

# Morgan Park Academy

## PROFILE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION 2021-2022

### OUR MISSION

Morgan Park Academy engages the whole child, inspires the independent learner, and prepares the global leader of tomorrow to make a positive difference in the world.

**Morgan Park Academy is an independent, coeducational college preparatory school located on the South Side of Chicago in the Morgan Park-Beverly neighborhood.**

Founded in 1873, the school enrolls 490 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12, including 130 students in the Upper School.

Built around small class sizes and strong teacher-student relationships, the MPA program invites students to develop a world view rooted in their own culture while broadening and deepening their thinking beyond the boundaries of campus, city, and country. This global focus includes exposure to diverse cultures and traditions as well as opportunities for further study, international travel, and service learning.

### DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

The student body and faculty reflect Chicago's diversity in ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic background, with students from 45 zip codes throughout Chicago, the surrounding suburbs, and northwest Indiana, as well as international students from China, France, Italy, Norway, and Spain.

### GLOBAL STUDIES

Students explore literature, language, and history from multiple perspectives. Each March, students travel around the country and internationally during Project Week, including recent explorations of culture, history, science, religion, and service in China, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Italy, Morocco, Nepal, Peru, Spain, and Thailand.

### SERVICE

Graduation requirements include at least 80 hours of service work, including 40 hours of self-directed service work outside of school. Students participate in two all-school service days and organize special events such as Dance For Life, which raises thousands for charity.

### CAPSTONE PROJECTS

Students identify a topic of passion and create a showcase project, developing important skills like project and time management, communication, and organization; and learning how they can make a difference in their community. Some examples of projects include writing a musical about mental health, building a website to share the stories of the homeless, and producing a documentary film about affordable housing in China.

### OUR VALUES

**Independent Thinking:** We believe in providing a rigorous, broad-based liberal arts program that inspires a student's pursuit of skills, knowledge and values.

**Global Leadership:** We believe that our student body should be socioeconomically, ethnically and culturally diverse, so that students delve into a curriculum that sees the world's challenges through a global lens.

**A Whole-Child Approach:** We believe in an education that is both challenging and nurturing, by engaging students' heads, hearts and hands.

**Mutual Respect:** We believe that a school community should stand for and teach a set of core values: integrity, respect, responsibility, diligence, kindness, cooperation, and service.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

Morgan Park Academy engaged in live remote learning from March-May 2020 and for the 2020-2021 school year had students attending classes on campus and attending classes remotely, based on the preference of their families. Both options consist of a full five days of instruction per week. Students who attended classes remotely interacted in full with teachers and classmates in real time via online video.

Normal letter grading policy was in place regardless of whether students attended classes in person or remotely. There were no final exams at the end of the semester.

The school plans to have all students learn in person for the 2021-2022 school year, with quarantines as needed.

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**BY THE NUMBERS**

High school enrollment: 130  
 Illinois and Indiana zip codes represented: 45  
 BIPOC students: 82.2%  
 International students: 10%  
 Faculty: 25; 76% with advanced degrees  
 Student-to-faculty ratio: 8:1  
 Average class size: 10

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

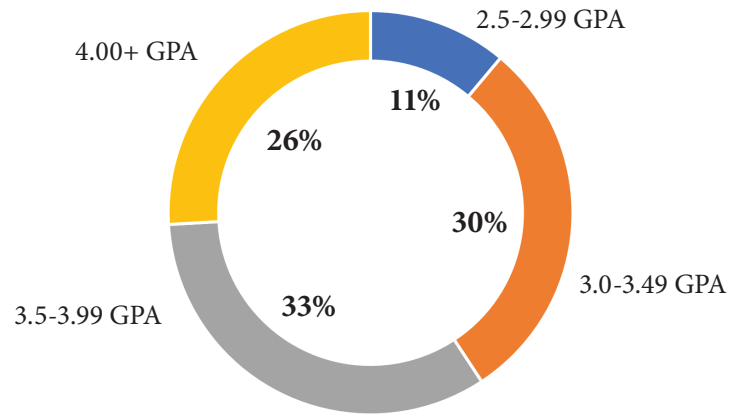
English 4 credits  
 Science 3.5 credits  
 Math 3 credits  
 Social Studies 3 credits  
 World Languages 3 credits  
 Arts 2 credits  
 Physical Education 1.5 credits  
 College Counseling 1.5 credits  
 Electives 2.5 credits  
**TOTAL 24 credits**

