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BOSTON

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At CATS Academy Boston, our mission is to prepare talented, globally minded students to realize their full potential, inspiring excellence in both academics and character. We offer an American High School education for culturally diverse students in one of the best student cities in the US, driving success in academics, arts, and athletics.

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Welcome to CATS Academy Boston

On behalf of our dedicated faculty and staff, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to CATS Academy Boston, a place where students are not only our focus, but our purpose. Their growth is our mission, and their success is our pride.

At CATS Academy Boston, students don't just attend high school, they experience a transformational launchpad for life. On a campus where more than 30 nationalities learn side-by-side, young people grow fluent in culture, conviction, and connection. Every student is supported in following a personalized pathway, whether through our elite Scholars Program, Arts Academy, or STEAM innovation tracks, because we believe no two futures are the same.

With purpose-built facilities that rival top universities, students are empowered to create, compete, and showcase their passions in meaningful, real-world ways. With comprehensive college counseling beginning in Grade 9 and unmatched access to Boston's academic institutions, our students don't just apply to college, they are prepared to thrive there.

This is CATS Academy Boston.
This is where the world meets to learn, grow, and shape tomorrow.

Dr. Michael Lehan
Head of School

CATS Academy Boston In Focus

Ranked in the
Top 10%
of Diverse Private High Schools in America by Niche*

2,400+
university and college acceptances since 2020

$11.7M+
in scholarships since 2020

Students have received acceptances to top global universities^^ including:

- MIT (ranked 1st)
- Stanford (ranked 2nd)
- National University of Singapore (ranked 10th)
- University of Pennsylvania (ranked 15th)
- Cornell University (ranked 16th)
- University of Sydney, Australia (ranked 18th)
- University of New South Wales, Australia (ranked 19th)
- University of Toronto, Canada (ranked 32nd)^^

Ivy League Success
Students have been accepted to Brown University, University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell University

Students have been accepted to
85
of the Top 100 National Universities^

160
acceptances received by our students to top Art Schools around the world since 2020

4 of the
Top 5
World Universities for Art & Design have accepted our students including University of the Arts London (ranked 2nd), The New School (ranked 3rd) and Rhode Island School of Design (ranked 4th)+

4.3
Average across AP Calculus BC, AP English Language & Composition, AP Macroeconomics, AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics and World History**

Proudly recognized by the
College Board's AP School Honor Roll
in 2024 and 2025

Gatorade Basketball Player of the Year
CATS Boston student-athlete has been named the Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Basketball Player of the Year in 2023-24 and 2024-25

Top Liberal Arts Colleges
Students have been accepted to Williams College (ranked 1st) and Amherst College (ranked 2nd)++

6,000+
hours of community service performed by students since 2024

10:1
Student-Teacher Ratio

228
AP Exams Taken in 2024-25

*In 2025-2026 academic year **In 2023-2024 academic year ^Based on US News & World's Best National University Rankings ^^QS World University Rankings 2027
+ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026: Art & Design ++ Based on US News & World's Best National Liberal Arts Colleges Rankings

Student Experience

At CATS Academy Boston, we welcome students from all over the world into a vibrant, inclusive community where they can grow both academically and personally.

With a supportive atmosphere that feels like a second home, students are challenged to reach their full academic potential while exploring their interests and building the confidence and skills they need for future success. More than just a place of learning, CATS Academy Boston provides an environment that encourages self-discovery, intellectual curiosity, and meaningful connections, making each student's educational journey both enriching, memorable, and transformative.

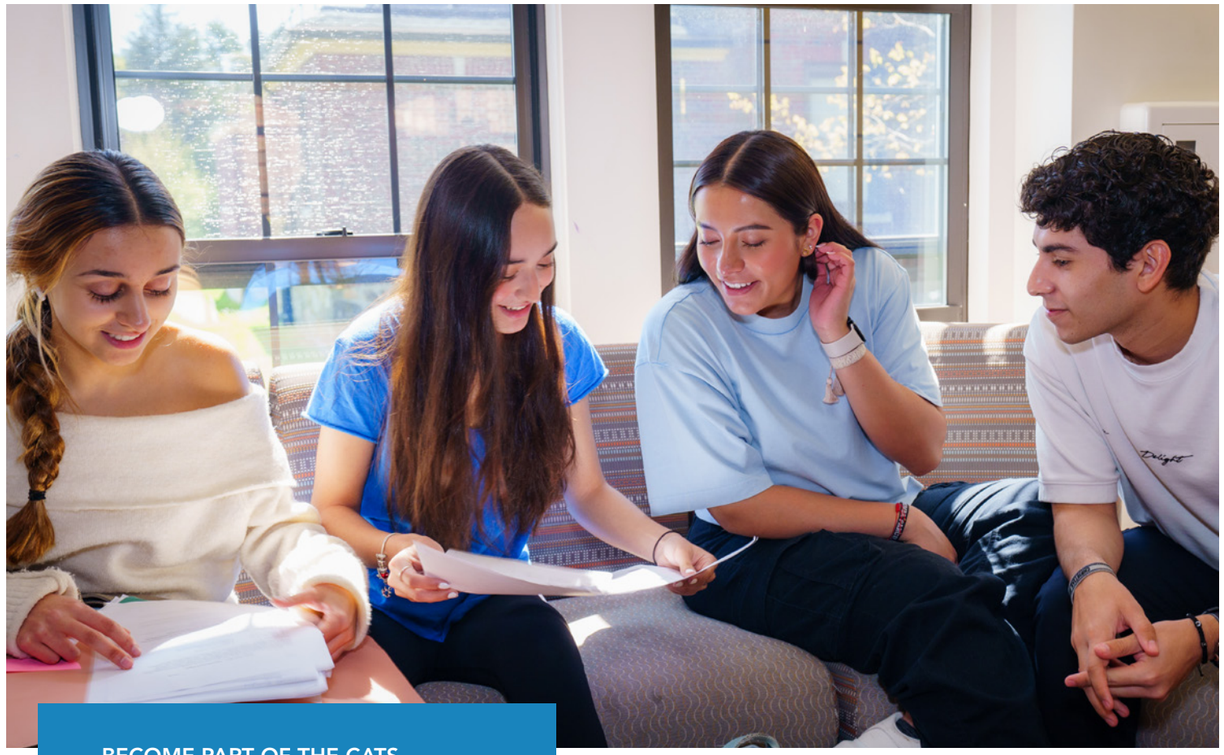
With 30% of our students from the U.S, international students live and learn alongside their American peers, fostering meaningful cultural exchange. This supportive and multicultural environment prepares our students for success in a globally connected world.

