



BROWN & GOLD 2010-11 REPORT

An annual report for the MHS community

MHS MISSION

In keeping with
Mr. and Mrs. Hershey's
Deed of Trust,
Milton Hershey School®
nurtures and educates
children in social
and financial need
to lead fulfilling and
productive lives.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL

The 2010-2011 year was one of growth and achievement.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our staff, our students continue to thrive. For the fourth year, our young men and women showed strong progress on the PSSA, the state's benchmark of student achievement, and they have shown steady improvement, year over year, in other key academic areas.

We have continued to strengthen our Career/Technical education component. About 97 percent of our graduating seniors had earned a state or nationally recognized certification in their respective Career/Technical areas.

One area in which I am not pleased with our progress is that of our students' health and fitness. We missed our target of students in the healthy range on the Body Mass Index again in 2010-11, and this has become an area of schoolwide focus for us. Learning to lead a healthy and active life is as important as academic and career success, and working together, I know we can move the needle in this area.

Dr. Anthony J. Colistra '59
President, Milton Hershey School

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video at: www.mhs-pa.org**



Quick Stats

- New students enrolled 409
- Average total household income..... \$12,614
- 2010-11 Federal Poverty Level..... \$22,050
- Medical visits..... 31,713
- Dental procedures..... 30,742 procedures in 11,627 visits
- Clothing fittings 3,554
- Beauty Shop visits 2,561
- Barber Shop visits..... 5,855

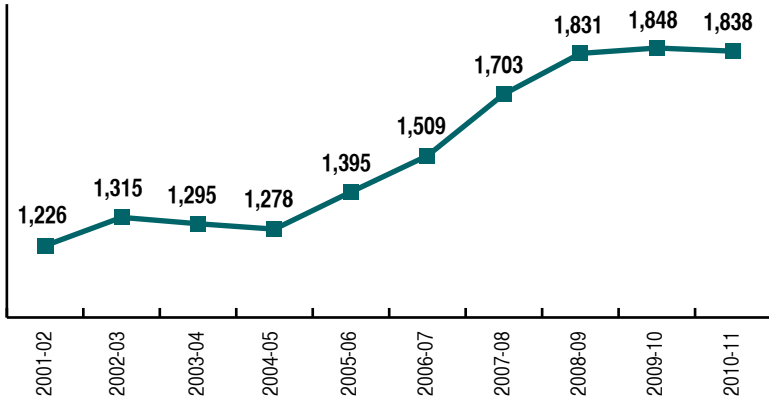
The children we serve

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Peak Enrollment Statistics

10-year trend

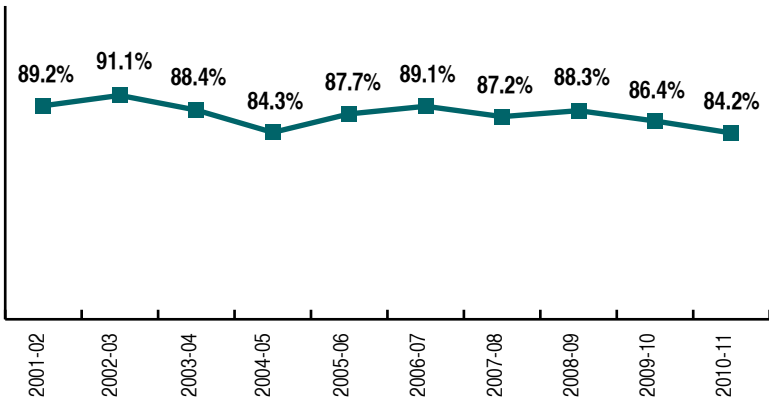
While our enrollment dipped slightly this year, we expect enrollment to grow to 1,865 in 2011-12.



Student Retention

10-year rates

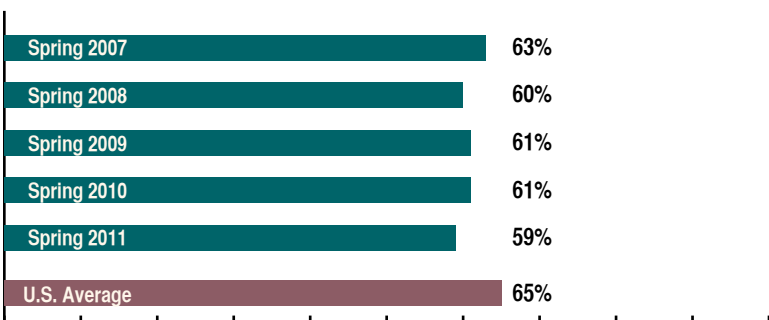
About 75% of our students who leave do so voluntarily, the majority for homesickness or a desire to be at home with family.