**ALSO REQUIRED:** Capstone Project  
 80 Hours of Service  
 Project Week

**CLASS OF 2022 GPA DISTRIBUTION**

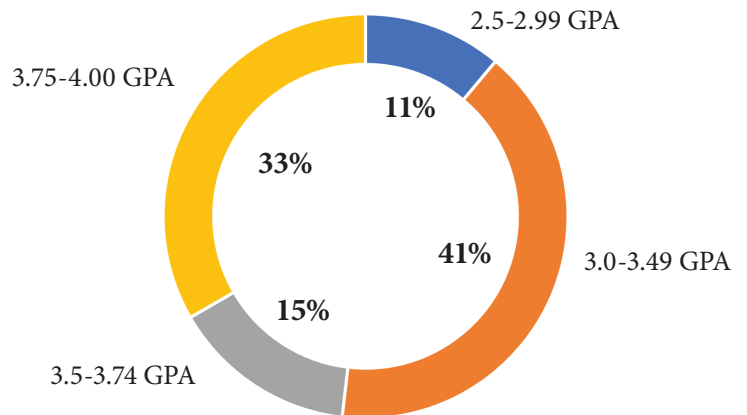
**Weighted GPA** — AP and Honors classes have an additional 1.0 point added to the posted scale in the GPA calculation.

Highest GPA: 4.30 Average GPA: 3.57



**Unweighted GPA**

Highest GPA: 3.99 Average GPA: 3.48



**GRADING SCALE**

Morgan Park Academy does not rank students beyond the recognition of a valedictorian and salutatorian.

	Percentile	Regular	Honors	AP
A+	97-100	4	4.5	5
A	93-96	4	4.5	5
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.3	2.3
C	73-76	2.0	2.0	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7	1.7	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.3	1.3
D	63-66	1.0	1.0	1.0
D-	60-62	1.0	1.0	1.0
F	0-59	0	0	0

## COURSES

All MPA classes are taught at an advanced level. We offer 17 AP courses and 10 Honors courses, though scheduling conflicts or low demand may prevent students from enrolling in all of them. Students must take the AP exam if enrolled in an AP course.

SUBJECT	COURSES	HONORS	ADVANCED PLACEMENT	
ENGLISH <i>4 credits required</i>	World Literature American Literature Major Author Study Popular Literature Adv. Literary Study	Graphic Novels Journalism Speech African-American Literature Middle Eastern Literature	Advanced American Literature Advanced British Literature Literature of the Holocaust	AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition
SCIENCE <i>3.5 credits required</i>	Biology Chemistry Physics Forensic Science Anatomy 1 Anatomy 2 Bio-Ethics	Computer Programming 1 Computer Programming 2 Intro to Computer Science Intro to CS - Python Earth Science Ecology Principles of Genetics		AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 1 AP Computer Science Principles AP Environmental Science
MATH <i>3 credits required</i>	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry College Algebra and Trigonometry Math Applications and Statistics Numeracy for the 21st Century		Algebra 2 Honors Geometry Honors Pre-Calculus Honors	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics
SOCIAL STUDIES <i>3 credits required</i>	World History United States History Consumer Economics Psychology Law, Politics, and Society World Religions	Global Issues Humanities 1 Humanities 2 Human Rights Human Geography		AP United States History AP Comparative Government and Politics AP Human Geography
WORLD LANGUAGES <i>3 credits required</i>	Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3 French 1 French 2 French 3	Mandarin 1 Mandarin 2 Mandarin 3 Writing & Communication (ELL)	Spanish 4 Honors Spanish 5 Honors Spanish Adv. Topics French 4 Honors French 5 Honors French Adv. Topics Mandarin 4 Honors	AP Spanish Language and Culture AP Spanish Literature and Culture AP French Language and Culture
ARTS <i>2 credits required</i>	Band Chorus History of Rock Spoken Word Yearbook Ceramics 1 Ceramics 2 Photography 1	Photography 2 Art Fundamentals Drawing and Painting 1 Drawing and Painting 2 Acting & Directing 1 Acting & Directing 2 Radio & Podcasting Advanced Art Portfolio Building	Audio & Video Editing Music Appreciation 101 Music Appreciation 102 Music Theory 201	AP Music Theory
PHYSICAL EDUCATION <i>1.5 credits required</i>	Physical Education Health & Wellness			
COLLEGE COUNSELING <i>1.5 credit required</i>	Freshman Seminar College 102 College 103			

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES, 2016-2021

100 percent of Morgan Park Academy students are admitted to and choose to attend four-year colleges and universities.  
A small number of students choose to defer to explore non-academic opportunities.

