



2023-2024 PROFILE

CEEB/ACT CODE 220050

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Cushing Academy, founded in 1865, is an independent, coeducational college preparatory boarding school located 60 miles northwest of Boston. Cushing Academy serves a wide range of students in grades 9-12 and offers a post-graduate year.

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RESPONSE TO COVID-19

For the school year 2020-2021 Cushing transitioned to a hybrid model of both in-person and remote classes. With a small number of exceptions*, students received traditional letter grades based on a full-year's completed work. Since the fall of 2021 students have been on campus for in-person learning.

*2020-2021: a 6-week Winterim term of entirely remote learning was added to the academic calendar. During Winterim students added a Pass/Fail course of their choosing, which is reflected on the transcript with P/F 0.25 credit. Additionally, a select few students were awarded Pass/Fail grades in core academic courses when individual circumstances surrounding Covid-19 and challenges with remote learning so warranted. Factors influencing these decisions will be addressed in counselor letters.

STUDENT BODY

382 students from 20 states and 34 countries

132 seniors and post-graduates

28% receive financial aid

91% boarding

34% international

28% from Massachusetts

14% students of color

56% male

44% female

CLASS OF 2023

97% plan to attend a four-year college or university*

79% attend college outside of Massachusetts

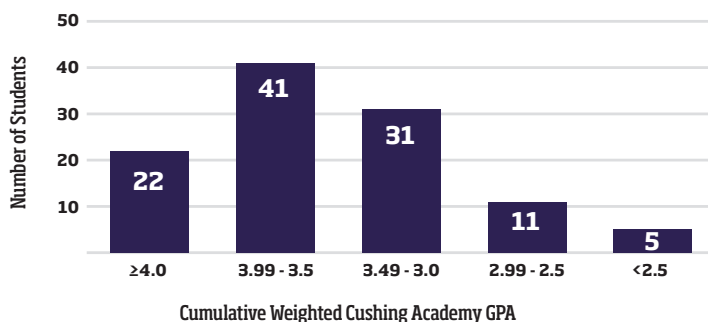
7% attend college outside the US

73% attend a private university

*13% of the class of 2023 is pursuing junior hockey or a gap year prior to matriculation at a four-year college or university.

RANK AND GPA

Cushing Academy does not rank its students. Below is the class of 2024 cumulative weighted Cushing Academy GPA distribution through June 2023. It does not include PGs or 1-year seniors.



STANDARDIZED TESTING

In the current climate of test-optional admissions policies, Cushing supports student choice in whether or not to submit scores as part of their application. As such, we do not provide testing information as part of our profile.

GRADING SYSTEM

Cushing Academy uses a traditional 4.0 grading scale: A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, etc. AP and Honors courses are weighted as follows: AP +0.5, Honors +0.3. A weighted GPA is provided on the transcript. D- is the lowest passing grade.

Cushing Academy uses a two-semester academic calendar. Full-year courses earn 1.0 credit; semester-long courses earn 0.5 credits.

Students who earn a GPA of 3.7 or higher for the term are placed on the High Honor Roll for the semester. Students earning a GPA between 3.3 and 3.69 are placed on the Honor Roll.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH	4 Years
MATHEMATICS	4 Years*
SCIENCE	3 Years
HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE	3 Years
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3 Years
VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS	2 Years
ADDITIONAL COURSES	3 Courses

*Or through Calculus

WATKINS SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Watkins Scholar Program annually awards full, need-based scholarships to a select few exceptional incoming 9th grade boarding students. Scholars possess both a love of learning and noteworthy academic achievement, strong leadership skills, outstanding character and a desire to contribute significantly to Cushing Academy. Watkins Scholars embody the highest academic and community ideals held by Cushing. They are annually among the school's most accomplished students and distinguished citizens.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Thirty-four percent of the Cushing Academy student body hails from outside the United States. Roughly 6-8% of the student body participates in the English as a Second Language program. Courses are offered at the intermediate and advanced levels for school year 2023-2024.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Cushing Academy's Academic Support program offers a highly personalized academic atmosphere, designed to meet the needs of students with mild learning differences. Roughly 15-17% of the student body participates in this program.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Cushing Academy does not check evaluative boxes on school reports or recommendations. All Cushing Academy recommendations are confidential.

DISCIPLINARY STATEMENT

At Cushing Academy, it is our expectation that students will respond truthfully to college and university application questions that require them to report any major disciplinary incidents. A member of the Cushing Academy College Counseling Office will follow up directly with those colleges. If such disciplinary measures occur after the submission of the initial application, Cushing will ask the student to report the information in a timely fashion and the school will send updated information.

