



2024-2025 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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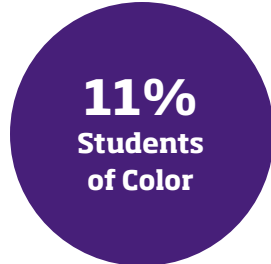
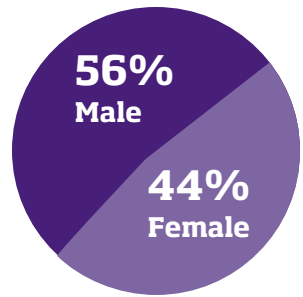
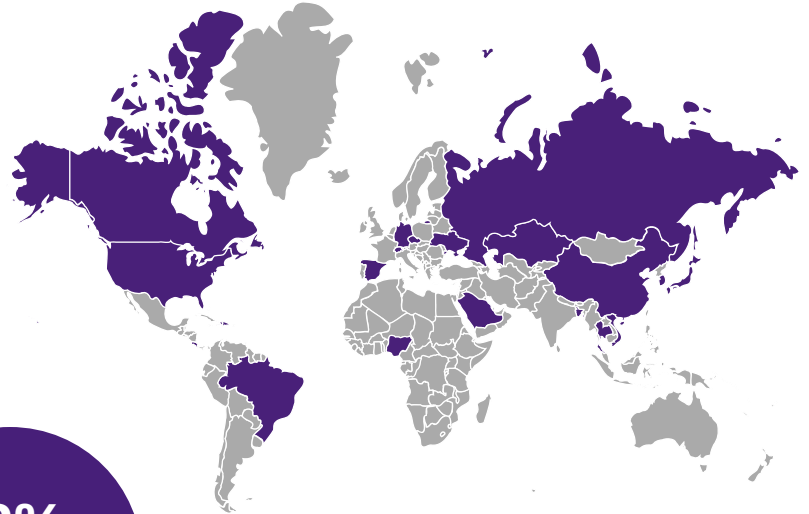
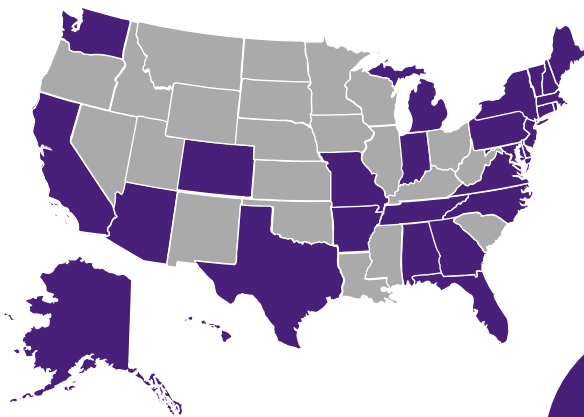
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CUSHING BY THE NUMBERS

387 students from 27 states and 27 countries



CLASS OF 2024

98% plan to attend a four-year college or university*

79% attend college outside of Massachusetts

5% attend college outside the US

76% attend a private university

*8% of the class of 2024 is pursuing junior hockey or a gap year prior to matriculation at a four-year college or university.

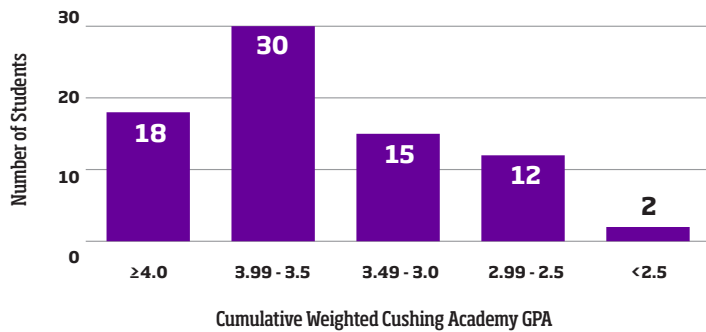
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

RANK AND GPA

Cushing Academy does not rank its students. Below is the class of 2025 cumulative weighted Cushing Academy GPA distribution through June 2024. It does not include PGs or 1-year seniors.

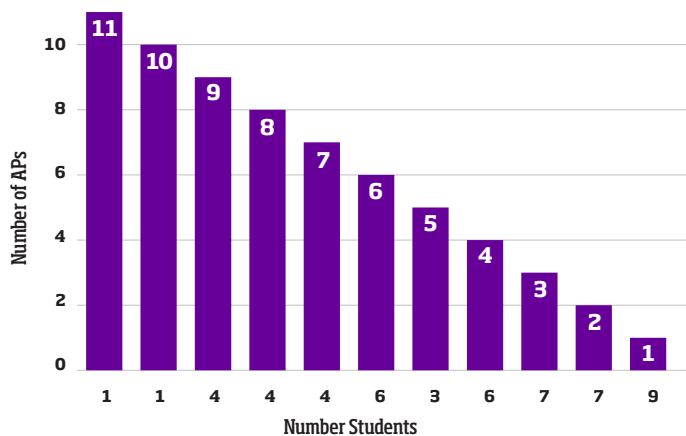


STANDARDIZED TESTING

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.

