

# MG21 Upper Campus





# Our Mission

Provide a student-centered educational community for independent learners designed to give students the skills to *walk their path in life.*

Visit [mg21.org](http://mg21.org) for more information!







# Our Pillars

1. **Educate the whole person:** To educate the whole person and help students learn and discover the path they are walking.
2. **Rigorous academic skills and social-emotional growth:** To foster students' academic, 21st century skills, and social-emotional skills in order for them to be successful in school and after graduation.
3. **Project-based inquiry:** To facilitate authentic learning experiences through student-generated projects.
4. **Build and connect with community:** To have students recognize their moral obligation to themselves, their peers and their school and the larger community.







“It definitely was a game changer for my child. We are very thankful that we have this great option in our district.

Thank you MG21!”

– *MG21 Parent*

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# Why is MG21 a Charter School?

Charter schools are **public** schools created through a contract or "charter" between the school and the sponsoring school board.

Being a charter school allows for:

- Independence
- Innovation
- Flexibility

Charter schools are **NOT** voucher schools or private schools. They are non-sectarian and tuition free.



# What Makes MG21 Unique?



**Small size leads to ...  
the development of strong relationships.**

# **Project Based Learning results in ... meaningful student engagement.**

PBL is an inquiry-based learning process in which students design, plan, investigate, research and present their own projects.













**Academic skill building through projects that involve reading, writing, math and critical thinking make learning more hands-on and meaningful.**







**Restorative Practices empower students and increase empathy and understanding.**







**Connections with a variety of community organizations through volunteering and community action increase student confidence dealing with others.**



# Service Work aka Build, Beautify and Serve

Community Projects include:

- Service work on the Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation
- Restoration work at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center
- Trail building and restoration for the Ice Age Trail Alliance
- The Friends of Monona Public Library Book Sale
- The Monona Fall Festival
- Citizen Lake Monitors for Lake Monona











# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

**Our program integrates mastery of 21st Century skills into the educational process. These skills include:**

- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Curiosity and Imagination
- Commitment and Motivation
- Community

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# **The Classroom**

## **Liberal Arts Curriculum**

Teacher-led and student-centered,  
“Liberal Arts” refers to our academic  
classes which emphasize content  
knowledge and expertise in the core  
subjects of language arts, art,  
mathematics, social science, and science  
in a thematically integrated manner.



# Diseases and Epidemics



Science of Diseases: How cells, viruses,  
bacteria work Understanding your  
immune system  
*Quiz/Disease Containment Plan*

AIDS-Science and Social Justice -  
When disease becomes political  
*Global AIDS Research Project*

Bioterrorism  
Film: 12 Monkeys  
*Creative Writing*

Business of Disease: Pharmaceuti-  
cal companies and health care

Novel Weekends with  
Morrie or Hotzone

Impact of Disease on History -  
Guns, Germs and Steel  
*Analysis Paper*

Social Justice Issues and  
Quarantine - *Debate*

Analyzing data: demographics  
and stats on 1918 Flu Pandemic -  
*Excel spreadsheets/graphs/report*





“I would highly recommend  
MG21 to any student whose  
learning style doesn't match the  
traditional setting.”

– *MG21 Parent*

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# Seminars Taught by Experts

- Music Production /Video Editing and Production
- Makerspace-electronics, robotics, 3D printing.
- Yoga and Meditation
- Government and Civics
- Photography, painting, art, mosaics, jewelry making, drawing
- Video Game Development
- CTM Young Playwright's class
- Water sampling for Lake Monona with the State of WI. DNR
- Sustainability and the school garden
- College Success- credit at Madison College
- Independent Study Courses: ALEKS online math, Financial Literacy, Health





“ So very glad that our son  
has this opportunity; we  
only wish we'd gotten him  
involved sooner.”

– *MG21 Parent*

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# **We Are a Community**

**Students best succeed when they are part of a meaningful educational community.**

- Our community allows students to take ownership of their education and their school.
- It allows them to develop meaningful relationships: teacher to student and student to student.
- Relationships are at the heart of our educational community, are integral to our students' success, and are critical in creating a school climate where students feel free to explore, engage and develop a moral obligation to one another.

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"MG21 is a village. I've settled, I've  
put my furniture in this place. I'm  
actually learning."

*-MG21 Student*

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# Who Should Apply?

The ideal MG21 student is someone who...

is looking for a strong school community built on meaningful relationships.

is a curious, self-directed learner who would enjoy inquiry-based learning in a smaller school setting.

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# Applying to MG21

- Go to MG21's website: **mg21.org**
- Complete the online application.
- **Applications** are due **April 15**.
- Students who complete the application will be asked to bring a creative piece and a short essay to an interview.
- **Virtual Interviews** will occur on a rolling basis throughout April/May.
- Students will be notified of acceptance by
- If there are more applications, then spots, applications will be placed into a lottery.

# CONNECTION COMMUNITY CURIOSITY

Join us at MG21 to be a part of a community that focuses on relationships, project-based learning, meaningful engagement and academic skills that help students explore and move forward on their personal and educational path!

**Applications available online at [www.mg21.org](http://www.mg21.org)**  
**Stay tuned for our upcoming virtual info sessions in February.**

MG21 is a public charter school for grades 6-12  
serving the Monona Grove School District.

**More info at [mg21.org](http://mg21.org)**

