



THE CUSHMAN SCHOOL
AN IDENTITY LINKED TO EXCELLENCE

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

With 100 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 dispositions 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 2025 – 2026 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 become 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 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.

COURSE LIST

Cushman offers a standard college preparatory academic program, offering more than 30 courses at Advanced Placement and more than 35 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 (E, S, 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)
African American Studies (AP)

MATH

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

WORLD LANGUAGES

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

SCIENCE

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

PLTW: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Principles of Biomedical Science
Human Body Systems (S, H)
Medical Interventions (S, H)
Biomedical Innovation (S, H)

PLTW: ENGINEERING

Engineering Fundamentals
Introduction to Engineering Design

AP CAPSTONE

AP Research
AP Seminar

CORE COMPETENCIES

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

ENRICHMENT

Academic Enrichment
Independent Study
On-Line Classes
AP Study Hall
Internship I, II

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

PERFORMING ARTS

Music Theory (AP)
Fundamentals: Piano
Piano II, III, IV
Fundamentals: Theater
Theater II, III, IV
Fundamentals: Instrumental
Rock Band II, III, IV
Music Production & Marketing
Fundamentals: Dance
Dance II, III, IV

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

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

VISUAL ARTS

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

LEGAL STUDIES

Law and Society
Trial Advocacy
Business Law / Criminal Procedure
Business Law / Contract Law
Gender & the Law / Civil Rights Seminar
Criminal Procedure / Gender & the Law
Contract Law / Constitutional Law
Constitutional Law 1 / Constitutional Law 2

COMMUNICATIONS

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

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Adelphi University	Furman University	Penn State University	University of Dayton
Alfred University	George Mason University	Penn State University (University Park)	University of Denver
American University	Georgetown University	Penn State University (World Campus)	University of Florida
American University	Georgetown University in Qatar	Portland State University	University of Illinois at Chicago
American University of Paris	Georgia Institute of Technology	Pratt Institute	University of Kansas
Appalachian State University	Gettysburg College	Providence College	University of Kentucky
Arizona State University	Goucher College	Purdue University	University of Louisville
Arizona State University (Tempe)	Grand Valley State University	Queens University (Canada)	University of Maine
Assumption University	Guildford College	Quinnipiac University	University of Maryland (College Park)
Auburn University	Harvard University	Rider University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Babson College	Hawaii Pacific University	Roger Williams University	University of Massachusetts (Boston)
Barry University	High Point University	Rollins College	University of Miami
Beacon College	Howard University	Rutgers University (Camden)	University of Michigan
Belmont University	Hult International Business School	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	University of Michigan Online
Bentley University	IE University	Saint Joseph's University (New York)	University of Mississippi
Boston College	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Saint Louis University, Madrid	University of North Carolina Asheville
Boston University	Ithaca College	Salem State University	University of North Florida
Bowdoin College	James Madison University	San Diego State University	University of Pennsylvania
Brandeis University	John Cabot University Rome	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
Bryant University	Johnson & Wales University Providence	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras
California Polytechnic State University	Keiser University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Rhode Island
California State University (Long Beach)	Lafayette College	School of Visual Arts	University of San Francisco
California State Univesity (San Marcos)	Landmark College	Seton Hall University	University of South Florida
Case Western Reserve University	Lasell University	Sewanee (The University of the South)	University of South Florida (Main Campus)
Catawba College	Lehigh University	Simmons University	University of Tampa
Central Michigan University	Louisiana State University	Southern Methodist University	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
CIS University Endicott International	Loyola Marymount University	St. Edward's University	University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Clark University	Loyola University Chicago	St. John's University	University of Texas at Austin
Clemson University	Loyola University New Orleans	St. Louis University	University of Utah
College for Creative Studies	Lynn University	St. Louis University Madrid	University of Vermont
College of Central Florida	Manhattan College	St. Thomas University	University of West Florida
College of Charleston	Manhattan University	Stetson University	Villanova University
Colorado State University	Marist College in Florence	St John's University	Virginia Tech
Cornell University	Marymount Manhattan College	Suffolk University	Wake Forest University
Daytona State College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	SUNY Purchase	Webster University
Dean College	McPherson College	Susquehanna University	Western Michigan University
DePaul University	Mercy College	Syracuse University	Western University (Canada)
Drexel University	Miami Dade College	Temple University	Western Washington University
Eckerd College	Michigan State University	Texas A&M University	Wheaton College
Elon University	Middle Tennessee State University	The George Washington University	Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)
Emerson College	Muhlenberg College	The New School	Wingate University
Emmanuel College	New College of Florida	The Ohio State University	
Fairleigh Dickinson University	New England College	The University of Alabama	
Flagler College	New York Institute of Technology	The University of Arizona	
Florida Atlantic University	New York University	The University of Tampa	
Florida Gulf Coast University	North Carolina State University	The University of Utah	
Florida Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	The University of West Florida	
Florida International University	Nova Southeastern University	Tufts University	
Florida Polytechnic University	Oberlin College of Arts and Science	Tulane University of Louisiana	
Florida Southern College	Oberlin Conservatory Of Music	University of Arizona	
Florida Southwestern State College	Otis College of Art and Design	University of California (Santa Cruz)	
Florida State University	Pace University	University of California (Santa Barbara)	
Fordham University	Pace University (New York City)	University of Central Florida	
Framingham State University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Colorado Boulder	
Full Sail University	Palm Beach State College	University of Connecticut	
	Parsons School of Design at The New School		