SUPPORTIVE STAFF

Our academic staff and live-in Dorm Parents are always on hand to support and guide students, creating a safe and welcoming home on campus. From day one, we help students feel comfortable, connected, and cared for, making it easy to settle in and start an exciting new chapter of their journey at CATS Academy Boston.

IMMERSIVE ENGLISH

All aspects of school life are conducted in English, giving students the opportunity to master the language in both academic and social settings. For international students who need additional support, we offer our CATS Extra program and a range of English as a Second Language courses to help strengthen their English skills and build confidence.



BECOME PART OF THE CATS COMMUNITY

At the heart of the school community is our Student Government. It helps create recreational and academic events for students, acting as the voice of their peers and enhancing school life. Being involved teaches our students how to work with others, how to develop leadership skills, how to take initiative, and it helps enhance their university or college application.

Dynamic environment

Learn in a multicultural environment and enjoy shared learning and living experiences.

Competitive sports

Compete against other schools in a variety of sports.

Trips and excursions

Experience American life by attending sports games and visiting places of interest.

On-site health center

Managed by trained healthcare professionals.

Boston

The academic heart of the U.S.

Boston is one of the most prestigious academic hubs in the world. Home to globally renowned institutions like Harvard University, MIT, and Boston University, Boston offers an inspiring environment where education, innovation, and opportunity come together. Our students benefit from our proximity to these institutions, with regular events and academic excursions that immerse them in Boston's rich culture.

This vibrant, student-centered city provides endless opportunities to take part in a wide range of academic, athletic, artistic, and social activities. On weekends, free student shuttles to the local train station in Braintree make it easy to access everything the city has to offer.

From thought-provoking university talks to dynamic cultural events, our students' academic journeys in Boston go far beyond the classroom.

World-ranked colleges

100 universities in the Boston area including Harvard and MIT

Student city

250,000 students from around the world study in Boston

Young professionals

Boston has been ranked 7th best city in the U.S for young professionals^

American sports

Four major league sports teams; baseball, hockey, basketball and soccer

*According to QS Best Student Cities 2026

^ Niche 2026

Boston has been ranked the top student city in the U.S and 15th best in the world*

Harvard University Campus

Fenway Park

BRAINTREE

Situated just 35 minutes from the center of Boston, the school enjoys a prime location in the historic and well-established town of Braintree. Steeped in American history, Braintree was once home to two U.S. Presidents, John Adams and his son, John Quincy Adams, as well as John Hancock, a key figure in the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Today, Braintree is a thriving community known for its outstanding quality of life, and strong emphasis on safety. With the local Sheriff's Office located right next to the school, students benefit from a safe and secure environment that supports both personal well-being and academic success.

MIT University Campus

Discover Our Campus

Purpose-built campus with state-of-the-art facilities

CATS Academy Boston blends the rich tradition of an American boarding school with a modern, purpose-built campus. Our state-of-the-art facilities provide an inspiring environment where students can focus on their studies, spend time with friends, and access a wide range of extracurricular opportunities.

Campus map

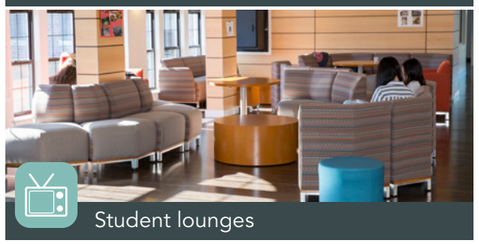
1. Outdoor soccer pitches
2. Dining room
3. Medical services
4. Student lounge
5. Academic block
6. Weight room
7. Multi-purpose gymnasium and basketball court
8. Music and theater rooms
9. Single room accommodation
   Emerson House
   Kennedy House
   Wheatley House
   Gardner House
10. Shared room accommodation
    Attucks House

400+ en-suite bedrooms

Weights room

On-site Medical Center

Professionally-catered dining room

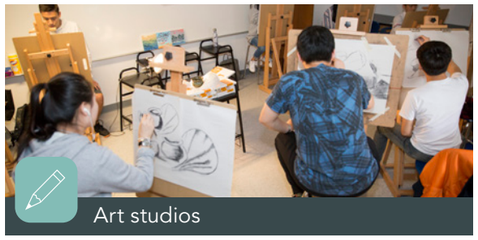

Student lounges

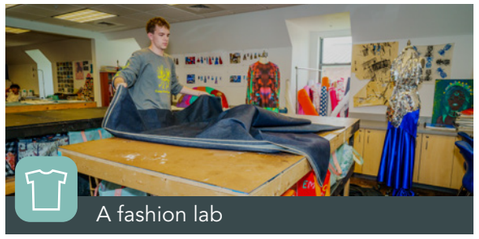
University standard science labs

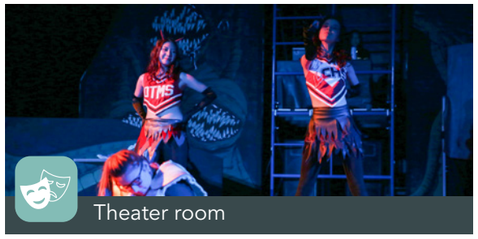
Over 40 classrooms

An innovation lab with a suite of iMacs

A business lab with stock market ticker


Art studios


A fashion lab


Theater room

Competition grade soccer pitch

Basketball court and gymnasium

Residential Life

An authentic dorm experience

At CATS Academy Boston, we provide a caring and supportive environment designed to help students feel at home and achieve their full potential. Our five modern, purpose-built residences, just a short walk across the courtyard from the main school, offer 449 single and shared rooms, all with en-suite bathrooms. Each residence is safe, secure, and overseen by dedicated live-in dorm parents who are always available to offer guidance and encouragement.

Key features:

Comfortable Dorm Rooms
Each student will have a single bed, storage, a desk for studying and an en-suite bathroom

Catering
Full catering is provided for students, with three delicious meals a day during the school week

Activities & Events
Enjoy weekly dorm activities and social events with students from across the school

Modern Facilities
Social areas provide spaces for you to relax and spend time with friends

- Wheelchair accessible
- Shared kitchenette and dining area on every floor
- Free high-speed WiFi throughout the campus
- Secure access cards
- Laundry rooms
- Workout rooms
- Game tables

Attucks House
Twin Rooms

"The dorm parents feel like second parents and it is a very safe environment. I'm very happy here."

