



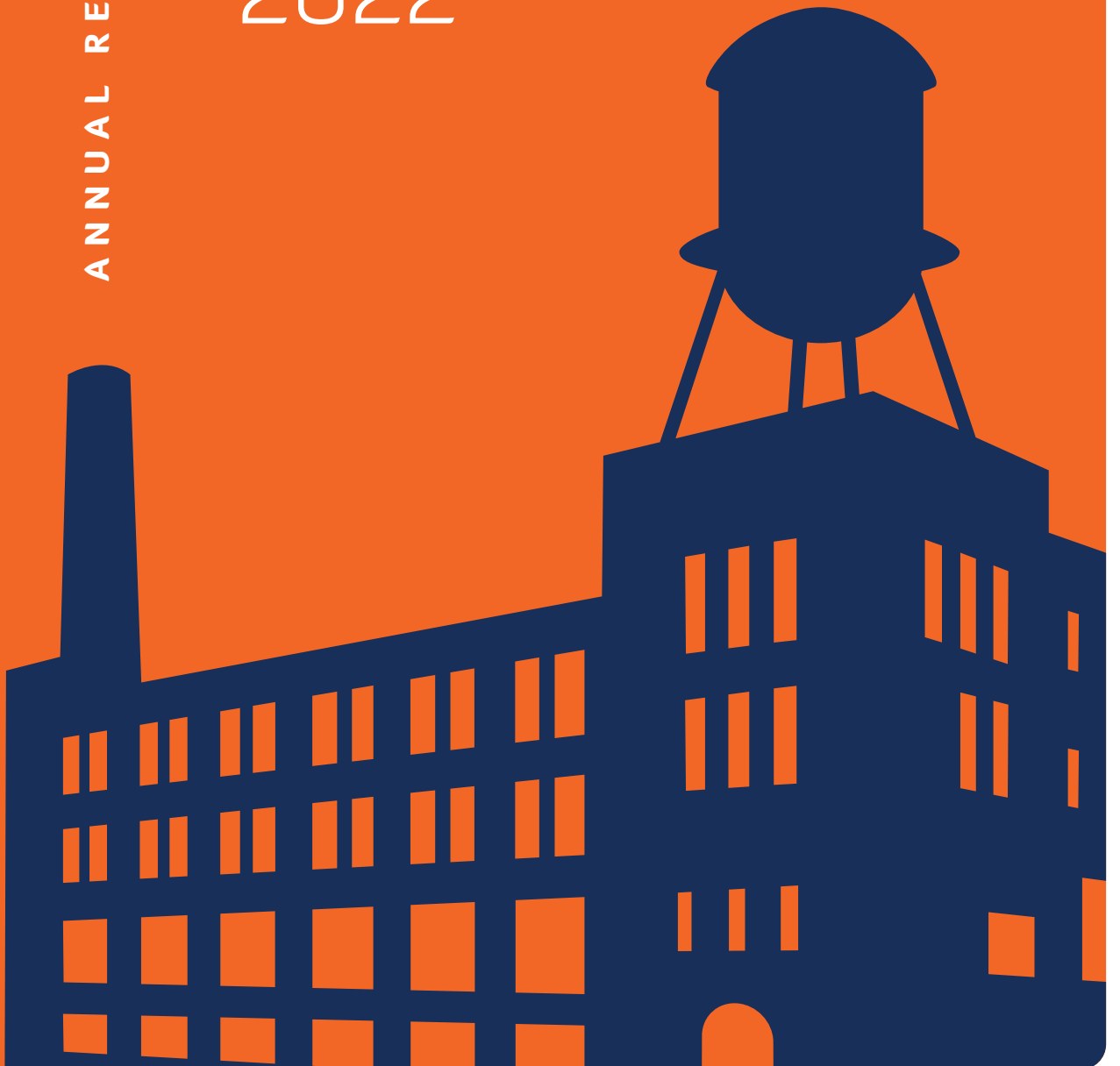
Menlo Park Academy

Developing the Potential of Gifted Children



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-
2022





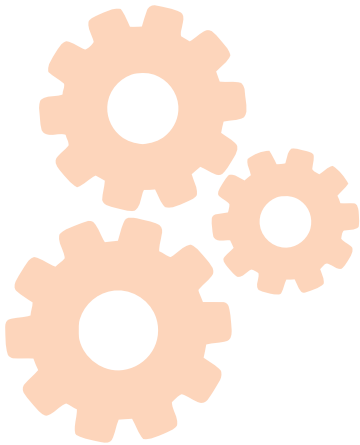
INTRODUCTION

MENLO PARK ACADEMY continued to grow both its reputation and enrollment during the 2021-2022 school year. Enrollment grew to 592 students from 51 school districts and nine counties across the state of Ohio.

Menlo Park Academy's efforts also garnered public recognition for its excellence in education. The community school was ranked as the No. 1 Charter Elementary School and No. 1 Charter Middle School by Niche.com as well as among the top 10 of all public K-8 schools in Ohio.

The 2021-2022 school year brought everyone back together into the building. Students and staff together created our rich educational environment, from exploring topics of interest to exceeding state standards. The class experience of sharing our thoughts, questions, and answers builds the foundation of gifted learners' experience with their classmates and educators.

