

CATS ACADEMY BOSTON

2026-2027 School Profile

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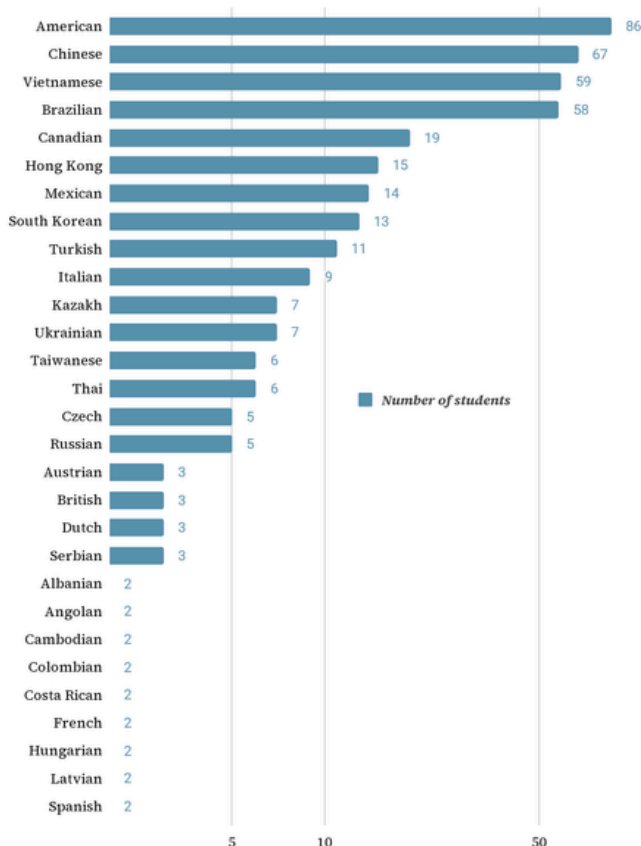
STUDENT BODY

The 2026–2027 academic year consists of **436** students total, which includes **398 boarding** and **37 day students**:

163 - 12th Graders
Including **7** Post-Graduates
128 - 11th Graders
102 - 10th Graders
33 - 9th Graders
7 - 8th Graders

18 - Average Class Size

GEOGRAPHY



45+ Nationalities Represented

Additional Nationalities Not Represented:

Armenian, Australian, Ecuadorian, Ethiopian, Egyptian, Finn, German, Ghanaian, Guatemalan, Israeli, Kosovan, Macanese, Nigerian, Pakistani, Peruvian, Polish, Slovak, South Sudanese & Swiss

MISSION STATEMENT

CATS Academy Boston prepares talented, globally minded students to realize their full potential through a personalized education that strengthens English fluency, cultivates critical and creative thinking, and supports each student's path to college and beyond. Within a diverse and supportive community, our students grow into confident learners, compassionate peers, and ethical leaders ready for a global future.

VISION STATEMENT

To empower every student to discover their strengths, embrace challenge, and shape their future with clarity, purpose, and confidence—starting here, going anywhere.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

At CATS Academy, core classes are taught at various levels including College Preparatory, Honors and Advanced Placement. Seniors are limited to four AP classes, and juniors to three AP classes, but there are special circumstances when these limits may be exceeded. Students at CATS also have access to a diverse, wide range of electives.

COURSE WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Courses from which a student withdraws before mid-semester are not shown on the transcript; withdrawals after mid-semester are indicated as Withdrew Passing (W/P) or Withdrew Failing (W/F).

Incomplete (INC) indicates final grade is to be determined by pending work and is granted only in extreme circumstances, e.g. medical or family circumstances.

SUMMER SCHOOL POLICY

Students can retake one class with a grade below C- in a CATS Boston-approved summer school or online course to meet CATS Boston's promotion standards. The grade earned in the summer course will be added to the transcript, then the CATS academic year grade and the summer school grade will be calculated into the students GPA.

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

New England Association of Schools and Colleges

National Association of Independent Schools

National Association for College Admissions Counseling

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New England Preparatory School Athletic Council

National Honor Society

GRADING SCALE

A+	100-97	4.0
A	96-93	4.0
A-	92-90	3.67
B+	89-87	3.3
B	86-83	3.0
B-	82-80	2.67
C+	79-77	2.33
C	76-73	2.0
C-	72-70	1.67
D+	69-67	1.33
D	66-63	1.0
D-	62-60	0.67
F	59-0	0.0

CATS Academy Boston does not rank its students or weight GPA.