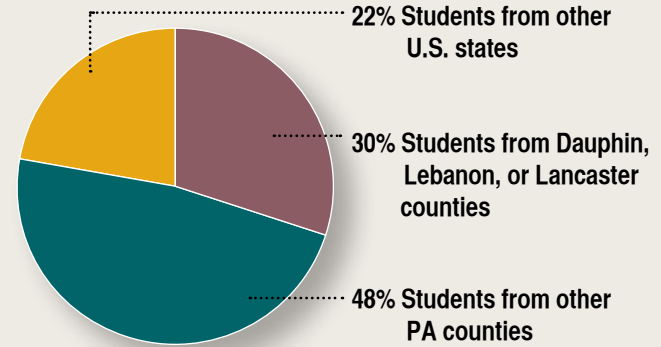
Student Physical Health

Body Mass Index (BMI)

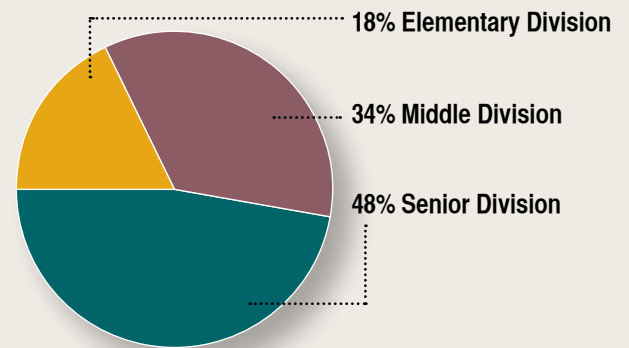
We missed our goal of having 64% of our students have body mass index in the healthy range. This is an area of focus in 2011-12.



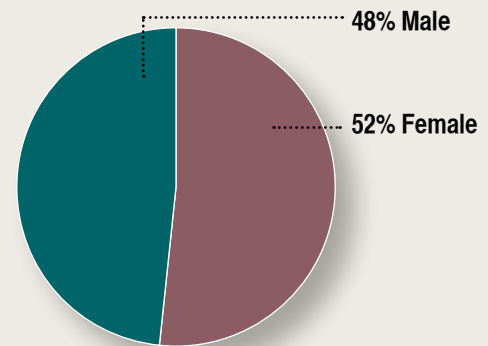
Geography



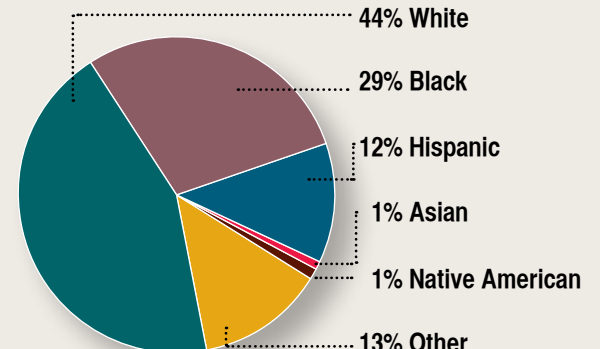
Age Divisions



Gender



Ethnicity

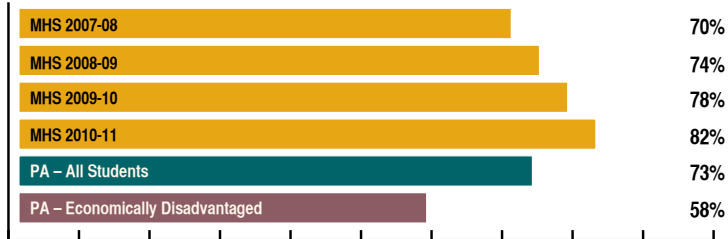


Achievement

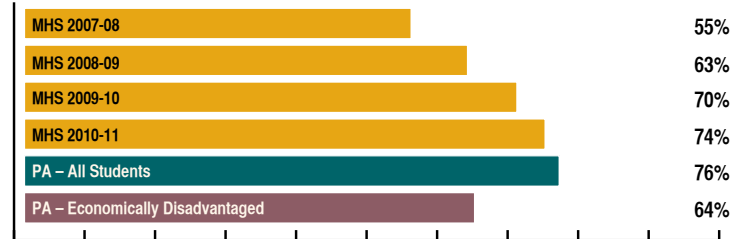
TEST SCORES

Pennsylvania System of School Assessment Results* (PSSA Results)