As Ohio's only tuition-free school for gifted children in grades K-8, Menlo Park Academy is proud to share the many accomplishments of our students and programs from the 2021-2022 school year throughout the pages of this report.





Our Mission

Menlo Park Academy is a public school that develops the potential of gifted children through an exemplary program of rewarding experiences that nurtures the whole child.

Our Philosophy

Gifted Children are an at-risk group of learners. They need a dynamic environment customized to their individual needs. They deserve enriched experiences designed to develop their skills and their unique intellectual, social and emotional needs.

Menlo Park Academy's innovative model offers more depth and complexity, and moves at a faster pace than a traditional school. Students are also afforded the opportunity to interact and build friendships with their intellectual peers.

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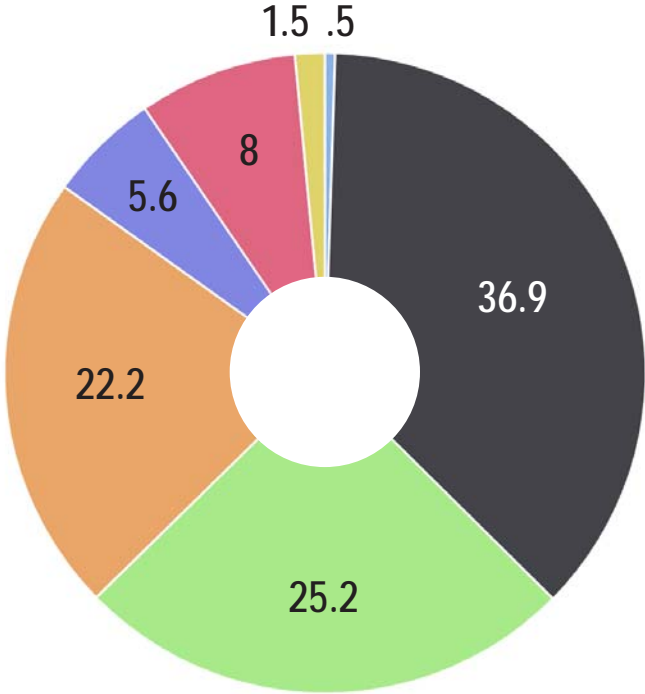




State Testing

As a public charter school, Menlo Park Academy participates in all required state-mandated testing. State testing is not the focus of our academic instruction.