AP HIGHLIGHTS

Rising AP Success:

- AP scores of 3+ increased from 55.3% to 82.7% over five years.

Expanding Academic Rigor:

- AP participation grew nearly 45%, from 76 to 110 students, alongside rising proficiency.

Strong Quantitative Achievement:

- AP Precalculus is our highest-volume AP exam, with a 90% proficiency rate.

Broad Academic Excellence:

- Independent Study students achieved 100% proficiency in several rigorous AP subjects, including Computer Science Principles, Physics C: E&M, and European History.

Sustained High Performance:

- 75% of all AP exams earned scores of 3 or higher this year.

GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS

English	One year of English for every year enrolled in a U.S. high school
Mathematics	Four years of math in the U.S. or another country, acquiring a minimum level of Algebra II by graduation
Science	Three years of science, including two years of a lab science (biology, chemistry, or physics) in the U.S. or another country
Social Science	Three years of a social science in the U.S. or another country, including at least one year of U.S history
World Language	Native English speakers only: Three years of a world language by graduation. This requirement is optional for ESL students.
Fine Arts or Technology	Students entering CATS Academy in: Grade 9/10 - Two semesters of fine arts Grade 11 - One semester of fine arts Grade 12 - No requirement
English as a Second Language (ESL)	Non-native English speakers only: One year of ESL for the number of years enrolled at CATS Academy unless student achieves a TOEFL Score of 100 or higher or an IELTS Score of 7.5 or higher

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSE OFFERINGS

1. AP BIOLOGY
2. AP CALCULUS AB
3. AP CHEMISTRY
4. AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A
5. AP ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION
6. AP ENVIORMENTAL SCIENCE
7. AP MACROECONOMICS
8. AP MICROECONOMICS
9. AP STATISTICS
10. AP PHYSICS C: MECHANICS
11. AP UNITED STATES HISTORY
12. AP WORLD HISTORY
13. MULTI-VARIABLE CALCULUS (AP CALCULUS BC+)

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Advisory

CATS Academy Boston's Advisory program supports students as they develop as emerging global colleagues, encouraging reflection, connection, and personal growth. Across two semesters, students explore four core domains: Self, Community, Inquiry, and Readiness, with an emphasis on identity, empathy, critical thinking, goal-setting, and preparation for life beyond CATS. Advisory works in partnership with Residential Life and the College Counseling Department, helping students connect their personal development, academic experiences, interests, and goals to their post-secondary plans.

CSVPA Arts Academy

Students can explore their passion for art, design, music, or theater with the wide-range of art elective choices. Students learn from the best with a highly skilled arts faculty, who have experience both in teaching the arts and pursuing them through successful careers. This program is designed to prepare students for entrance to performing arts schools and life beyond as professional artists. Students choose an area of focus while rotating through elective workshops to create a well-rounded portfolio of work. Combined with event participation and a final project presentation (capstone), CSVPA leads to an accredited award that improves students' college applications and prepares them for future success.

STEAM Enrichment

Students can explore their passions for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math with the variety of electives offered. Combined with event participation and a final project presentation (capstone) like CSVPA, STEAM leads to an award that will improve the students' college applications and demonstrate their achievement. Students follow a three-step program where they will develop and excel in their individual area of interest while under the guidance of a team of STEAM mentors.

Scholars Program

By invitation only, the Scholars Program provides extra educational opportunities for high-achieving students to prepare for college life. As a CATS Scholar, students regularly visit universities and colleges to gain an understanding of life after high school. Students make regular cultural trips such as visits to museums, places of historical interest, orchestral recitals, sports events and more. Scholars are selected based on academic excellence and their passion for learning,

American Hockey Academy

CATS Academy Boston has joined forces with a newly formed elite hockey team to offer student-athletes the perfect opportunity to blend a high-end academic and cultural experience with elite hockey training. The American Hockey Academy student-athletes reside in organized environment structured to fit the student-athletes' schedules. They also receive training and coaching by well-established, elite professional coaches- on and off the ice- to properly ensure that student-athletes have access to all the necessary development, exposure, and advancement opportunities to take the next steps in their hockey career.

Basketball Academy

CATS Academy Basketball Academy presents a balance of challenging academics and on-court expert instruction. Each student-athlete is surrounded by a support team that includes experienced coaches, academic teachers, knowledgeable college placement advisors, and more. Student-athletes experience an atmosphere that closely mirrors the intensity and schedule of a collegiate program. CATS Academy Basketball Academy's overall structure both supports and challenges individuals while providing them with a platform to achieve their goals on and off the court.