Agnes Scott College	Florida Gulf Coast University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California, Irvine
Alabama A&M University	Florida State University	Pitzer College	University of California, Los Angeles
Alabama State University	Fordham University	Point Park University	University of California, Riverside
Alcorn State University	George Washington University	Prairie View A & M University	University of California, San Diego
Allegheny College	Georgetown University	Pratt Institute	Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
American University	Georgia State University	Purdue University	University of California, Santa Cruz
Amherst College	Hamilton College	Purdue University Northwest	University of Central Florida
Arizona State University	Hampton University	Queen's University	University of Chicago
Augustana College	Harold Washington College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Cincinnati
Ball State University	Haverford College	Rhodes College	University of Colorado
Barnard College	Hillsdale College	Rice University	University of Connecticut
Barry University	Hollins University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Dayton
Baylor University	Hope College	Roosevelt University	University of Delaware
Beloit College	Howard University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Denver
Benedictine University	Illinois College	Rutgers University	University of Florida
Boston College	Illinois Institute of Technology	Saint Joseph's University	University of Hartford
Boston University	Illinois State University	Saint Louis University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Bowie State University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Saint Mary's College	University of Illinois at Springfield
Bradley University	Indian Hills Community College	Saint Mary's Univ. of Minnesota	U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Brigham Young University	Indiana State University	Saint Xavier University	University of Iowa
Brown University	Indiana University Bloomington	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Kansas
Butler University	Indiana University Northwest	Savannah State University	University of Kentucky
California College of the Arts	Iowa State University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Lynchburg
California State Univ., Los Angeles	Iowa Wesleyan University	Scripps College	University of Manitoba
Cardinal Stritch University	Jackson State University	Seattle University	U. of Massachusetts Amherst
Carleton College	Johns Hopkins University	Simon Fraser University	U. of Massachusetts Boston
Carnegie Mellon University	Kennesaw State University	Southern Illinois Univ. Carbondale	U. of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Carroll University	Kenyon College	Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville	University of Memphis
Carthage College	King's University College	Southern Methodist University	University of Miami
Case Western Reserve University	Knox College	Spelman College	University of Michigan
Cedar Crest College	Lake Forest College	St. Bonaventure University	University of Minnesota
Central College	Lasell University	St. Catherine University	University of Missouri
Central Michigan University	Lawrence University	St. Francis College	U. of Missouri at Kansas City
Central State University	Lehigh University	St. John's College (Annapolis)	U. of North Carolina at Charlotte
Chicago State University	Long Island University	St. John's University (New York)	U. of North Carolina at Greensboro
Claremont McKenna College	Loyola Marymount University	St. Lawrence University	University of Northern Iowa
Clark Atlanta University	Loyola University Chicago	St. Norbert College	University of Notre Dame
Clarke University	Loyola University New Orleans	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Oregon
Clemson University	Macalester College	Stetson University	University of the Pacific
Coe College	Malcolm X College	Suffolk University	University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University	Marist College	Syracuse University	University of Pittsburgh
College of Saint Benedict	Marquette University	Temple University	University of Rochester
Colorado School of Mines	Marymount Manhattan College	Tennessee State University	University of San Diego
Colorado State University	Miami University (Oxford)	The College of Saint Scholastica	University of San Francisco
Colorado State University	Michigan State University	The College of Wooster	University of Southern California
Columbia College Chicago	Millikin University	The New School	University of Toronto
Columbia College Hollywood	Minneapolis College of Art & Design	The Ohio State University	University of Utah
Concordia University	Monmouth College	The Sage Colleges	University of Vermont
Cornell College	Montclair State University	The University of Alabama	University of Washington
Cornell University	Moraine Valley Community College	The University of Tampa	University of Waterloo
Cornerstone University	Morehouse College	The University of Texas at Austin	University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Creighton University	Morgan State University	Transylvania University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Dalhousie University	Mount Mary University	Trinity College	U. of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Dartmouth College	National Louis University	Trinity International University (IL)	Valparaiso University
Denison University	New York University	Trinity Western University	Vanderbilt University
DePaul University	Norfolk State University	Triton College	Vassar College
DePauw University	North Carolina A&T State University	Tufts University	Virginia Tech
Dillard University	Northeastern Illinois University	Tulane University of Louisiana	Wake Forest University
Dominican University	Northeastern University	Tuskegee University	Wartburg College
Drake University	Northern Arizona University	Union College	Washington University in St Louis
Drexel University	Northern Illinois University	University of Akron	Webster University
Eastern Illinois University	Northwestern University	Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham	Westworth Institute of Technology
Eastern Michigan University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Arizona	Western Illinois University
Eastern Washington University	Occidental College	University of British Columbia	Western Michigan University
Elmhurst College	Ohio University	University of British Columbia	Westminster College
Elon University	Olin College of Engineering	University of California, Berkeley	Williams College
Emory University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of California, Davis	Wofford College
Fashion Institute of Design & Merch.	Pace University		Xavier University
Fisk University	Parkland College		Xavier University of Louisiana
Florida A&M University			