Sadie from Germany

Kennedy And Emerson
Single Rooms

Wheatley and Gardner
Single Rooms

A Day in the Life

A typical day in the life of a CATS Academy Boston student is filled with variety, all designed to prepare students not only to gain admission to their dream college or university, but to thrive academically, socially, and personally once they get there.

6.00 – Wake up

Wake up in your comfortable bedroom with en-suite, complete with a desk for private study.

7.30 – Breakfast

Choose from a range of cereals, fruit and also a cooked breakfast.

8.15 – Art lesson

Our art studios offer a range of facilities so that you can fully explore your creativity.

9.20 – English lesson

Learn the language needed for your chosen subjects and also prepare for an internationally-recognized English qualification.

10.20 – Break time

10.30 – Chemistry lesson

Learn problem-solving skills and gain a good understanding of the methods and principles of modern chemistry.

11.35 – Advisory

Discuss your progress with your advisor once a week, who will give you advice to help you succeed in your studies.

12.35 – Lunch

We offer a variety of international dishes catering to those with a range of dietary requirements.

13.45 – Extracurricular Activities

Choose from a range of different academic, athletic, creative, and leadership activities from soccer and yoga to coding and fashion.

Build a Robot

Join the Robotics Team and collaborate with fellow innovators to design, build, and program robots, develop cutting-edge engineering and problem-solving skills, and put your creations to the test in exciting robotics competitions.

15.00 – 16.00 – Enrichment

During this time academic staff will be available for one-to-one support, the art studios will be open and students can take part in athletic activities. There is also the opportunity for students to provide services for the local community.

17.30 – 18.30 – Dinner

20.00 – 21.30 – Evening study

Continue your study in a quiet environment with support from teachers and fellow students.

22.30 – Lights out

This timeline illustrates a variety of activities. Your timetable will vary depending on your program and subject choices. Not all activities will take place in a single day.

"The community here is fantastic. We value connections, and it shows in the strong relationships among students, staff, and families. There's always something happening, whether it's celebrating university acceptances, enjoying a playoff game, or watching a student performance."

CATS Academy Boston Teacher

Global Citizen Pathways

Enhance your University application

Our Global Citizen Pathways provide structured opportunities for students to explore their interests, develop practical and leadership skills, contribute to the community, and build meaningful experiences that strengthen their university profiles and support their personal growth, preparing them to thrive in an ever-changing world.

The five primary pathways are:

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SOCIAL IMPACT
Volunteering, service projects, advocacy, mentoring, fundraising, and community partnerships.

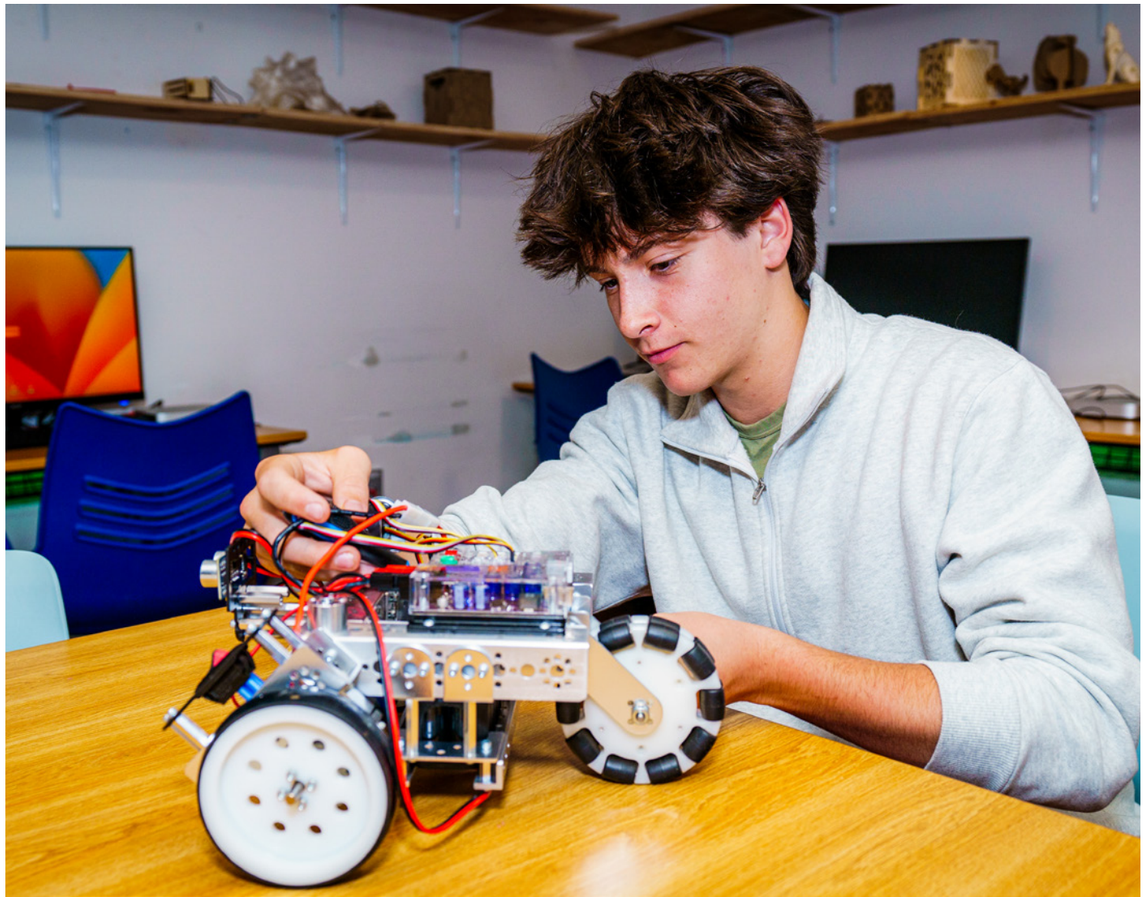
ATHLETICS, WELLNESS, AND TEAM LEADERSHIP
Competitive sports, recreational activities, fitness, coaching, sports management, and team leadership.

ARTS, MEDIA, AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION
Visual arts, music, theater, fashion, photography, design, writing, and student media.

BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND INNOVATION
Business clubs, student enterprises, financial literacy, marketing, entrepreneurship, robotics, and internships.

ACADEMIC EXPLORATION AND FUTURE READINESS
Research, STEM projects, academic competitions, public speaking, university preparation, career exploration, and professional skills.

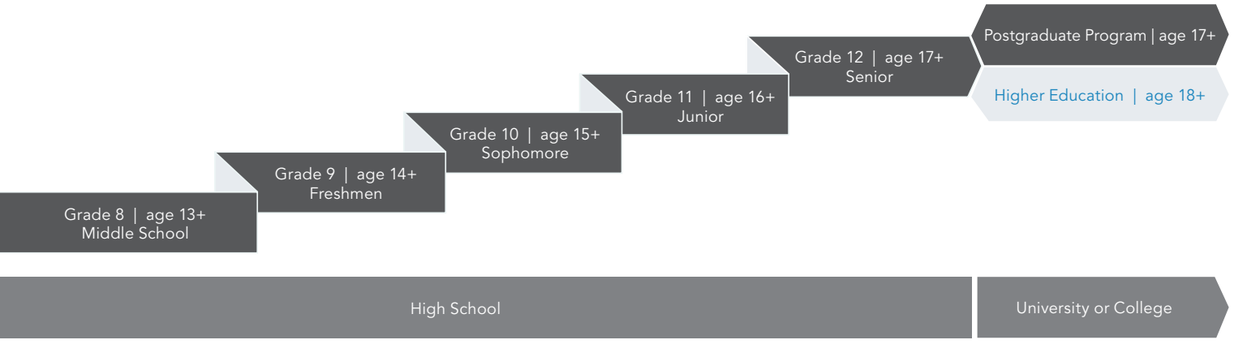
Students can select one primary pathway while participating in opportunities across the other areas. This would help them develop a focused, authentic story of growth and enables them to cultivate their passions while demonstrating the depth of their interests, leadership, and commitment to top colleges and universities.



High School Diploma

Your Pathway to Success

The High School Diploma program at CATS Academy Boston has been designed to suit each student's individual study needs and put them on the pathway to university or college success.



THE QUALIFICATION

A High School Diploma is a North American academic school qualification typically earned over the course of four years, from Grade 9 to Grade 12. It is awarded upon High School graduation.

CORE AREAS OF STUDY

To graduate from CATS Academy Boston and receive their High School Diploma, students will need to have studied the following, or the equivalent:

- 4 years of English Literature
- 4 years of Mathematics
- Up to 4 years of ESL (English as a Second Language) for non-native speakers
- 3 years of World Languages (for native speakers of English)
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Sciences/History (including one year of US History)
- 1 Year of Art and/or Technology

ELECTIVES

As well as the core areas of study, students can select elective courses from a wide range of subjects that will allow them to explore new areas of interest, or develop a subject they enjoy or want to study at university or college. There are a variety of elective courses to choose from, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Our teachers and counselors will guide students through the process of selecting electives to ensure they make the right choices for their university and college applications.

CATS Academy Boston earned its place on both the 2024 and 2025 Advanced Placement Program (AP) School Honor Roll. Recognized for its outstanding work delivering AP courses and supporting students on the path to college success.

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES BASED ON YOUR ABILITY

College Prep

These are standard level courses suitable for most students and are needed to obtain your High School Diploma. You can expect to get 20–30 minutes of homework each night per course.

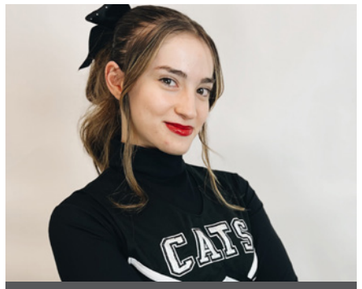
Honors

These are aimed at higher ability students. You will study in greater depth and at a faster pace. You can expect to get 30–40 minutes of homework each night per course. You must qualify to study these courses.

Advanced Placement (AP)

These courses are aimed at high performing students. Advanced Placement courses are college-level courses that prepare students to take College Board exams which can help establish advanced placement in college courses or credit toward a college degree. On these courses, you can expect to get 60 minutes of homework each night per course. You must qualify to study these courses.

Key Facts	
Grades	9 to 12
Average class size	14
Hours per week	22
Start dates	September or January (September start for Grade 12)



Laura from Spain
Progressed to University of Toronto
Studied AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Literature & Composition, AP Chemistry

Dima from Ukraine
Progressed to University of Pennsylvania
Studied AP Calculus AB, AP Economics, AP Statistics, AP Multivariable Calculus, AP U.S History, AP Literature, and AP World History

Johnny from Vietnam
Progressed to Boston University
Studied AP Statistics, AP Calculus, AP Microeconomics

Postgraduate Program

Our Postgraduate Program is a 1 year program for students who have graduated from their High Schools and are seeking the opportunity to strengthen their applications to gain admission to their dream university or college, while cultivating their skills and their personal potential for success in college. All students on the Postgraduate Program must take a Math and English course along with at least two additional electives.

Through our Postgraduate Program students will:

- Build their academic ability and enhance their skills in specific subject areas
- Develop their social skills, character, and independence, which is beneficial when transitioning to college life
- Work with our experienced College Counselors to select the best university and colleges for them, choose appropriate courses and extracurricular activities, build their college applications, prepare for college admittance exams
- Enjoy more independent learning and living but with support from teachers and dorm parents
- Have the opportunity to practice essential study skills such as time management, critical thinking, communication, organization, research, leadership, teamwork, and resilience
- Improve their English language skills and prepare for the TOEFL exam

From Ivy League to liberal arts colleges, many consider students who have taken a Postgraduate program as serious about their personal development and, through committing to this course, are demonstrating that they would be an all-round better candidate and future student.

Key Facts	
Age	17+
Start date	September
Course length	1 year
Entry requirements	Must have completed their High School Diploma

CATS Extra Academic Program

CATS Extra is a focused academic program for international students entering Grades 8, 9, or 10 who have not yet met the English requirements for mainstream classes but are aspiring to earn a U.S. High School Diploma.

Designed and delivered by experienced ESL educators, the program offers a tailored curriculum in a small, supportive classroom setting to build both English fluency and academic readiness. Highly immersive and structured, CATS Extra helps students develop the skills needed to transition confidently into the full academic program at CATS Academy Boston. Upon arrival, all international students take a placement test to determine if CATS Extra is the right starting point for them.

