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## 2017-2018 Upper School College Profile

MinnehahaAcademy.net

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School Code: 241-625

### The Upper School Experience

The mission of Minnehaha Academy is the same as it has been since 1913, "to provide a high quality education, integrating the Christian faith with learning." The Upper School provides many opportunities for students to explore their interests and to pursue their talents. Our teachers, in collaboration with colleagues and administrators, create and shape their curricula in order to enrich their students' learning experiences. More than 85% of our Upper School faculty hold advanced degrees. Students are encouraged to take initiative, express creativity and challenge themselves in different activities and areas of study.

### Admission Policy

The Upper School seeks a mission-appropriate student body that closely reflects the diversity of the Twin Cities metropolitan area with nearly 30% of the Upper School population being students of color. We welcome students of all ethnic, racial, and religious faiths and backgrounds, and believe in the equality of all persons under God.

### Modified Block Schedule

Minnehaha Academy's Upper School follows a year-long, seven-period modified block schedule. The modified block schedule promotes diverse teaching strategies such as sustained discussion, question and answer sessions, reflections, simulations, rehearsals, laboratory experiments, group projects and cooperative learning. In addition, while the schedule maintains three class meetings per week, the schedule enables students to focus on fewer individual subjects each day as they only need to delve into, at most, four classes per block day.

### Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

We offer a wide range of Advanced Placement and Honors courses in addition to the traditional college preparatory curricula. We currently offer more AP courses than any other private school in the state of Minnesota. During students' time in the Upper School, they are encouraged to challenge themselves by taking advanced courses that meet their academic goals. We have an application process for students who wish to enroll in AP courses. However, enrollment is essentially granted to all students who wish to take on the challenge of college level coursework. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take their respective AP exams.

### Minnehaha Academy 2017 Highlights

- Several actors and members of the tech crew from Minnehaha's production of *Urinetown* were recognized with awards by the Hennepin Theatre Trust. One student was recognized as a "Triple Threat" finalist for his singing, dancing, and acting.
- More than 20 students received honors at various music competitions across the state, as well as being invited to participate in All-State band, orchestra, or choir. Choral groups participated in workshops and a joint concert with the Oratory Bach Ensemble.
- Upper School students visited local sites as well as China, Germany, Italy, and Costa Rica to experience other cultures, provide service, and share their talents with others during Cultural Field Experience (CFE) week.
- *The Talon* student newspaper earned the highest rating of "All-American" by the National Scholastic Press Association while *The Antler* yearbook was rated "First-Class." Journalism students won 30 awards at the State level for their writing, photography, design, and multimedia work.
- 3 Minnesota State Championships were earned by Minnehaha athletes - the Boys' Basketball team, the Boys' Baseball team and to the Girls' 4x800 relay team.
- 69 athletes earned All-Conference recognition and 9 earned All-State honors for their athletic achievements.
- Athletes from 12 Varsity teams represented Minnehaha Academy at their respective State Tournaments.
- The 79 Class of 2017 graduates were offered nearly \$10 million in merit-based scholarships.

### College and Guidance Counseling Staff

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## Course Offerings and Graduation Requirements

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Students earn one credit per full academic year of course work. Students must successfully complete a minimum of 26.75 credits in grades 9 through 12 to graduate from Minnehaha Academy. Freshmen and sophomores take seven courses each year, while juniors and seniors take a minimum of six.

### English - 4 cr. required

English 9 & 10  
Honors English 10  
English 11 & 12  
AP English 11 & 12  
Argumentation & Debate  
Speech Communication  
Advanced Composition  
Beginning Journalism  
Intermediate Journalism (Yearbook or Newspaper/Social Media)  
Advanced Journalism (Yearbook or Newspaper/Social Media)

### Mathematics - 3 cr. required

Algebra I & II  
Enriched Algebra II  
Geometry  
Enriched Geometry  
Pre-Calculus  
Enriched Pre-Calculus  
Calculus  
Statistics/Discrete Math  
AP Statistics  
AP Calculus I (AB)  
AP Calculus II (BC)  
Multivariable Calculus & Adv. Topics

### Science - 3 cr. required

Foundation of Physics  
Physics  
Chemistry  
AP Chemistry  
Biology  
AP Biology  
AP Physics C (Mechanics and E&M)  
Applied Research in Engineering I  
Applied Research in Engineering II - ISS or Independent Res.  
Environmental Science I & II  
Honors Anatomy & Physiology (CIS\*)

