, 11 AP Scholars with Honors, and 39 AP Scholars with Distinction.

Disciplinary Policy

Montclair Kimberley Academy generally believes in maintaining confidentiality in matters of discipline. At times, however, major rule violations by students may have consequences beyond the confines of school. Many college applications pose questions about a candidate's high school disciplinary record to which students and college counselors will respond honestly, consistent with the *Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission* of the National Association for College Admission Counseling. It is also MKA's policy to notify institutions when a student has been separated from the school for a period of more than five days. All colleges at which the student has active applications or at which the student is holding an offer of admission will be notified only of the date of suspension, withdrawal, or dismissal. It is the student's responsibility to inform the college of the circumstances surrounding this change of status. As advocates for students, counselors will continue to work closely with students and their families throughout any disciplinary proceeding.

College Matriculation (Classes 2022-2025)

Two or more MKA graduates matriculated at the following colleges and universities upon graduation.

Bold type represents schools with three or more graduates.

Amherst College	Gettysburg College	University of Richmond
Babson College	University of Hartford	University of Rochester
Bates College	Harvard University	Rutgers University
Boston College	Haverford College	San Diego State University
Boston University	Howard University	Savannah College of Art and Design
Bucknell University	Indiana University	Skidmore College
University of California, Berkeley	Johns Hopkins University	University of South Carolina
University of California, Irvine	Kenyon College	University of Southern California
Carnegie Mellon University	Lafayette College	Spelman College
College of Charleston	Lehigh University	Stanford University
University of Chicago	University of Maryland	Stevens Institute of Technology
Clemson University	University of Miami	Syracuse University
Colby College	University of Michigan	Temple University
Colgate University	Montclair State University	University of Texas, Austin
University of Colorado, Boulder	New York University	Tufts University
Columbia University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Tulane University
Cornell University	Northeastern University	University of Vermont
Dartmouth College	Northwestern University	University of Virginia
Denison University	Oberlin College	University of Wisconsin
Duke University	Ohio State University	Vanderbilt University
Elon University	Pennsylvania State University	Vassar College
Emerson College	University of Pennsylvania	Villanova University
Emory University	University of Pittsburgh	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
University of Florida	Pratt Institute	Wake Forest University
Fordham University	Princeton University	William & Mary
George Washington University	Rhode Island School of Design	Williams College
Georgetown University	Rice University	Yale University