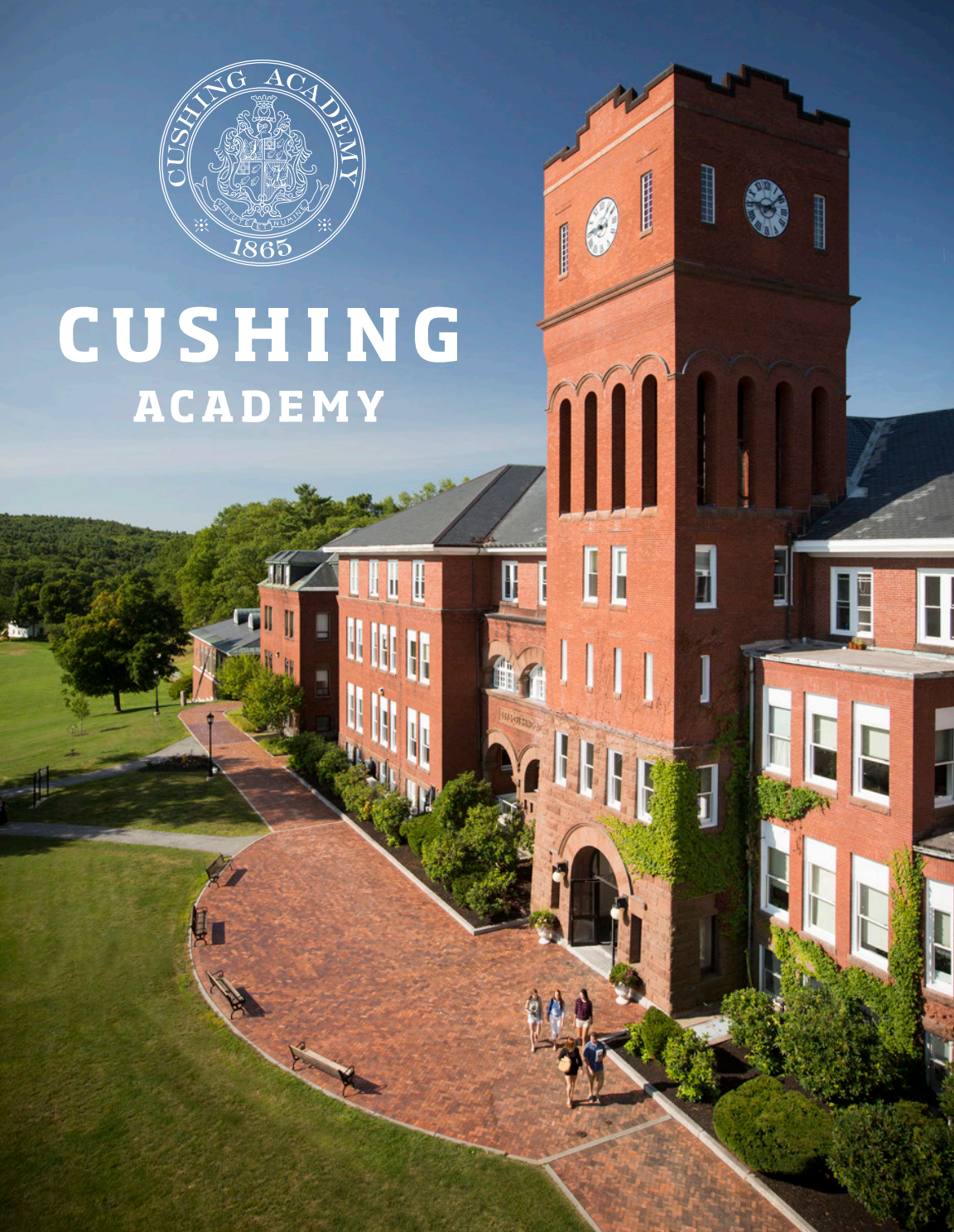




CUSHING ACADEMY



IT STARTS HERE

Cushing is committed to developing curious, creative, and confident learners and leaders. Whatever your individual background and interests, you'll find new challenges and support in our innovative curriculum; teachers, coaches, and advisors who care about you; a place of your own within our close-knit community; and peers and mentors to accompany you on your journey. Along the way, you'll discover things that will inspire you now and in the future – an enhanced level of academic achievement, a passion for art, a new athletic drive, an intentional desire to make a difference in the world. Cushing is transformational; it starts here.





