



"We found Cushing to be a very welcoming, caring community. Academics are rigorous as you want. ... Engineering was one of her favorite classes and helped her decide that a STEM career is what she wanted to pursue in college."

Parents at Cushing Academy

Boarding School

Cushing Academy Massachusetts

Cushing Academy is an independent coeducational boarding school founded in 1865 and situated in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, for students in grades 9–12 and a postgraduate year. The school suits learners seeking rigorous academic preparation alongside strong arts and athletics in a traditional New England setting.



BOARDING



CO-ED



SPORTS



ARTS



4-SEASONS

Quick Facts

Founded: 1865

Niche.com Score: A+

Students: Co-educational

School Population: 382

Climate: Cold winters, Warm summer

University Acceptance Rate: 91%

Accepting students: Grade 9-12, PG

Interview Required? Yes

Diploma Year? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

Specialty programs: Athletic emphasis (NEPSAC), STEM integration

Academic Excellence

Cushing Academy offers a college-preparatory curriculum with a range of Advanced Placement courses, honours work and a postgraduate routing. The school emphasises critical thinking, collaborative creativity and individual enquiry, supported by small student-teacher ratios and faculty holding advanced credentials. Academic Support and ESL programmes serve students with diverse needs and backgrounds. Graduates report many students attending leading institutions in the U.S. and abroad.

Student Accomplishments

Performance in athletics is featured by several league championships in hockey and other NEPSAC sports, while arts students regularly present work in galleries and musicals.

Campus Facilities

The campus occupies approximately 162 acres in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, offering multifunctional facilities in a wooded setting that provides a balance of rigorous access to natural surroundings. Students learn in science and tech labs, visual and performing arts studios, and make use of athletic fields, indoor arenas and hiking trails.

Recent University Acceptances

- Boston University
- Harvard University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- Yale University
- University of California
- University of Southern California



Stats

5:1

Student Teacher Ratio

#13

of Best Boarding High Schools in Massachusetts

9-12, PG

Grade levels

21

Number of AP courses

94%

Boarding student rate

31

Average ACT Score

1360

Average SAT Score

Residential Life

Boarding at Cushing Academy is traditional and inclusive, with students from the U.S. and around 30 countries living on campus. Dormitories typically offer shared rooms, bathrooms, lounges and study spaces supervised by faculty staff. Meal services operate in a central dining hall with multiple seating times. Weekend enrichment, dorm activities and club events add to the residential experience.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics are a major component of student life at Cushing Academy, with seasonal teams competing at varsity and junior levels in the NEPSAC. Signature sports include hockey, lacrosse, soccer and skiing. Students benefit from full-time coaches and high-level competition opportunities.

The visual and performing arts programme allows students to explore theatre, music, studio art and design. Facilities include art galleries, a black-box theater, rehearsal rooms and production technology.



Lists

Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Skiing (Nordic/Alpine), Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball

Arts: Acting, Ceramics, Digital Photography, Graphic Design, Studio Art, Theatre Production and Music Ensembles

AP Courses:

Classical & Modern Languages, Computer Science, English, History & Social Science, Mathematics, Performing Arts, Science, Visual Arts

Languages:

French, Latin, Spanish

Tech and innovation courses:

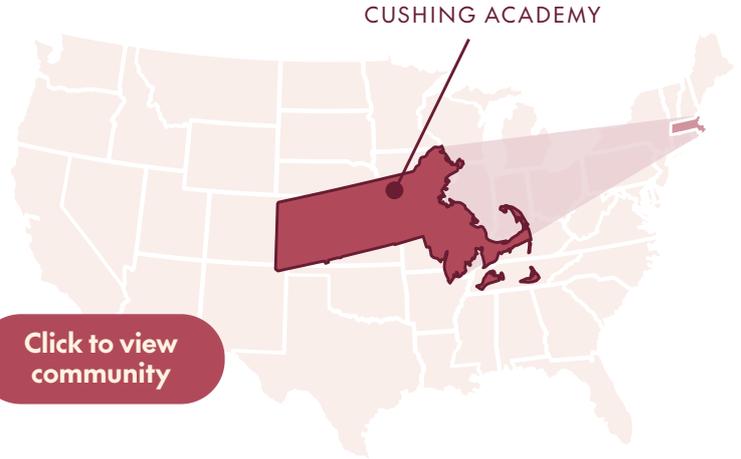
Engineering Design, Digital Media Production, Environmental science and Research methodologies

Club and extracurriculars

Art Club, Debate Team, Environmental Action, Model United Nations, Robotics & Engineering Club, Student Government, Sustainability Initiative, Yearbook

Community

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Climate in Ashburnham, Massachusetts

Four seasons with cold winters and warm summers.



Video

**Cushing Academy
Virtual Tour**