The program typically runs for one year over two semesters, but students demonstrating rapid progress may advance to mainstream classes after just one semester by meeting the required assessment score.

In this program students will:

- Be taught by dedicated and knowledgeable ESL teachers
- Improve their overall understanding of English
- Gain confidence communicating in English
- Learn and develop subject specific vocabulary
- Proceed to mainstream classes once completed
- Receive continued ESL support in all academic course work

Key Facts	
Grades	8, 9 and 10
Hours per week:	22
Course length	1 year
Start dates:	September or January

Course Offerings

● AP COURSES ● HONORS ● COLLEGE PREPARATION ● ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

VISUAL ARTS

- Drawing
- Illustration
- Painting
- Advanced Painting
- Comics
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Graphic Design
- Portfolio Preparation
- Fashion Design
- Advanced Fashion
- Costume Design
- Cinema Studies

PERFORMING ARTS

- Guitar
- Piano
- Percussion
- Music Ensemble
- Music Technology and Production
- Acting
- Advanced Acting
- Theater
- Dance

WORLD LANGUAGES

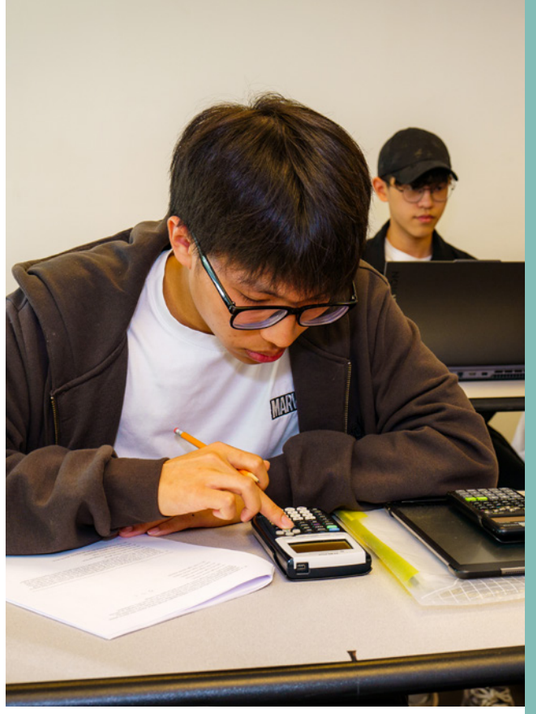
- AP French Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Literature and Culture
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- French Level 1-4
- Spanish Level 1-4
- Mandarin Chinese

ENGLISH LITERATURE

- AP Language and Composition
- AP Literature & Composition
- Literature 1: Society and the Individual
- Literature 2: Journeys
- Literature 3: Independence
- Literature 4: Critical Lenses
- English Skills
- Literature 1: Society and the Individual
- Literature 2: Journeys
- Literature 3: Independence
- Literature 4: Critical Lenses
- Creative Writing
- Science Fiction
- World Mythology

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- AP Economics
- AP United States History
- AP World History
- World History Honors
- World History: Global Conflicts Honors
- United States History Survey Honors
- Legal Concepts Honors
- World History
- United States History
- World History: Global Conflicts
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Psychology
- Legal Concepts & Practices
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Entrepreneurship
- Foundations of Business
- Business Ethics



SCIENCE

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics: Electricity and Magnetism
- AP Environmental Science
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Physics Honors
- Climate Change: Future of Planet Earth Honors
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Marine Biology & Oceanography

MATH

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Pre-Calculus
- Calculus Honors
- Statistics Honors
- Introduction to Abstract Mathematical Thought Honors
- Multivariable Calculus Honors
- Algebra II Honors
- Algebra II
- Pre-Calculus
- Integrated Mathematics I
- Integrated Mathematics II
- Introduction to Statistics

TECHNOLOGY

- AP Computer Science
- 2D/3D Design and Fabrication
- Introduction to Programming
- Electronics
- Advanced Digital Electronics
- Data Discoveries
- AI Foundations
- Robotics

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

- English Conversation
- English Grammar
- Academic English
- Academic Writing and Research

*Please note, course offerings are subject to change and will be offered depending on student interest.

Outstanding Student Achievements

At CATS Academy Boston, our students have received acceptances to some of the most prestigious universities and colleges in the United States and around the world. Our core mission is to guide each student toward securing a place at the U.S university that best aligns with their individual strengths and ambitions.

Unlike many international education systems that rely solely on standardized test scores, U.S institutions evaluate applicants holistically, considering academic achievement alongside personal qualities, extracurricular involvement, and leadership potential.

Our comprehensive program is designed to cultivate both exceptional academic performance and a broad spectrum of skills, empowering students to present a well-rounded and compelling college application.

"I wanted to attend an Ivy League school and CATS Academy Boston has made it possible. I have been constantly supported by my college counselors"

Karolina from Ukraine
Karolina progressed to Brown University, an Ivy League university (#13 Best National University Ranking 2026)

Top acceptances received

Students have received acceptances to 85 of the Top 100 Universities in the U.S

Scholarships

$11.7 million in university scholarships secured since 2020

Student university success

Over 2,400 university acceptances since 2020

Art school progression

Our students study at some of the best art schools in the world

"My daughter was accepted into all the universities she applied to, some very renowned ones like Parsons and Pratt in New York with scholarships and she could choose where to study."

CATS Academy Boston parent

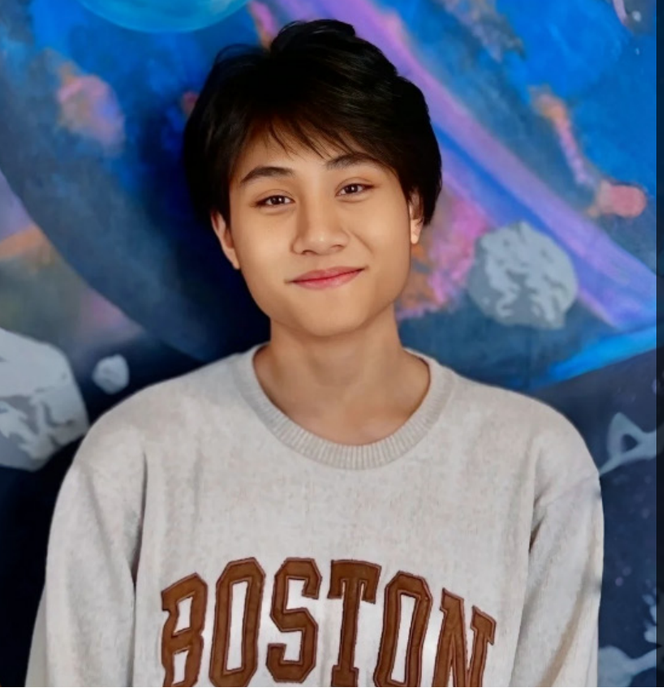
Since 2014, we have helped our students receive acceptances to top universities and colleges across the U.S. and many with impressive scholarships. **Destinations include:**

