



SCHOOL PROFILE 2023 - 2024

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

With over 99 years in personalizing education, Cushman students develop a way of thinking and behaving that models courtesy, industry, responsibility, and civic engagement. The School provides a range of rigorous offerings which promote scholarship, character, leadership, effective communication, and innovation as cornerstone skill-sets.

Cushman engages a wide range of partnerships and mentorships in Miami and the global community. Our **Signature Academic Programs** of Society and Me (SAM) and Design, Art and Technology (DAT) provide our students with the disposition and skill-set to think and respond outwardly and to be recognized as **Innovators of Change**.

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

The Cushman School is fully accredited by the **Southern Association of Independent Schools, Cognia**, and the **Florida Council of Independent Schools**.

PHILOSOPHY & MISSION

The mission of The Cushman School is to cultivate happy, creative, and engaged citizens who exemplify an exceptional character and a positive attitude. The educational environment at our School fosters in students the qualities of virtue, responsibility, industry, and respect for self and others and nurtures the student in intellectual, physical and spiritual growth.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

The Cushman School was founded in 1924. In response to much demand to extend its character-driven approach to education through the critical adolescent years, the High School division was added in 2016. Enrollment in the High School for 2022 – 2023 was 200 students. Forty-five percent of its students came from multicultural backgrounds, and 45% spoke languages other than English at home. The average class size was 15.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

26 credits are required for graduation and must include: English (4), Mathematics (4), Science (3), Social Studies (3), World Language (2), Fine Arts (1), Physical Education/Health (1) and 8 Academic Electives, including the Core Competencies.

Grading Scale

The Cushman School does not rank students. The transcript provides a cumulative core grade point average, both weighted and unweighted, and is calculated as follows:

Level Of Mastery	Description	Grade Equivalent	Grade Points Standard	Honors	Advanced Placement
Expert	Indicates excellent performance in mastery of objectives	A	4	5	6
Advanced	Indicates developed performance in mastery of objectives	B	3	4	5
Intermediate	Indicates satisfactory performance in mastery of objectives	C	2	3	4
Beginner	Student performance indicates the beginning of understanding of objectives	D	1	1	1
Missing	No evidence of understanding is provided	F	0	0	0

SIGNATURE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ACADEMICS

Cushman's approach to curriculum empowers students beyond a traditional college preparatory track by building core competencies in citizenship, design, art, communication, and technology.

SOCIETY AND ME (SAM)

The Society and Me ("SAM") programming is the culmination of a Laura Cushman education, which is aimed at fostering strength of character. SAM's mission is to facilitate direct engagement with trying issues of our time that students self-identify as critical. This year-long course provides students with the time and resources required to empower them to effectuate positive change.

Throughout their SAM course, students are challenged to design and execute impactful solutions that incorporate the values and philosophy of a Cushman education. SAM is a process-based learning experience through which students grow to value community, collaboration, and the power of being an engaged citizen. Students are encouraged to persist through challenges and work diligently to make an impact in their communities. SAM is about more than community service; it is an integral way in which The Cushman School creates leaders who are innovators of change. Students expand their knowledge, confidence, self-respect, and empathy towards others. Through SAM, all learners can be leaders.

DESIGN, ART AND TECHNOLOGY (DAT)

DAT cultivates visual and cultural literacy through interactive curricula – illustration, fine arts, photography, graphic design, data visualization, design and technology. This two-part course develops students as innovators who seamlessly unite the concepts to achieve compelling results. The exposure instills in students the mindset and skills needed to communicate effectively through various media.

SIGNATURE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Cushman offers a standard college preparatory academic program, offering 29 courses at advanced placement, and 30 at honors levels. Honors and AP courses are clearly noted on the student's transcript. Essentials classes provide specialized instruction to meet students' individual needs.