### Social Studies - 3.5 cr. required

World History I, II, III  
AP World History  
Early American History  
Recent American History  
AP U.S. History  
U.S. Government & Politics  
AP U.S. Government & Politics  
Economics  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP Microeconomics  
AP European History  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Psychology  
Introduction to Business  
Leadership Studies

### Sacred Studies - 2 cr. required

Reading the Bible  
Life and Teachings of Christ  
The Uniqueness of Christianity  
New Testament Studies  
Honors Christian Ethics  
Senior Capstone

### Physical Educ. & Health - 2 cr. required

Physical Education I  
Physical Education II - Team Sports  
Physical Education II - Conditioning  
Health 9  
Current Health Issues  
Personal Fitness

### World Languages - 2 cr. required

Chinese I, II & III  
French I, II & III  
Latin I, II & III  
Spanish I, II & III  
Honors Chinese IV & V (CIS\*)  
Honors French IV & V (CIS\*)  
Honors Latin IV & V (CIS\*)  
Honors Spanish IV  
AP Spanish

### Computer Science

AP Computer Science

### Special Academic Needs

Learning Lab

### Fine Arts - 1 cr. required

Fundamentals of Art  
Painting  
Sculpture  
Ceramics  
Drawing  
Paper Arts  
AP Studio Art  
Exploration of Theater  
Acting  
Beginning Filmmaking  
Intermediate Filmmaking  
Advanced Filmmaking  
Graphic Design  
Advanced Graphic Design  
Digital Photography  
Concert Band  
Orchestra  
Symphonic Wind Ensemble  
Men's Choir  
Women's Chorale  
Singers

### Cultural Field Experience - 3 sessions (0.75 credits) required

#### \*College In the Schools (CIS)

College in the Schools courses are offered through the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and Bethel University. Students receive college credit and an official transcript from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities or Bethel University after completion of these courses.





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## No Rank Policy

Given the rigorous college preparatory curriculum taken by all students and the relatively small size of the graduation class, Minnehaha Academy does not rank its students. In lieu of a class rank, we provide a distribution of standardized test scores and grade point averages.

## Standardized Test Information

<b>ACT</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Students	90	92	71
Mean Comp.	26.8	27.5	27.8
Mid-50%	25-30	24-30	24-32

<b>SAT</b>	<b>2015<sup>(2400)</sup></b>	<b>2016<sup>(1600)</sup></b>	<b>2017<sup>(1600)</sup></b>
Students	24	22	8
Mean Score	1756	1330	1345
Mid-50%	1600-1870	1180-1440	1265-1425

## National Merit and Achievement Awards

<b>Graduation year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Class Size	94	79	81
Semifinalists	5	1	2
Commended	4	2	6

<b>Advanced Placement</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Candidates	200	190	154
Exams Given	447	461	378
% Scores 3 or Higher	77.0	81.1	80.5
AP Scholars	31	33	23
Scholars w/Honor	23	23	17
Scholars w/Distinction	36	34	36
National AP Scholars	4	14	5

## Cumulative GPA by Graduation Year

<b>GPA Range</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Class Size	94	79	81
3.75 - 4.00	30%	39%	42%
3.50 - 3.74	22%	18%	17%
3.25 - 3.49	18%	9%	16%
3.00 - 3.24	18%	13%	7%
2.75 - 2.99	4%	4%	7%
2.50 - 2.74	2%	9%	2%
2.25 - 2.49	3%	5%	5%
2.00 - 2.24	1%	3%	4%

Grades are calculated on a maximum 4.0 scale and are recorded on a semester basis. No classes are weighted.

## International Space Station Project (ISS)

Minnehaha Academy was the first school in the Midwest to offer an opportunity for Upper School students to design a science experiment to be placed aboard the International Space Station through our Applied Research in Engineering II course. While working with community mentors, students have the opportunity to plan, test, document and launch a microlab experiment to be studied in a micro-gravity environment.

## Intern Leadership Program

Interns are junior and senior leaders who possess a high degree of commitment to the school's values and ideals. After being selected through an application and interview process, interns help oversee particular areas of the school such as service, school spirit, academic support, chapel, athletics, peer tutoring, publicity and social activities.

## Cultural Field Experience (CFE)

In March of each academic year, students in grades 9 through 11 participate in a week-long on-site learning experience called Cultural Field Experience. During this week, students are exposed to people and communities that are different from their own. The goal of this program is to promote an understanding of different sociocultural perspectives and to provide students with opportunities to build bridges within our school, neighborhood and global communities among people from diverse backgrounds. Students earn academic credit towards graduation for these three required experiences.