Top 50 National Universities	Rank
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	2
University of Pennsylvania	7
Cornell University	12
Brown University	13
University of California - Berkeley	15
University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA)	17
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	20
Georgetown University	24
University of California - San Diego	29
Georgia Institute of Technology	32
New York University (NYU)	32
University of California - Davis	32
University of California - Irvine	32
Boston College	36
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	36
University of Wisconsin - Madison	36
University of California - Santa Barbara	40
Ohio State University	41
University of Maryland	42
Boston University	42
University of Washington - Seattle	42
Rutgers University – New Brunswick	42
Northeastern University	46
Purdue University	46
Lehigh University	46

Top 50 Liberal Arts	Rank
Williams College	1
Amherst College	2
Claremont McKenna College	7
Carleton College	10
Middlebury College	13
Smith College	13
University of Richmond	22
Colby College	24
Bates College	24
College of the Holy Cross	27
Mount Holyoke College	29
Bucknell University	30
Denison University	34
Franklin & Marshall College	35
Skidmore College	37
Union College	44
Kenyon College	45
Furman University	45

Top Arts Colleges
American Academy of Dramatic Arts
Berklee School of Music
California Institute of the Arts
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
Fashion Institute of Technology
Istituto Marangoni, Florence
Massachusetts College of Art & Design
Parsons School of Design
Pratt Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Ringling College of Art and Design
San Francisco Art Institute
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts, New York
The New School
University of the Arts London

*Rankings from US News & World 2026 Report for Top 100 National and Liberal Arts Universities and Colleges



"I'm wholeheartedly grateful for the mentorship I received during the application process, especially from my college counselor who genuinely cared and closely supported me every step of the way!"

AJ from Thailand
Progressed to Cornell University, an Ivy League university (#12 Best National University Ranking 2026)

University Preparation

At CATS Academy Boston, our expert college counselors equip students with the knowledge, strategy, and confidence to succeed in the competitive university admissions process.

Beginning in Grade 9, students receive personalized guidance aligned with their strengths and goals, helping them make informed academic and extracurricular choices. This early support ensures they build strong, well-rounded applications, and are well-prepared to gain admission to universities that match their aspirations and potential.

Our focus is in three areas:

- Guiding students in selecting the right courses, electives, and extracurricular activities to strengthen their college applications and align with their goals.
- Offering expert test preparation support, including hosting the SAT on campus twice a year.
- Collaborating closely with students to create a tailored college list, craft compelling personal essays that highlight their strengths, and provide support through every stage of the decision-making process.

Individual Attention
From selecting classes to writing their college essay, our college counselors support students from day one

University visits
Students benefit from over 150 university and college visits each year

Open door policy
Students can speak with our counselors at any time to plan their route to university

Application guidance
Students meet with our college counselors to frequently review their college application progress

Your college counseling support includes:	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Post Grad
An introduction to the college admissions process	•	•			
Advice on what you can do to prepare	•	•			
Help with building a college essay that will showcase your strengths			•	•	•
Provide you with assistance registering for required standardized tests			•	•	•
Assistance with obtaining transcripts from previous schools, if needed			•	•	•
Advice on financial aid options		•	•	•	•
Arranging meetings for you with representatives from colleges and universities			•	•	•
Providing trips to local colleges and universities			•	•	•
Guidance on how to ask for school and teacher recommendations			•	•	•
Support with 'Common App' submissions				•	•
Finalizing your college lists				•	•
Collecting and sending all appropriate documentation, including transcripts, letters of recommendation, profiles needed for application to your chosen colleges				•	•

College Counseling Preparation Program

Transferring into Grade 12 in the U.S can be daunting, but at CATS Academy Boston, we provide the support students need to succeed.

Our specialized College Counseling Preparation Program gives Grade 12 transfer students a valuable head start by beginning two weeks before the academic year starts. This focused early support helps students navigate the U.S college admissions process, strengthen their applications, and confidently transition into their final year. As a result, hundreds of our transfer students have successfully gained admission to top colleges and universities that match their goals and ambitions.

YOU CAN EXPECT TO

- Meet with the Head of School & College Counseling team before the start of the semester
- Create your dream university/college list
- Learn what top universities and colleges are looking for in applicants
- Receive guidance on the college and university application process in the U.S
- Enjoy trips to top US universities. Potential trips include Harvard, MIT and Boston University
- Explore the city of Boston
- Practice writing your personal essay
- Develop the skills and confidence to excel in college admission interviews

Key Facts	
Grade	Compulsory for Grade 12 transfer students
Average class size	17
Course length	2 weeks
Course dates	Begins two weeks prior to the new student orientation week.

High School Preparation Program

Our intensive two-week preparation program is designed to help students confidently transition into life in the U.S and on campus before beginning their High School Diploma.

This program not only eases the academic and cultural adjustment but also offers an early introduction to the CATS Boston community, helping students build connections, feel at home, and start their journey with a strong foundation for success.