A WELCOMING AND SAFE COMMUNITY

You'll quickly discover that you're part of something bigger than yourself and find many ways to build leadership skills and make an impact.

RIGOROUS ACADEMICS

A Cushing education begins and ends with inquiry. Our curriculum prepares you for college and life by emphasizing essential skills and offering abundant opportunities for nurturing intellectual curiosity.

A TRADITION OF ATHLETICS

We offer something for athletes at every level. Thrilling and fun competition binds us together as Penguins for life.

RENOWNED ARTS

Expansive visual and performing arts offerings bring accomplished young artists to Cushing, while our "just try it" philosophy invites everyone to explore creativity and discover new talents.

"My coach is also my teacher. She knows what I'm capable of, genuinely cares for me, and knows how to push me to my limits. She believes I can be the person I want to be."

COMMUNITY

At the heart of Cushing Academy is a close-knit community. Simple but powerful values guide all of our actions and expectations: be honest and trustworthy; care for oneself and others; and behave in a manner that contributes positively to the welfare of the community.

With these values in mind, there are many ways our community comes together and pauses amidst our busy schedules so we can create an inclusive environment that fosters well-being:

On Tuesdays at lunch, students and faculty share a family-style meal. Rotating table assignments bring individuals together who may not otherwise have the opportunity to interact during the week.

Each Friday, our community gathers for assembly to hear announcements, watch short performances, and hear speakers. Public thank-yous are an important and beloved closing to every assembly.

Our boarding students gather in their dorms regularly for activities and meetings. Build a sense of connection among residents and give dorm faculty the opportunity to help shape dorm life.

Read more about Student Life on our website:

[CUSHING.ORG/STUDENTLIFE](https://www.cushing.org/studentlife)





ACADEMICS

We care deeply about our students' academic success. We recognize the diverse learning styles of adolescents, and we challenge and support them to work to the best of their ability. We are a community of learners and thus, teachers dedicate the whole of themselves to educating the whole student. Cushing Academy's forward-thinking college preparatory program is designed to ensure that our students are comfortable in environments that evolve and that they are equipped with the skills, knowledge, and habits of mind to develop into curious, creative, and confident learners and leaders.

We are all participants in a new era of thinking and learning, where change is a constant and the pace is rapid. Through a combination of foundational courses and innovative, targeted programming, Cushing creates a learning experience that is transformative for every student at every level. This is how we define academic excellence. No matter how you learn or what interests you most, Cushing will help you recognize your strengths, build vital connections among academic disciplines and with the wider world, and prepare for success in college and beyond.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

As early as your freshman year, the College Counseling Office will help you make informed decisions about academics and activities. We start early because we want you to feel calm and confident about achieving your goals. We'll walk you through every aspect of the college process – from evaluating schools to thinking about careers and deciding which colleges might fit you best to submitting successful applications to choosing among those that accept you.

Our College Counseling staff has decades of experience helping students find colleges where they will be happy, can fulfill their ambitions, and strive to achieve their goals.

A SAMPLING OF COLLEGE MATRICULATION, 2015 - 2019

Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Clark University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Connecticut College
Dickinson College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Mason University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College (NY)
Hampshire College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Ithaca College
Lake Forest College
McGill University (Canada)
Montserrat College of Art
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University
Pitzer College
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue University
Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design
Rutgers University - Camden
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Skidmore College
Smith College
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
The George Washington University
The New School - All Divisions
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College (NY)
United States Military Academy
West Point
University of California, Berkeley
University of Chicago
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Utica College
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College (MA)
Williams College



ATHLETICS

At Cushing Academy you're part of a rich and storied athletic tradition. Our Penguins are perennial contenders and regular champions in the New England Prep School Athletic Council league, but what truly sets Cushing athletics apart is our ethos of participation and community. Every student – from the proven athlete to the newcomer trying a sport for the first time – is encouraged to discover new capabilities and achieve new levels of performance. Our coaches are dedicated, knowledgeable, and passionate about helping individuals and teams achieve excellence and learn essential lessons of leadership and camaraderie through competition.