## Advisory Program

The Advisory Program provides each student with an adult from whom he or she can seek guidance, support and help in the areas of academics, spiritual growth and personal and social issues. The gender and grade-based Advisory groups stay together with the same faculty or staff member throughout the student's high school career.

## Extracurricular Involvement

Minnehaha Academy has 27 varsity sports. 86% of students are on an athletic team. Minnehaha Academy has more than 20 performing groups and 51% of our students are involved in a Fine Arts program above and beyond the fine arts academic requirement. Students also participate in club activities offered through school.

## Post-Secondary Acceptances & Matriculation: 2017 \*Multiple Acceptances **BOLD**=Students Attended

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Acadia University  
Albion College  
**Alcorn State University\***  
Arizona State University  
The University of Arizona  
Augsburg College  
Augustana University  
**Azusa Pacific University**  
Baylor University  
**Belmont University**  
Beloit College  
Bemidji State University  
**Bethel University-MN\***  
Bishop's University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
**Bowdoin College**  
Bradley University  
Brandeis University  
Butler University  
California Institute of the Arts  
California Lutheran University  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
Cardinal Stritch University  
**Carleton College**  
**Carleton University**  
**Century College**  
**University of Chicago**  
Clemson University  
Coe College  
College of Charleston  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
**Colorado College**  
Colorado State University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Concordia College - Moorhead  
Concordia University - St. Paul  
Creighton University  
**Daemen College**  
Dalhousie University  
Denison University  
**University of Denver\***  
**DePaul University**  
Dordt College  
Drake University  
Eastman School of Music, Univ. of Rochester  
Emerson College  
Florida A & M University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida State University  
University of Florida  
Fordham University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Furman University  
**The George Washington University**  
**Georgetown University**

Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Gordon College**  
Grand Canyon University  
**Gustavus Adolphus College\***  
Hamline University  
High Point University  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Hope College  
**Illinois Institute of Technology**  
**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**  
**Illinois Wesleyan University**  
Indiana University at Bloomington  
Iowa State University  
Jackson State University  
**Johns Hopkins University**  
Kansas State University  
**University of Kansas**  
Kenyon College  
King's University College  
Knox College  
Lake Forest College  
Lawrence University  
Lipscomb University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University New Orleans  
**Luther College**  
Macalester College  
Maine Maritime Academy  
**Marquette University**  
University of Manitoba  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
Mercyhurst University  
Miami University, Oxford  
Milkin University  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
**University of Minnesota, Duluth\***  
**University of Minnesota, Morris**  
**University of Minnesota, Twin Cities\***  
**Montana State University, Bozeman**  
**University of Nebraska at Lincoln**  
**The New School - All Divisions**  
New York University  
Norfolk State University  
North Dakota State University  
**North Park University**  
Northeastern University  
**University of Northern Colorado**  
Northwestern Michigan College - Great Lakes Maritime Academy  
**Northwestern University**  
**University of Northwestern**  
**University of Notre Dame**  
**Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences**  
University of Oregon  
Otis College of Art & Design  
Pace University, New York City  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Pennsylvania State University

Pratt Institute  
University of Puget Sound  
Purdue University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
**Rhodes College**  
University of Richmond  
**Saint John's University**  
**Saint Louis University**  
San Francisco Art Institute  
University of San Francisco  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
School of Visual Arts  
Seattle University  
**Seattle Pacific University**  
**Simpson College**  
**University of Southern California**  
College of St. Benedict  
**St. Cloud State University**  
St. Francis Xavier University  
St. Olaf College  
College of St. Scholastica  
University of St. Thomas  
Suffolk University  
SUNY Maritime College  
Syracuse University  
Taylor University  
**The University of Texas, Austin**  
**Trinity International University**  
**Tulane University**  
Valparaiso University  
Vancouver Island University  
**Vanderbilt University**  
University of Virginia  
**Wartburg College**  
**Washington University in St. Louis**  
**University of Washington**  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College, IL  
**Whitworth University**  
Wichita State University  
University of Winnipeg  
**University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire**  
University of Wisconsin, Green Bay  
**University of Wisconsin, Madison\***  
**University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee**  
University of Wisconsin, Platteville  
University of Wisconsin, River Falls  
**University of Wisconsin, Stout\***  
**University of Wisconsin, Superior**  
**University of Wisconsin, Washington County**  
The College of Wooster  
University of Wyoming  
Xavier University of Louisiana