As well as becoming familiar with the CATS Boston campus and settling into your new home, you will:

- Make friends with other new students
- Explore the campus and become confident with where your classes will take place
- Take part in critical thinking activities and relationship building exercises both inside and outside of the classroom
- Improve your English reading, writing and speaking skills alongside other new members of the CATS Boston community
- Work on a research project and practice a format required by CATS Boston and most colleges and universities
- Refine your academic writing skills
- Have fun and explore the city of Boston

Key Facts	
Age	14+
Average class size	12
Course length	2 weeks
Course dates	Begins two weeks prior to the new student orientation week

Sample timetable

	7am - 8am	9am - 12pm	12pm - 1pm	1pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 5pm	5pm - 9pm
Monday	Breakfast	Study skills	Lunch	Free time	How to conduct research	Dinner	Mini Golf
Tuesday	Breakfast	Research MIT	Lunch	Free time	Excursion to MIT	Dinner	Trip to the movies
Wednesday	Breakfast	Writing: Identity and identification	Lunch	Free time	Reading: 'My Name' by Sandra Cisneros	Dinner	Trampoline park
Thursday	Breakfast	Listening: What does your name say about you?	Lunch	Free time	Speaking: Introducing Myself	Dinner	Shopping excursion
Friday	Breakfast	Journal Entry: How I see my future	Lunch	Free time	Speaking: 'Where I see myself...'	Dinner	Comic-Con Convention
Saturday	Breakfast	Full day of activities: bowling, shopping, Carousel Fun Center					
Sunday	Breakfast	Free time: shopping at the mall or a movie					

Please note that this schedule is subject to change

Ivy Plus Program

CATS Academy Boston's Ivy Plus Program is an exclusive college counseling pathway for ambitious students in Grades 9–12 who aspire to gain admission to Ivy League and other highly selective U.S. universities. Delivered alongside the High School Diploma, the program combines expert guidance, personalized mentorship, and a structured progression of workshops led by Senior College Admissions Counselors and former Admissions Officers with decades of experience helping students secure places at top-ranked institutions.

Through tailored academic and extracurricular planning, students build a distinctive profile that showcases both achievement and individuality. From research opportunities, competitions, leadership experiences, and summer programs to strategic college selection, essay development, and interview preparation, Ivy Plus equips students with the skills, confidence, and competitive edge needed to stand out in the world's most selective admissions processes.

Key Facts	
Grade	9, 10, 11 and 12
Entry requirements	Application and interview required
English language requirements	Strong English reading and writing skills
Course selection	September
Course dates	October - May

PLANNING MODULE - GRADES 9 AND 10

A carefully designed program where students will be guided toward meaningful academic and extracurricular opportunities:

- **Academic Excellence:** Develop an academic roadmap, standardized test planning, scholarly competitions
- **Extracurricular Engagement:** Design a passion project, community impact engagement, summer program placement
- **College Readiness Preparation:** College and major research, develop a narrative 'hook' for elite universities

APPLICATION MODULE - GRADES 11 AND 12

A program designed to strengthen every element of a student's college profile:

- **Academic Excellence:** Advanced course planning, standardized testing, research and publishing opportunities
- **Extracurricular Engagement:** Portfolio development, passion project scaling, leadership training, internship placement
- **College Readiness Preparation:** Targeted college list, essay and interview coaching, application management

Expert Mentorship & Guidance
Receive guidance from a specialized team with extensive admissions experience from renowned U.S universities

A Framework For Success
Follow a structured framework to cultivate the academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and leadership qualities sought by top-tier U.S. institutions

Make An Impression
Benefit from individualized coaching in essay writing and interview preparation to craft a powerful personal narrative

Targeted College Selection
Build a strategic college list, identify majors, and understand specific admissions requirements for each institution

Scholars Program

A program for exceptional students

University lectures

Museum visits

Concerts and recitals

Theatre trips

DO YOU WANT TO BE A SCHOLAR?

The Scholars Program at CATS Academy Boston offers exceptional academic enrichment for high-achieving students, providing exclusive opportunities to strengthen their university applications and prepare for college-level learning.

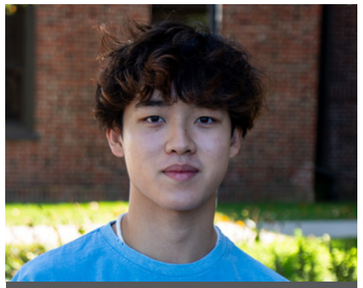
By invitation, scholars participate in regular visits to top-tier institutions such as MIT, Harvard, Brown University and Boston University, attending lectures, campus tours, and special events that deepen their academic insight and motivation. Additional cultural excursions, to museums, historical landmarks, and university performances, further broaden their educational experience.

Designed for students who demonstrate academic excellence and a passion for learning, the program is open to applicants after one semester at CATS Academy Boston.

CATS scholar achievements

Htoo from Myanmar
Progressed to Brown University
(Ivy League, #13 Best National University)

Karolina from Ukraine
Progressed to Brown University
(Ivy League, #13 Best National University)



Yam from Hong Kong
Progressed to New York University
(Ranked #32 Best National University)

Zachary from the U.S
Progressed to Boston College
(Ranked #36 Best National University)

Jonathan from China
Progressed to Berklee School of Music

Watch our video to find out more about the Scholars' Program

*Rankings from the US News & World 2026 Report for Top 100 National Universities

STEAM Enrichment

Explore your passion for STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math

"You get to build robots and compose electronic circuits which is great. This has been a great program for me because I get to try everything which has helped me see which part of engineering I would like to pursue in college."

Sikanananya from Thailand
Progressed to University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (#20 in US News Best Colleges Ranking 2026)

CATS Academy offers a robust STEAM curriculum, allowing students to explore a wide range of specialized courses across all five disciplines. Learning extends beyond the classroom through a variety of extracurricular activities, giving students a foundation for success in today's fast-paced, technology-driven world.

INNOVATION LAB

The Innovation Lab at CATS Academy Boston provides students with the tools, technology, and support they need to bring their ideas to life and excel in STEAM-related fields. Equipped with advanced resources, the lab offers hands-on opportunities for students to explore engineering, technology, and the arts in depth. Students benefit from a dynamic environment guided by passionate and experienced STEAM educators, enhancing both their academic development and college readiness.

THE CATS ACADEMY BOSTON STEAM AWARD

The STEAM Award offers students a valuable opportunity to deepen their knowledge and skills in STEAM subjects, enhancing their academic profile and strengthening their college applications.

By completing a tailored selection of STEAM-focused courses and participating in related events, students demonstrate their commitment and passion for these fields. Participants receive personalized support as they develop expertise in their chosen area, helping them stand out to top universities and pursue their academic goals with confidence.

English as a Second Language

Be an effective communicator

BE YOUR BEST AT:

- Academic writing
- Collaboration
- Public speaking
- Research skills

Areas of Study
English Conversation
English Grammar
Academic English
Academic Writing & Research

At CATS Academy Boston, we provide personalized English language support to help students thrive academically and prepare for success at U.S. colleges and universities.