[CUSHING.ORG/ATHLETICS](https://cushing.org/athletics)



OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

THEODORE IORIO ARENA - a multi-million dollar facility for hockey, figure skating, and recreational skating, with cardio fitness studios

QUIMBY FIELD - high-tech synthetic turf field with lights for evening games and community activities

WATKINS FIELD HOUSE - a 30,000 square-foot, \$12 million athletic facility completed in 2016, housing 3 courts for basketball and volleyball, fitness studio, and athletic training center



CUSHING OLYMPIANS

CHRIS BOURQUE '04
USA Men's Olympic Hockey Team

MEGHAN DUGGAN '06
Gold medalist and team captain,
USA Women's Olympic Hockey Team
Silver medalist in 2010 & 2014

BROC LITTLE '07
USA Men's Olympic Hockey Team

TEAM SPORTS

Baseball	Golf	Softball
Basketball	Ice Hockey	Tennis
Cross Country	Lacrosse	Track & Field
Field Hockey	Alpine Skiing	Volleyball
Football	Soccer	

*"I proudly tell
almost everyone I
meet that this place
changed my life."*

- MEGHAN DUGGAN '06

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NEPSAC
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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UNITED STATES
OLYMPIANS

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TWO-TIME
STANLEY CUP CHAMPION

VISUAL ARTS

Cushing Academy is home to one of the nation's most highly respected secondary-level visual arts programs, offering college-level instruction and facilities. Our curriculum invites beginners to discover new interests and talents, inspires advanced students to sharpen their technical aptitude, and challenges accomplished artists to strengthen their creative expression. You learn first-hand from talented faculty and guest artists, and extend your studies through travel and off-campus experiences. Graduates regularly gain admission to prestigious art schools and pursue professional careers in the arts.

[CUSHING.ORG/VISUAL-ARTS](https://www.cushing.org/visual-arts)



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VISUAL ARTS OFFERINGS IN

Architectural Design
Art History
Ceramics
Drawing
Fused Glass

Painting
Photography
Metalsmithing
Stained Glass
Portfolio



SIMBA XU '19

- 2019 Gold Metal Portfolio Award Recipient
Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- Awarded \$10,000 Scholarship
- Currently attending Stanford University



12,800 sq ft

EMILY FISHER LANDAU CENTER
FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

Drawing & painting studio
Digital color photo lab
Photography studio
Metalsmithing studio

Pottery & sculpture studio
Glass studio
Maude Bowen Carter Gallery

PERFORMING ARTS

Cushing Academy's dedicated and talented faculty, plus a rich and expansive curriculum, offer a wide range of opportunities for performance and creative experimentation in music, theatre, and dance. Three main-stage theatrical productions each year, along with music and dance concerts, encourage your participation in our dynamic program at any level. Side by side with faculty who strive to deepen your creative exploration and hone your talent so you can discover your path as a performing artist either on stage or behind the scenes, whether it's a favorite hobby or your chosen career.

[CUSHING.ORG/PERFORMING-ARTS](https://cushing.org/performing-arts)



THEATRE

Broaden your experience of theatre with performances of different genres and diverse playwrights. A wide range of theatre classes offer academic credit in Performing Arts, History, or English. Original work is also nurtured and produced when possible.

Technical positions for backstage and production management are offered along with performance opportunities for every main-stage production.



DANCE

You will be inspired by creative choreography in beginning through advanced classes in modern dance, classical ballet, jazz, and contemporary. Choreography by faculty, guest artists, and students is developed for each performance. Master classes and trips to professional events in Boston and regional cultural venues round out the exciting possibilities.

MUSIC

To perfect your talent or just deepen your love of music, you can choose from courses in music history and theory; participate in ensembles and private instrumental and vocal lessons; and challenge yourself with advanced independent study.