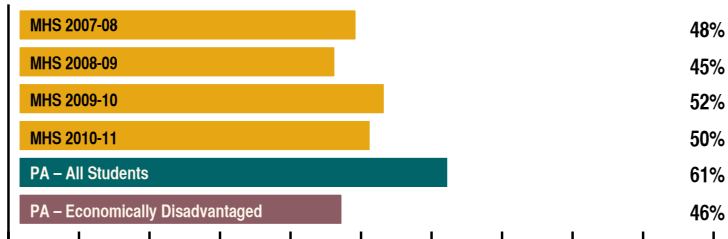
Percentage of MHS students scoring proficient or above on PSSA exams



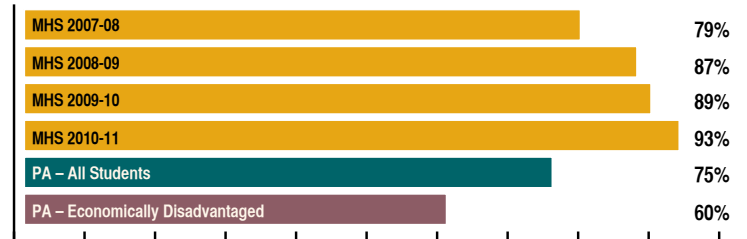
Reading



Math



Science

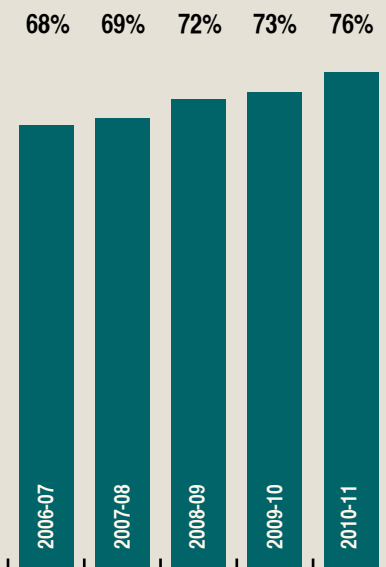


Writing

* The PSSA Reading and Math exams are administered to students in grades 3-8 and 11. Science exams are administered to students in grades 4, 8, and 11; Writing exams are administered in grades 5, 8, and 11. Not all students take all four exams each year.

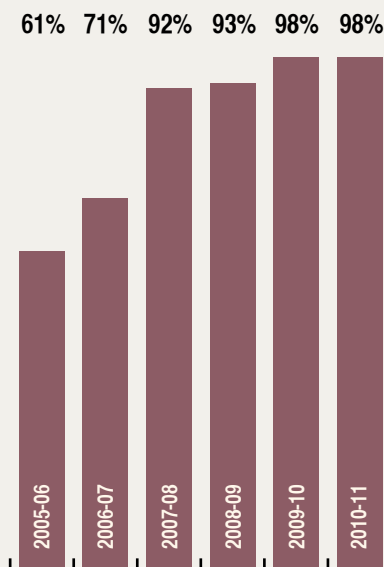
Character/ Behavior

Percentage of students who were not involved in a Level 3 or higher.



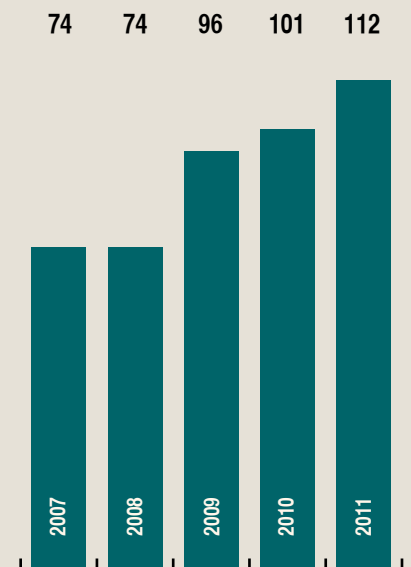
Career/Technical Education

Percentage of students in grades 10-12 who successfully completed state or national certification exams in their respective Career/Technical areas.



Advanced Placement

34% of the Class of 2011 enrolled in a total of 112 advanced placement courses.



