

Upper School Overview



Millwood School offers an unprecedented Upper School experience. Upper School students enjoy a wide variety of opportunities through clubs, service organizations, and academic competitions. Every year is enhanced with traditions considered rites of passage as the students progress, including an overnight trip each year to complement the curriculum.

Our Upper School experience includes small classes with a robust Advisory Program; a safe, peaceful 79-acre campus; a friendly, inclusive, and diverse community with strong parent and grandparent involvement; an environment of

respect, self-discipline, good conduct, and responsible work ethic; and academic courses which meet students where they are and take them as far as they can go. Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) Courses are offered to students prepared for academic rigor.



Academics

Standardized Testing – The PSAT will be administered in grades 9 through 11 in preparation for the SAT.

College Placement – Students and parents will have the opportunity to work closely with the college counselor throughout the college selection process, beginning in the 8th grade.

Rigor – The college preparatory courses are unprecedented in this geographic area. All academic work is directed toward preparation for success in the college admission process and success with college-level work.

Academic Advisor – Students are paired with an advisor who guides and directs them throughout the upper school. This relationship involves course selection, the monitoring of academic progress, and the pursuit of personal goals.

Program Highlights

Approaches to Learning Skills – Students are armed with self-management, thinking, research, social, and communication skills. These skills are mastered through explicit classroom instruction and field experiences.

AP Seminar – Students must complete AP Seminar to prepare them for the AP Capstone program

Athletics – Students are able to participate and compete on a variety of middle school and varsity sports teams throughout the school year.

Clubs – Clubs are offered during school as student interest dictates.

Service Opportunities – Millwood students participate in numerous community service activities throughout the school year. The Middle and Upper School curriculum includes projects and opportunities for service learning.

Specialty Programs

AP Capstone – Students earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP exams of their choosing, receive the AP Capstone Diploma. With this diploma, students could earn up to 36 college credit hours.

Round Square – Students have the opportunity to visit schools that also partake in the Spirit of Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership, and Service.

MYP – The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme is a rigorous academic framework designed for students aged 11 to 16, emphasizing critical thinking, intercultural understanding, and holistic development. It encourages students to make connections between their studies and the real world, promoting inquiry-based learning and global citizenship.



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At Millwood School, we don't simply provide knowledge. We inspire it. We are a Junior Kindergarten - Grade 12, college preparatory, co-ed independent day school.

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Course Offerings

English

IB MYP H WESTERN LITERATURE
IB MYP H EASTERN LITERATURE
AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION
AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

Mathematics

IB MYP H ALGEBRA I
IB MYP H GEOMETRY
IB MYP H ALGEBRA II
IB MYP H PRE-CALCULUS
AP PRE-CALCULUS
AP CALCULUS
AP STATISTICS

Social Studies

IB MYP H/AP WORLD HISTORY: MODERN
AP/H US HISTORY
AP/H US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Language Acquisition

IB MYP H SPANISH I-IV
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION
IB MYP H FRENCH I-IV
AP FRENCH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION

Fine Arts

IB MYP H ART I/ART II
IB MYP H ART III
3D ART AND DESIGN
IB MYP H MUSIC I-II
IB MYP H DRAMA II
IB MYP INTRO TO THEATER & STAGECRAFT

Science

IB MYP H BIOLOGY
IB MYP H CHEMISTRY
AP BIOLOGY
AP CHEMISTRY
AP PHYSICS 1/2
AP PSYCHOLOGY
APPLIED SCIENCE

Design & Comp. Science

IB MYP H DESIGN 9-10
AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES
AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A

Physical Education

IB MYP H PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9-10
HONORS WEIGHT TRAINING

Capstone Diploma

AP SEMINAR
AP RESEARCH

** Some of the above courses are not offered every year. Courses are offered and may be added according to student interest. Some courses are offered on a semester basis.*



Graduation Requirements: Diploma

Discipline Area	Credits
English	4
Mathematics ¹	5
Science ²	4
History and Social Sciences ³	4
Health and Physical Education	2
World Language	3
Design	2
Electives	4
TOTAL	28

Additional Requirements for Graduation

Training in Emergency First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) – Students shall be trained in emergency first aid, CPR, and the use of AED, including hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform.

¹ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall be at or above the level of algebra and shall include at least two course selections from among: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or other mathematics courses above the level of algebra and geometry. Students may also use a computer science class to fulfill this credit.

² Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selections from at least two different science disciplines from among: earth sciences, biology, chemistry or physics. Students may also use a computer science class to fulfill this credit.

³ Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include U.S. History, U.S. Government, and one course in either world history or geography or both.



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