ENGLISH

English I, II, III, IV (S, E, H)
English Language (AP)
English Literature (AP)
English Composition
Creative Writing

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History (S, H, AP)
US History (S, H, AP)
US Government (S, H, AP)
Human Geography (AP)
Economics (S, H)
Microeconomics (AP)
Macroeconomics (AP)
Psychology (S, H, AP)

MATH

Algebra I (S, E, H)
Fundamental Topics in Math
Advanced Topics in Math
Algebra II (S, E, H)
Geometry (S, E, H)
Math Analysis (H)
Pre-Calculus (H, AP)
College Algebra & Trig (H)
Calculus (H)
Calculus AB (AP)
Calculus BC (AP)
Probability & Statistics

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish I, II, III (S, H)
Spanish Language (AP)
Spanish Literature (AP)
Adv. Spanish Conversation and Culture
Adv. Spanish Literature and Culture
French I, II, III (S, H)
French Language (AP)
Adv. French Conversation and Culture
Adv. French Literature and Culture
Italian I, II, III (S, H)
Italian Language (AP)

SCIENCE

Biology (S, H, AP)
Chemistry (S, H, AP)
Biochemistry
Conceptual Chemistry
Physics (S, H, AP)
Environmental Science (S, AP)
Marine Science (S, H)
Principles of Biomedical Science
Anatomy & Physiology (S, H)

PERFORMING ARTS

Music Theory (AP)
Performing Arts Core: (Piano, Theatre, Dance, Rock Band, or Chorus)
Chorus I, II, III
Fundamentals: Piano
Piano II, III, IV
Fundamentals: Theater
Theater I, II, III, IV, V
Fundamentals: Instrumental
Rock Band I, II, III, IV
Performance Band I, II, III, IV
The Art of AV Recording
Fundamentals: Dance
Dance II, III, IV

VISUAL ARTS

Art Foundations
Studio Art
Advanced Art (2D, 3D, Drawing & Painting)
AP Studio Art (2D, 3D, Drawing & Painting)
Ceramics I, II
Film Production I, II, III, IV
Art History (AP)
Photography

COMMUNICATIONS

Professional Communications
The Cushman Review
Journalism I, II, III, IV
Speech & Debate I, II, III, IV

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education / Health
Weight Training
Sport Skills Development I, II, III

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Design-Art-Technology I, II
Computer Science
Computer Science Principles (AP)
Computer Science A (AP)
AR/VR Design
Digital Media
Robotics
Artificial Intelligence
Game Design

LEGAL STUDIES

Law and Society
Trial Advocacy
Business Law / Criminal Procedure
Gender & the Law / Civil Rights
Seminar
Contract Law / Constitutional Law

ENRICHMENT

AP Capstone: Research
AP Capstone: Seminar
Independent Study
On-Line Classes
AP Study Hall
Internship I, II
Academic Enrichment

CORE COMPETENCIES

Society And Me I, II, III, IV
Design-Art-Technology I, II
Performing Arts Core (Piano, Theater, Dance, Rock Band, or Chorus)
Law & Society
Physical Education / Health
Test Analysis I, II
Applied Financial Management
Professional Communications
College Readiness

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University
Appalachian State
Auburn University
Augusta University
Ave Maria University
Babson College
Barry University
Beacon College
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Bellarmine University
Bentley University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
Boston College
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Clarkson University
College of Charleston
Colorado State University
Cornell University
CUNY Hunter
Curry College
Drexel University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Endicott College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Endicott College
Erskine College
Flagler College
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida Southern University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franciscan University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Guildford College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hiram College
Hofstra University
Indiana Bloomington University
Indiana University
Indiana – Purdue University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Laboratory Institute of Merchandising (LIM)
Lafayette College
Laswell College
Lees-McRae College
Liberty University
Lipscomb University
Long Island University
Loyola University
Lynn University
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Mercyhurst University
Miami-Dade College
Miami-Dade Honors College
Miami International University of Art & Design
Michigan State University
Mitchell College
Montreal College
Muhlenberg College
Mt. Holyoke College
New College of Florida
New England College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College & Conservatory
Oglethorpe University
Queens University of Charlotte
Quinnipiac University
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Penn State University
Point Park University
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Radford University
Regents University of London
Regis University
Roanoke College
Rockford University
Rollins College
Saint Anslem College
Saint John's University
Saint Olaf University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Saint Thomas University
Santa Fe College
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of Visual Arts
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
Susquehanna University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
Tulane University
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado – Boulder
University of Florida
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Hartford
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Nations, Kona
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina
University of North Florida
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas – Dallas
University of Vermont
University of West Florida
University of Wisconsin
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wheaton College
Wingate University
Xavier University