PERFORMANCE INDEX (percentage of students)



- Advanced Plus
- Proficient
- Untested
- Advanced
- Limited
- Accomplished
- Basic



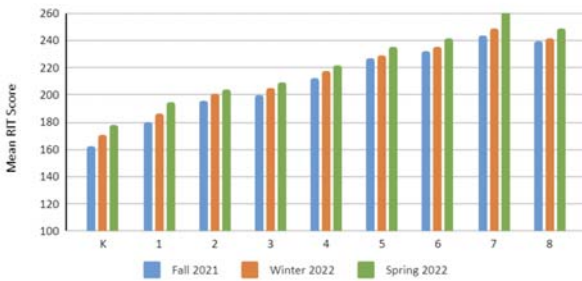
TESTING SUMMARY

Menlo Park Academy NWEA MAP Testing

The preferred benchmark assessment used by Menlo Park Academy is the NWEA MAP, or the Measure of Academic Progress. MAP is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth. Menlo Park Academy is proud to share our students' MAP data. Menlo Park Academy's MAP data demonstrates that our 2021-22 academic growth persisted along the same strong growth curve as pre-pandemic growth.

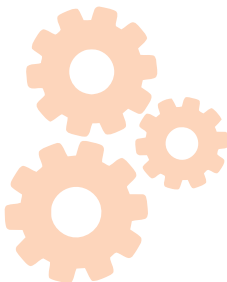
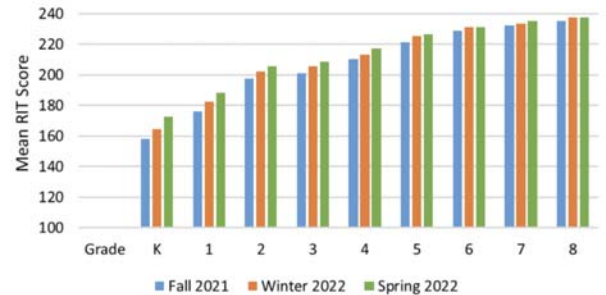
MAP Math Assessment						
Grade	Fall 2021		Winter 2022		Spring 2022	
	Mean RIT Score	Achievement Percentile	Mean RIT Score	Achievement Percentile	Mean RIT Score	Achievement Percentile
K	162.5		170.8	99	178.1	
1	180.1	99	186.2	99	195.1	99
2	195.8	99	200.7	99	203.9	99
3	200.1	99	204.5	91	209.6	91
4	212.7	99	217.8	95	221.6	92
5	227.3	99	229.1	98	235.7	97
6	232.2	98	235.3	97	241.5	98
7	243.7	95	248.5	93	261.9	95
8	239.4		241.9		248.6	

MAP Math Assessment



MAP Reading Assessment						
Grade	Fall 2021		Winter 2022		Spring 2022	
	Mean RIT Score	Achievement Percentile	Mean RIT Score	Achievement Percentile	Mean RIT Score	Achievement Percentile
K	157.9		164.7	99	172.7	
1	175.9	99	182.4	99	188.3	99
2	197.8	99	202	99	205.5	99
3	200.9	99	205.5	95	208.6	93
4	210.2	99	213.4	94	217.1	94
5	221.2	99	225.4	99	226.8	98
6	228.8	99	231.4	99	230.9	98
7	232.3	99	233.4	99	235.1	99
8	235.4	99	237.3	99	237.5	98

MAP Reading Assessment





Staff, Parent And Student Satisfaction Survey

Annual Survey Summary

Three stakeholder groups responded to the 2021-2022 Menlo Park Academy Annual Survey: Staff, Parents and Students in grades 5-8. There were 40 Staff respondents, 113 Parent respondents and 136 Student respondents.

Respondents indicated they Strongly Agree, Somewhat Agree, Somewhat Disagree or Strongly Disagree with each item. Respondents could also mark each item as Not Applicable. Similar questions were asked across all three surveys, including the measurement of each group’s overall satisfaction related to experience and growth at Menlo Park Academy.