Ivy Plus Program

In partnership with Foundation Global Education to offer an exclusive elite college preparation program designed for ambitious, high-achieving students with their sights set on the nation's most prestigious universities. Tailored for exceptional learners in Grades 9-12, this rigorous program provides a framework that empowers students to cultivate the academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and leadership qualities sought by Ivy League and other top-tier U.S. institutions. Through a carefully structured progression of workshops and individualized mentorship, participants will be guided by Senior College Admissions Counselors and former Admissions Officers from renowned universities, gaining invaluable insights from professionals who have an impressive history of success in helping students secure places at Ivy League and other top-ranked U.S. colleges and universities.

ELECTIVES

Acting	Introduction to Programming
Advanced Acting	Introduction to Drawing
Advanced Fashion	Introduction to Fashion
Advanced Digital Electronics	Introduction to Painting
Advanced Painting	Introduction to Philosophy
AI Foundations	Legal Concepts & Practices
Anatomy & Health Disorders	Macroeconomics
Art Portfolio Prep	Microeconomics
Business Communications	Mandarin Chinese
Cinema Studies	Music Tech Production
Costume Design	Contemporary Music Ensemble
Creating Comics	Percussion Lab
Dance	Piano
Electronics	Printmaking
Entrepreneurship	Psychology
French	Robotics Engineering
Foundations of Business	Science Fiction
Graphic Design	Spanish
Guitar	2D/3D Design
Illustration	

SCHOLARLY CLUBS

Astronomy & Space Science
Chess & Strategic Thinking Club
Community Service
Computer Science & Coding
Contemporary Music & Performance
English Language Peer Support
Faith, Reflection & Service
Fiber Arts & Textile Design
Film Studies & Cinema Club
Global Languages & Cultural Exchange
Griffinators Robotics Team
Investment & Financial Literacy
Mathematics & Problem Solving
Mechanical Engineering & Design
Model United Nations
National Honor Society
Science Fiction & Mythology
Scientific Research & Science Fair
Student Journalism & Newspaper
Theatre Production & Set Design
Visual Arts & Creative Design
Visual Arts Studio
Yearbook & Student Media

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2021–2026 (Bold Denotes Matriculation)

Abilene Christian University	Colorado School of Mines	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios
Adelphi University	Colorado State University	Superiores de Monterrey
American International College	Concordia University	Iona College
American University	Connecticut College	Irvine Valley College
The American University of Paris	Contra Costa College	Ithaca College
Arizona State University	Cornell University	Jacksonville University
Art Center of College and Design	Culinary Institute of America	John Cabot University
Ashland University	CUNY: Baruch College	John Carroll University
Assumption University	CUNY: John Jay	Johnson & Wales University
Auburn University	CUNY: Medgar Evers	Juniata College
Auburn University at Montgomery	CUNY: NYC College of Technology	Kalamazoo College
Augustana College	CUNY: Staten Island College	Kent State University
Austin College	Curry College	Kenyon College
Babson College	Denison University	King's College London
Bard College	DePaul University	KU Leuven
Barry University	DePauw University	La Salle University
Bates College	Dickinson College	Lake Forest College
Baldwin Wallace University	DID Deutsch Institut, Berlin	Lasell University
Ball State University	Dominican University of California	Le Moyne College
Baylor University	Drexel University	Leiden University
Becker College	Duquesne University	Lehigh University
Beloit College	Eastern Nazarene College	Lesley University
Bennington College	Elon University	Les Roches Global Hospitality
Bentley University	Embry Riddle Aeronautical U.	Long Island University
Berklee School of Music	Emerson College	Los Angeles Film School
Binghamton University	Emmanuel College	Louisiana State University
Bocconi Universita	Endicott College	Loyola Marymount University
Boston College	Erasmus University-Rotterdam	Loyola University Chicago
Boston University	Fairfield University	Loyola University Maryland
Brandeis University	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Lycoming College
Bridgewater State University	Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	Lynn University
Brown University	Fisher College	MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Bryant University	Fitchburg State University	Maastricht University
Bucknell University	Flinders University	Maine College of Art
Cal State Polytechnic U, Pomona	Florida Institute of Technology	Manhattan College
California College of the Arts	Florida International University	Marist College
California Institute of the Arts	Florida Southern College	Maryland Institute College of Art
California State University - All	Fordham University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Cardiff University	Framingham State University	McGill University
Carleton College	Franklin Pierce University	Merrimack College
Case Western Reserve University	Full Sail University	Miami University, Oxford
Central Washington University	George Mason University	Michigan State University
Champlain College	George Washington University	Middlebury College
Chapman University	Georgetown University	Monroe College
Christopher Newport University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Mount Holyoke College
Chulalongkorn University	Georgia State University	National University of Singapore
Clark University	Gettysburg College	New York Film Academy
Clark Atlanta University	Glion Institute of Higher Education	New York Institute of Technology
Clarkson University	Gonzaga University	New York University
Claremont McKenna College	Goucher College	Neumont College of Computer Science
Clemson University	High Point University	North Carolina State University
Coastal Carolina University	Hobart & William	Northeastern University
Colby College	Smith College	Northern Kentucky University
Colby-Sawyer College	Hofstra University	NY Institute of Technology
College of the Holy Cross	Howard University	Oberlin College
College of St. Rose	Hult International Business School	Ohio State University
College of William and Mary	Illinois Institute of Technology	Ohio University
Colombia College Chicago	Indiana University	Ohio Wesleyan University