AP TESTING INFORMATION

Though Cushing offers a wide range of AP options for students, it is relatively rare for 9th and 10th graders to engage in these courses (the exceptions are often students who are accelerated in math and/or have reclassified their enrollment at Cushing). The following graph represents the distribution of numbers of AP courses taken by the Class of 2025 while at Cushing (includes registrations through August 2024). This data does not include PGs or 1-year seniors.



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 and Multivariable Calculus +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.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Twenty-nine percent of the Cushing Academy student body hails from outside the United States. Roughly 4-6% 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 2024-2025.

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.

2024-2025 ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

All courses listed below are College Prep, Honors or AP level

Honors (19), AP (21) and Multivariable Calculus courses listed in bold (students must be recommended for these courses)

CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES

French I

French II

French III

Honors French IV

AP French Language & Culture

Ancient Greek

Latin I

Latin II

Latin III

Honors Latin IV

Honors Latin V

AP Latin

Mandarin Chinese I

Mandarin Chinese II

Mandarin Chinese III

Honors Mandarin Chinese IV

AP Chinese Language & Culture

Spanish I

Spanish II/**Honors**

Spanish III/**Honors**

Honors Spanish IV/V Reading & Comprehension

Honors Spanish IV/V Conversation

AP Spanish Language & Culture

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Programming in Python

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:

African American Prose

Creative Writing I

Critical Approaches & Literary Theory

Dramatic Literature I

Recognizing the Call

Spring Senior Seminar:

Creative Writing II

Dramatic Literature II

Island Experience

Life Stories: Memoirs, Essay, & Bio

The Southern Gothic

AP Language & Composition

AP Literature & Composition

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Advanced Intermediate Level (take all):

Listening & Speaking

Reading II

Writing & 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 Upper Level Seminars:

Civil Society I: Principles of Democracy

International Relations I

Philosophy: History of Thought

Psychology I

Spring Upper Level Seminars:

Civil Society II: Freedom, Liberty & Civic Virtue

International Relations II

Philosophy: Existence & Purpose

Sociology I

AP Economics (Macro & Micro)

AP European History

AP Human Geography

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 (students must have successfully completed BC Calculus to enroll)

PERFORMING ARTS

Acting I/II

Advanced Acting & Directing

Chamber Music

C-Tones (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 & Physiology

Biology II: Ecological Studies

Biology II: Kinesiology

Advanced Engineering

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Physics I

AP Physics C: Mechanics & Electricity/Magnetism

VISUAL ARTS

Architectural Design

Art History

Ceramics

Advanced Ceramics

Metalsmithing

Advanced Metalsmithing

Painting & Drawing

Advanced Painting & Drawing

Photography

Advanced Photography

Stained & Fused Glass

Advanced Art Portfolio

Independent Studies available in various disciplines

COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2023 AND 2024

Adelphi University
Allegheny College
American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University *
Arizona State University
Assumption University *
Babson College *
Bentley University *
Boston College
Boston University *
Brandeis University *
Brock University, Canada
Brown University *
Bryant University *
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Ciências Médicas de Minas Gerais, Brazil
Clarkson University
Colby College *
Colorado College *
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dean College
Duke University
Elon University *
Endicott College *
Florida Southern College
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin Pierce University *
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
Gettysburg College
Hampton University
High Point University *
Hobart and William Smith Colleges *
Howard University *
International Christian University, Japan
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
Keio University, Japan
King University
Lafayette College
Lawrence University
Los Angeles College of Music
Loughborough College, UK
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
McGill University, Canada *
Merrimack College *
Miami University, Oxford *
Michigan State University
Milton Campos Law School, Brazil
Mount Holyoke College *
New York University *
Northeastern University *
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Providence College
Purdue University *
Quinnipiac University *
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute *
Rhode Island School of Design
Roberts Wesleyan College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Saint Anselm College
Salisbury University *
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Southern New Hampshire University *
Springfield College
Stevenson University
Suffolk University *
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University *
The George Washington University *
The New School *
The Ohio State University
The University of Tampa
The University of Western Ontario, Canada
Towson University
Trinity College
University at Albany, SUNY
University of Akron
University of Arizona *
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis *
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego *
University of Colorado Boulder *
University of Connecticut
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts, Amherst *
University of Massachusetts, Boston *
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
University of Miami *
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Montana
University of New England *
University of New Hampshire *
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh *
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester *
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina, Columbia
University of St Andrews, UK
University of St Thomas
University of Stirling, UK
University of Toronto, Canada
University of Vermont *
University of Washington *
University of Windsor, Canada
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Villanova University *
Washington University in St Louis
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University *
Western New England University *
Wheaton College, Massachusetts
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Multiple matriculations*