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Staff: 100 percent Strongly Agreed or Somewhat Agreed that in communications, “Responding to individual parent questions and concerns is an important aspect of teaching at MPA” 97 percent Strongly Agreed or Somewhat Agreed in educational programming, that they “Challenge and teach at students’ appropriate instructional levels.”

Parents: 94 percent Strongly Agreed or Somewhat Agreed that in communications, “The Weekly Digest helped me stay informed about upcoming events, important dates, and activities.” **79 percent Strongly Agreed or Somewhat Agreed** in the overall experience, that “MPA provides an excellent education for its students.”

Students (Grades 5-8): 88 percent Strongly Agreed or Somewhat Agreed in their needs as a student, that “My classes included using project-based learning to help me understand the content.” **81 percent Strongly Agreed or Somewhat Agreed** that in the overall experience, “Overall, I am satisfied with my progress and learning at MPA this year, regardless of modality.”



Attendance

The Menlo Park Academy student body continued to attend with a daily student reporting rate of 92.2 percent for the 2021-22 school year.

Re-enrollment

Of our 2020-2021 school year student population, 93 percent returned for the 2021-2022 school year.



Volunteers

Menlo Park Academy would not exist, let alone thrive, without the commitment of our parent community. A productive parent relationship with school faculty strengthens community and allows MPA students to thrive in a way that could not be accomplished otherwise.



Fundraising Activities

Parent volunteers are also an important part of Menlo Park Academy’s fundraising efforts. In 2021-2022, the school continued the online fundraising portion of the Winter Benefit, raising over \$25,700. Additionally, the school hosted an annual Walkathon, generously raising over \$21,700. We received continued support from other fundraisers leading to a total of \$65,480.48 raised for the year.



\$21,731

RAISED!

Thank you!



Financial Results *(Unaudited, as of June 30, 2022)*

REVENUES

State Sources	\$4,487,938
Federal Sources	\$ 769,223
Local Sources	\$1,130,439
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,387,600

EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages	\$2,850,666
Employee Benefits	\$ 452,028
Purchased Services	\$2,313,333
Supplies & Materials	\$ 270,352
Capital Outlay	\$ 191,257
Other Expenses	\$ 378,690
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,456,326



Competitions, Community Events, and Field Trips

Menlo Park Academy supports students in unique opportunities throughout the year. We offer rewarding experiences designed to nurture the whole child, supporting the gifted child through activities as well as academics.

COMPETITIONS

Providing in-building competitions that may lead to state and national competitions, we offer support to students for the experience of self-motivation, self-expression, and being gracious competitors. Students learn to support one another throughout these challenges as well.

2022 Scripps Spelling Bee

MPA's annual Spelling Bee took place on February 24, 2022. 28 students competed for the title of MPA Spelling Bee Champ! It was a close competition with Nakshatra M. (8th grade) coming in 1st place, Sophia P. (6th grade) in 2nd place, and Olivia P. (6th grade) coming in 3rd place.



Power of the Pen

In the 2021-22 Power of the Pen competition, Menlo's eighth grade team placed second out of 33 teams from the six-county Northern region.

Menlo students Anna O., Adele W., and Echo G. represented the school well at the Power of the Pen State tournament at Otterbein University in Columbus. Anna O. placed second in the state out of 225 eighth graders competing.





Ohio History Day Competition

10 Awards for our 7th-8th grade History Wizards

WEBSITE:

1st place: *The Portsmouth Peace Treaty: President Theodore Roosevelt’s Double-Edged Diplomacy during the Russo-Japanese War* - Ethan C.

Honorable Mention: *The Berlin Airlift: Cold War Diplomacy of 1948-1949* - Snehan M.

DOCUMENTARY:

1st place: *Cuban Missile Crisis: The Diplomacy of Kennedy vs. Khrushchev* - Jack D.

2nd place: *May 4, 1970: Four Dead in Ohio - The Debate Over Who is to Blame* - Oliver S.