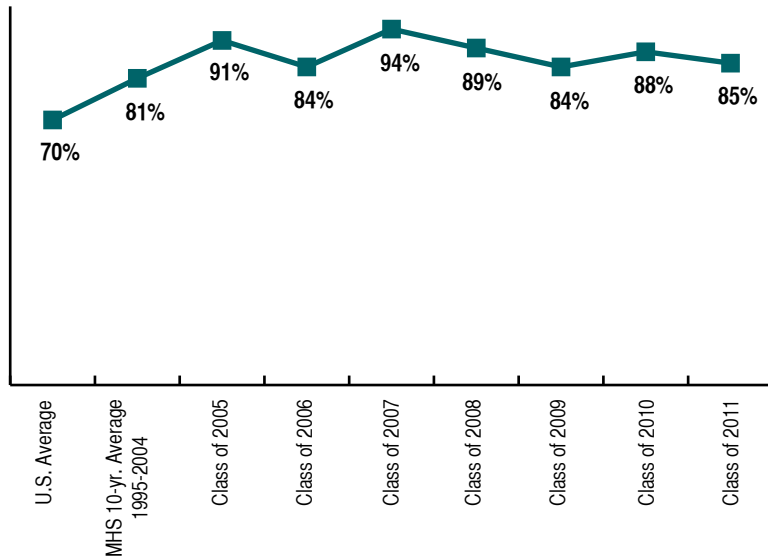
Transitions

YEAR-ROUND SUPPORT

Postsecondary Education

2005-2011

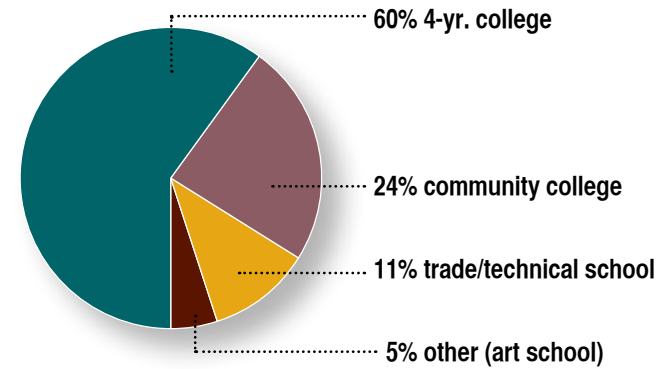
85% of the MHS Class of 2011 began their freshman year of postsecondary education, exceeding both the School's 10-year average and the national average.



Postsecondary Choices

Class of 2011

Following are the choices of postsecondary education selected by the 92% of the Class of 2011 who began their freshman year.

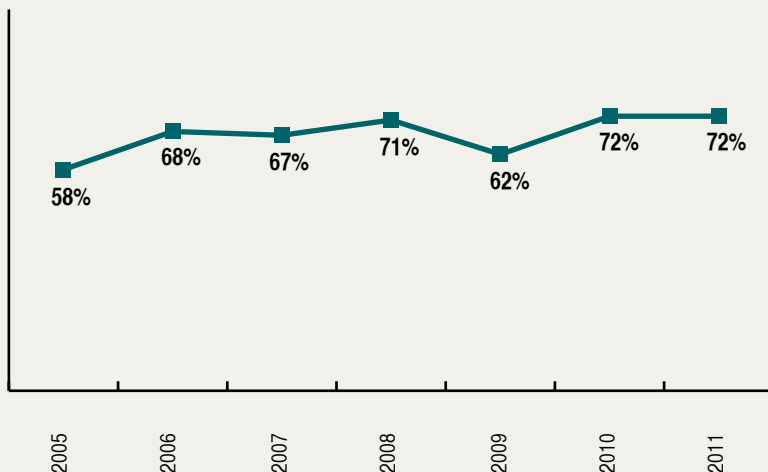


Student Engagement

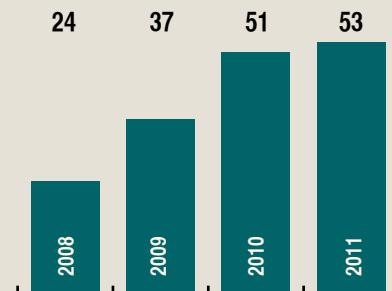
YRE Participation

Summer of 2011

MHS encourages students to participate in Year Round Experiences (YRE) programs which provide significant skill-building activities for students who remain on campus during holiday and summer break periods.



Alumni Summer Housing



MHS offers inexpensive housing for graduates who need a supportive home during summer months.