Orange Coast Community College	SUNY Albany	University of New Hampshire
Oregon State University	SUNY Buffalo	University of New Haven
Otis College of Art & Design	Swinburne University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Pace University	Syracuse University	University of North Texas
Pacific Northwest College of Art	Temple University	University of Oklahoma
Parsons School of Design	Texas Christian University	University of Oregon
Pasadena City College	Texas Tech. University	University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania State University	The College of New Jersey	University of Pittsburgh
Pepperdine University	The College of Wooster	University of Rhode Island
Polimoda Institute of Design & Marketing	Towson University	University of Richmond
Portland State University	Tufts University	University of Rochester
Pratt Institute	Tulane University	University of San Diego
Providence College	UMASS Amherst	University of San Francisco
Purdue University	UMASS Boston	University of Southern California
Quincy College	UMASS Dartmouth	University of South Carolina
Quinnipiac University	UMASS Lowell	University of South Florida
Randolph-Macon College	Union College	University of St. Thomas
Randolph College	Universiteit van Amsterdam	University of Sydney
Regis College	University of Alabama	University of the Pacific
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Arizona	University of Tampa
Rice University	University of Arts - London	University of Tennessee
Richard Bland College	University of British Columbia, Vancouver	University of Texas, Arlington
Ringling College of Art and Design	University of California: Berkeley	University of the Pacific
RMIT University Vietnam	University of California: Davis	University of Toledo
Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California: Irvine	University of Toronto
Roger Williams University	University of California: Los Angeles	University of Tulsa
Rollins College	University of California: Merced	University of Utah
Rutgers University	University of California: Riverside	University of Vermont
Sacred Heart University	University of California: San Diego	University of Washington
Saint Louis University	University of California: Santa Barbara	University of Wisconsin
Saint Michael's College	University of California: Santa Cruz	University of Wyoming
Salem State University	University of Canberra	UNSW Australia
Salve Regina University	University of Central Florida	Utica College
San Diego State University	University of Cincinnati	Villanova University
San Francisco State University	University of Colorado	Vincennes University
San Jose State University	University of Connecticut	Virginia Commonwealth University
Santa Clara University	University of Dayton	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Santa Monica College	University of Delaware	Washington & Jefferson College
Sarah Lawrence College	University of Denver	Washington College
Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Florida	Washington State University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Glasgow	Washington University, St. Louis
School of Visual Arts	University of Hartford	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Seattle University	University of Houston	Western New England University
Sheridan College	University of Idaho	Western University, Ontario
Simon Fraser University	University of Illinois, Chicago	Wheaton College
Skidmore College	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Smith College	University of Kansas	Xavier University
Sorbonne Université	University of Kentucky	Yale University – NUS
Southern Methodist University	University of Louisiana	
Spelman College	University of Maine	
Springfield College	University of Manitoba	
St. Anselm College	University of Mary Washington	
St. Bonaventure University	University of Maryland	
St. John's University	University of Memphis	
St. Joseph's University	University of Miami	
St. Lawrence University	University of Michigan	
Stetson University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Missouri	
Stonehill College	University of Nebraska	
Stony Brook University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	
Suffolk University	University of New England	