2nd Place (Group Category): *The Great Divide: The Bloody Legacy of India-Pakistan Partition* - Atidya M., Nakshatra M., and Shashini M.

PERFORMANCE:

2nd place: *“They’ve Labeled Us The Hollywood Ten”: The Debate against the House Un-American Activities Committee* - Jackson K.

2nd place (Group Category): *Jane Goodall and the Debate About Primate Intelligence* - Jonas and Lilah B.

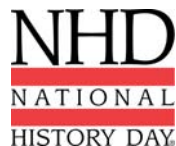
EXHIBIT:

Honorable Mention: *The Debate Over Women’s Suffrage in America* - Lakshanyaa R.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

The Maritime Historical Award: *The Portsmouth Peace Treaty: President Theodore Roosevelt’s Double-Edged Diplomacy during the Russo-Japanese War* - Ethan C.

Primary Sources Award: *May 4, 1970: Four Dead in Ohio -The Debate Over Who is to Blame* - Oliver S.



National History Day Competition

9 students from Menlo Park Academy competed at the National History Day Region Five Competition.





Mock Trial

Menlo Park Academy was represented by two teams at the 2021-22 Ohio Center for Law-Related Education Middle School Mock Trial State Showcase Competition. Both of Menlo’s teams earned the highest team ranking of “Superior.” Menlo’s teams were two of the five from around the state that earned this distinction. Congratulations to our Team Edison and Team Tesla.

Special congratulations to students Jackson K. and Tao H., who earned Best Attorney awards and to Atidya M., who earned a Best Witness award.

SPECIAL MENLO EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS

PI Day (3.14) 2022

In Menlo tradition, we celebrated all things math and Pi Day on Monday, March 14th. Each floor completed math-centered activities and celebrated the amazing world of mathematics.





Middle School Signature Trips to Washington, D.C. and Dearborn, MI

In May 2022, Menlo 7th and 8th grade students traveled to Washington, D.C. They visited the Air and Space Museum, American History Museum, WWII Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, and even a dinner cruise on the Potomac River. Our students also stopped at the 9/11 Memorial in Shanksville, PA on the way back home.

Menlo 6th graders took a signature trip to Dearborn, Michigan. They visited the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, the Automobile Hall of Fame, and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African History.



Graduation

The 58 graduates of the Class of 2022 left Menlo Park Academy to attend the area's best public, parochial, and independent high schools throughout Northeast Ohio.





SPONSOR

Menlo Park Academy's sponsor is The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW) served as sponsor for Menlo Park Academy during the 2021-2022 school year. ESCLEW monitored the school's academic and fiscal performance, as well as organization and operation of the school, and determined that the school was overall compliant.

Mission:



The ESCLEW Community Schools Center is a student-centered authorizer of charter schools, advancing quality educational opportunities throughout the state of Ohio.

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW) has been sponsoring community (charter) schools in Ohio since 1998 and was one of the original pilot program sponsors. Today, ESCLEW provides responsible oversight, monitoring, and technical assistance to 54 community schools statewide. The staff in our Community Schools Center helps to provide a focus on academic, operational, and fiscal integrity. The Community Schools Center is accepting applications for new schools and replication or transfer of sponsorship for the 2021-22 school year.

Community schools attract students because of the uniqueness of their particular educational approach and program offerings. Community schools prioritize developmentally appropriate instruction, educational effectiveness, and academic achievement. Schools sponsored by the ESC of Lake Erie West include 22 special needs schools, two autism schools, a gifted school, and an e-school. We also sponsor schools that focus on STEM education, college preparatory classes, career and technical education, and character development.

The promise community schools hold for educational reform lies in a thoughtful combination of freedom and accountability. Underwritten with public funds but run independently, community schools are held accountable by their sponsors for academic and fiscal performance and must meet the same rigorous standards as traditional school districts.