2023-2024 ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Honors and AP courses listed in bold

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Academic Support
Academic Coaching

CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES

French I
French II
French III

Honors French IV

AP French Language and Culture

Latin I
Latin II
Latin III

Honors Latin IV

Honors Latin V

Mandarin Chinese I
Mandarin Chinese II
Mandarin Chinese III

Honors Mandarin Chinese IV

AP Chinese Language & Culture V

Spanish I

Spanish II/**Honors**

Spanish III/**Honors**

Honors Spanish IV/V Reading & Comprehension

Honors Spanish IV/V Conversation

AP Spanish Language and Culture

COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science A

ENGLISH

Literature and Composition I/**Honors**

Literature and Composition II/**Honors**

American Literature/**Honors**

College English

Fall Senior Seminars:

Creative Writing I

Critical Approaches and Literary Theory

Dramatic Literature I

Recognizing the Call

Spring Senior Seminar

Creative Writing II

Dramatic Literature II

Island Experience

Life Stories: Memoirs, Essay, and Bio

The Southern Gothic

AP Language and Composition

AP Literature and Composition

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Advanced Intermediate Level (take all):

Listening and Speaking

Reading II

Writing and Grammar

Advanced Level (take both):

Composition & Grammar

Literary Studies

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Foundations in World History/**Honors**

Roots of the Modern World/**Honors**

United States History/**Honors**

Fall Senior Seminars:

Civil Society I: Principles of Democracy and Freedom

International Relations I

Philosophy: History of Thought

Psychology I

Spring Senior Seminars:

Civil Society II: Freedom, Liberty and Civic Virtue

International Relations II

Psychology II

Philosophy: Existence and Purpose

AP Economics (Macro & Micro)

AP European History

AP Psychology

AP United States Government and Politics

AP United States History

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I

Topics in Geometry

Geometry/**Honors**

Algebra II Modified-A

Algebra II Modified-B

Algebra II/**Honors**

Introduction to Precalculus

Precalculus/**Honors**

Discrete Mathematics

Probability and Statistics

Calculus

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

Multivariable Calculus

PERFORMING ARTS

Acting I/II

Advanced Acting & Directing

Chamber Music

Chorus

Dance I/II

Dance II/III

Dance III/IV

Filmmaking

History of Jazz

Jazz Ensemble

Music Theory

SCIENCE

Integrated Science

Chemistry/**Honors**

Biology/**Honors**

Physics

Physical Science II: Engineering the Future

Biology II: Anatomy and Physiology

Biology II: Ecological Studies

Biology II: Kinesiology

Advanced Engineering

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Physics I

AP Physics C: Mechanics and Electricity/

Magnetism

VISUAL ARTS

Architectural Design

Art History

Ceramics

Advanced Ceramics

Metalsmithing

Advanced Metalsmithing

Painting and Drawing

Advanced Painting & Drawing

Photography

Advanced Photography

Stained and Fused Glass

Advanced Art Portfolio

Independent Studies available in various disciplines

COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2022 AND 2023

University of Akron
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
University of Arizona *
Assumption University
Babson College
Baylor University
Bentley University *
Boston College *
Boston University *
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Brown University *
Bryant University *
University of California, Berkeley *
University of California, Davis *
University of California, Irvine *
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Clark University *
Colby College *
University of Colorado Boulder
Colorado College
Columbia College Chicago
Connecticut College
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Dean College
University of Denver
Dickinson College *
Drexel University
Duke University
Elmira College
Elon University *
Emerson College *
Emmanuel College
Endicott College *
Fairfield University

Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin Pierce University *
High Point University *
Hobart William Smith Colleges *
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross *
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University, Bloomington
Ithaca College
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
Keene State College *
Keio University, Japan
Lafayette College
Lawrence University
Los Angeles College of Music
Loughborough College, UK
Loyola Marymount University *
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
University of Maine
Marquette University
Marymount University
University of Massachusetts, Amherst *
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
McGill University, Canada
Menlo College
Merrimack College *
Miami University, Oxford *
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Middlebury College
Midwestern State University
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Monmouth University
Mount Holyoke College *
Muhlenberg College
University of New England *
University of New Hampshire *
New York University *
Northeastern University *
Pace University, New York
Pepperdine University
University of Pittsburgh
Point Loma Nazarene University

Purdue University *
Purdue University, Fort Wayne
Quinnipiac University
Rhode Island College
Rhode Island School of Design
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester *
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Francis University
Salisbury University
Santa Clara University
Scripps College
Siena College
Simmons University
Skidmore College
University of Southern California
Southern New Hampshire University *
St. Lawrence University
Stevenson University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University *
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
The George Washington University *
The New School *
The Ohio State University
University of Toronto, Canada *
Trinity College
Tyler Junior College
Union College *
University at Albany, SUNY *
University of St Andrews, UK
University of Stirling, UK
Villanova University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Washington *
University of Waterloo, Canada
Wellesley College
Western University, Canada
University of Windsor, Canada
University of Wisconsin, Madison *
Worcester Polytechnic Institute *
University of Wyoming

**Multiple matriculations*