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PERFORMING ARTS
EVENTS EACH YEAR

20+
PERFORMING ARTS
CLASS OFFERINGS

1700
PRIVATE MUSIC AND DANCE
LESSONS TAUGHT EACH YEAR

11,520 SQ FT
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER –
THEATRE AND DANCE STUDIO,
PRACTICE AND RECITAL ROOMS.
MAIN-STAGE PERFORMANCE SPACE
IN COWELL CHAPEL.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

For more than 40 years, Cushing's Academic Support Program has been widely recognized as the best of its kind. Tailored to your needs, it offers individualized strategies, skills, accommodations, and instructional support.

LEVERAGING RELATIONSHIPS

We recognize that for many students, learning is about relationships. You will be assigned a Learning Specialist with whom you will meet four times each week. Using a holistic, strengths-based approach and current research in brain-based learning, your Learning Specialist will partner with you to identify strategies for strengthening your academic skills and habits.

COMMUNICATING PROGRESS

Your Learning Specialist will monitor your progress and receive regular communication about your performance from your content-area teachers. She or he will offer feedback to you and send monthly updates to your parents.

OUTCOMES

You will build greater self-awareness and confidence as a learner. You will acquire the ability to independently use strategies to prepare for success in college and beyond.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT STUDENTS LEARN:

- Organization
- Self-advocacy
- Study skills
- Writing strategies
- Reading strategies
- Self-reflection
- Test-taking strategies
- Time management skills



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INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING PROFILE

IS DESIGNED FOR EACH STUDENT AND SHARED WITH ALL CLASSROOM TEACHERS

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FULL-TIME FACULTY LEARNING SPECIALISTS

STAFF THE PROGRAM, EACH WITH EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
WORKING WITH STUDENTS WHO HAVE LEARNING DIFFERENCES

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Our widely respected English as a Second Language (ESL) program immerses you in skill-building for success and prepares you for study at U.S. universities. The program provides day-to-day support from ESL staff, as well as ESL classes with other non-native English speakers that help you develop valuable academic competencies through dynamic college-preparatory material. A wide range of services for international students offers ongoing support as you put skills to work in classes and participate in student life at Cushing.

The full menu of services offered through ESL is designed to help you advance as an international student in the United States: international student advisor, extra help sessions, and guidance in the college application process.

Advisors take pride in providing support and guidance in all areas of cultural adjustment as you get accustomed to the U.S. educational system and boarding school life. You will find a wonderful sense of community at Cushing, where diversity and excellence are inseparable.

In addition to our ESL program, we offer TOEFL Review and an intensive summer program, which typically features eight levels of ESL instruction.

[CUSHING.ORG/ESL](https://cushing.org/esl)

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**TYPICAL
ESL CLASS SIZE**



ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

Open House Events	Fall/Winter
January application deadline	November 15
January decisions released	Early December
September application deadline	February 1
Financial Aid application deadline	February 1
September application decisions released	March 10
Revisit Days for Accepted Students and Families	Early April

SUBMIT OUR INQUIRY FORM

To begin the process, please submit our inquiry form at www.cushing.org/inquiry.

ARRANGE A CAMPUS VISIT AND INTERVIEW

An interview and a school visit are a required element of a completed application. On the day of the visit, prospective students and families will tour campus with a student tour guide, and separate interviews will take place for parents and the applicant. Families should plan to spend about two hours for the campus visit and interview.

SUBMIT AN ONLINE APPLICATION

Cushing Academy accepts two forms of applications. Please select only one.

- 1 - Applicants applying to multiple schools are recommended to apply through the SSAT SAO - <https://ssat.org/sao>
 - 2 - Complete your entire Cushing Academy application online. - <https://pws.inresonance.com/school/cushing/>
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SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

The transcript should include all grades received over the past two years. Grades from the first semester of the current academic year must also be sent.

SUBMIT STANDARDIZED TESTING

All applicants must submit the appropriate standardized test scores.





CURIOUS CREATIVE AND CONFIDENT LEARNERS AND LEADERS







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