Our tailored ESL courses strengthen skills in vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, reading, writing, listening, and speaking, while building confidence in Academic English. With dedicated preparation for the TOEFL exam and guidance from experienced ESL teachers, students gain the language proficiency needed to excel in an American High School.

To graduate, students are expected to complete up to four years of ESL or demonstrate equivalent proficiency.

University Partnerships

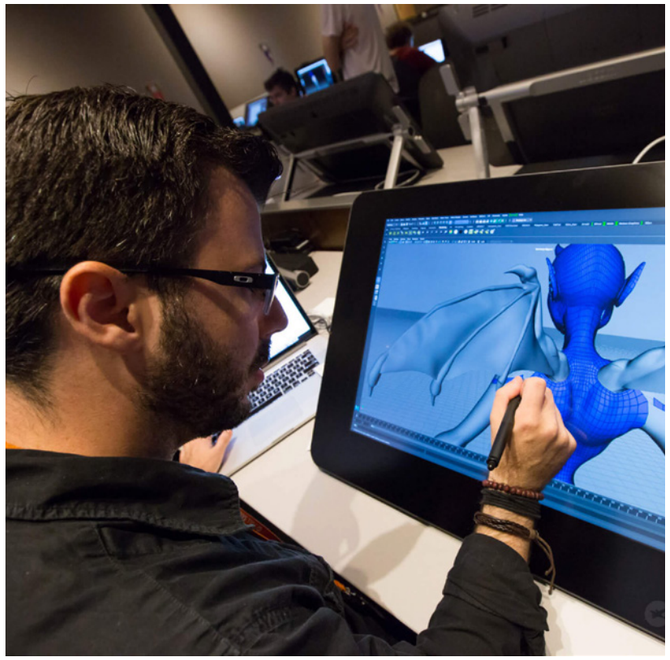
Scan the QR code to discover our latest University Partnerships

FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY

Full Sail University was founded in 1979 and is located in Winter Park, Florida. It offers more than 50 degree programs designed for the world of entertainment, media, arts and technology in today's rapidly evolving industries.

CATS Academy Boston students will receive guest lectures and projects in collaboration with Full Sail and will also be able to visit the university campus and meet key staff.

Students who meet the entry grades may be eligible to receive a partial scholarship of $15,000 from Full Sail University. These students will be provided with a VIP admissions service giving them priority reviews, as well as a Conditional Letter of Acceptance.



QUINCY COLLEGE

CATS Academy Boston is thrilled to announce a partnership with Quincy College. This College, founded in 1958, serves approximately 3,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Our students can enroll in online college credit courses through Quincy College at reduced tuition during the fall or spring semesters. This is a dual-enrollment in courses that are approved by the College and new courses will be added each year.

THE SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) was founded in 1978 to provide college degree programs not previously available in southeast Georgia and to create a specialized professional art college for students from throughout the United States and abroad.

With more than 100 degree programs in three locations, plus online programs, students at CATS Academy Boston can dually enroll and take up to 5 courses in Grades 11 and 12 and earn up to 15 credits to be eligible for a half-tuition scholarship for their chosen SCAD courses. Students are also able to transfer any earned credits to another university if they choose not to progress to SCAD.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for the scholarship and choose a minimum of 4 SCAD courses. This will give students access to a VIP admission service, giving them priority review, as well as a SCAD acceptance letter if the student is accepted as a dual-enrollment student.

"I have really enjoyed the supportive and creative learning environment, especially in my art classes where I was encouraged to explore my ideas and improve my technical skills."

Flora from China
Progressed to Rhode Island School of Design
(#4 Best University In The World for Art & Design 2026)

Explore Your Creativity

Be an Artist, Designer, Musician, or Actor

Students can embrace their passion for Art, Design, Music, or Theater with our choice of art courses and unique creative opportunities. With a vibrant Arts Department, our facilities at CATS Boston allow students to explore a wide range of talents and interests within our professional, well-equipped studios.

Our creative courses are organized into those specializing in Visual Arts and those in Performing Arts. We offer courses focusing on everything from fashion design, sculpture and illustration to music production, acting and in a variety of musical instruments.

Learn from the best with our highly skilled arts faculty, who have experience both in teaching the arts, and pursuing them through successful careers. The Arts Department at CATS Academy Boston is where the creative world within you can become the world around you.

Watch our video on Visual and Performing Arts at CATS Academy Boston

Art School progressions

Universities (Acceptances)

- Berklee College of Music
- California Institute of the Arts
- Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Istituto Marangoni, Florence
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Parsons School of Design
- Pratt Institute
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of the Art Institute Chicago (SAIC)
- School of Visual Arts
- The School of Fashion Design
- UCLA School of Arts and Architecture
- University of the Arts London

CSVPA Arts Academy Boston

Key Facts	
Grade level	10, 11 or 12
Course length	1 year minimum
Start dates	September and January

Students with a passion for art, design, music, or theater are encouraged to join the CSVPA Arts Academy at CATS Academy Boston. In partnership with the renowned Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts in the UK, this program offers students the opportunity to develop a high-quality, well-rounded portfolio that strengthens their applications to top art schools, universities, and colleges.

Upon successful completion, students earn a prestigious award that not only enhances their academic profile but also equips them with the creative skills and professional preparation needed to thrive in higher education and artistic careers.

THE ACADEMY

Through the CSVPA Arts Academy at CATS Academy Boston, students gain hands-on experience across a range of artistic disciplines, developing their talents as designers, performers, visual artists, and storytellers. By rotating through creative electives in both visual and performing arts, and participating in guided studio sessions during club time and after school, students build a diverse and professional-quality portfolio.

To complete the program, students engage in a final project and participate in creative events such as art exhibitions or fashion shows.

Successful completion earns an award that significantly enhances college and university applications, along with a guaranteed place at the prestigious Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts (CSVPA) in England. Students also receive expert college counseling support tailored to applications for top visual and performing arts institutions worldwide.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CSVPA AT CSVPA.COM

CHOOSE AN AREA OF FOCUS

To complete this program, students must choose to focus on either

- Fine Art
- Fashion Design
- Music
- Theater

CREATE AND PRESENT A PROJECT

Use skills developed in creative courses to complete a capstone project

All projects will be presented to the school in the students' senior year. Potential student projects could include:

- Creating a fashion line
- One person art show
- Musical or Theatrical performance

PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT

Participate annually in local and school events

Previous events students have participated in include:

- Fashion shows
- Local art exhibitions and competitions
- Design opportunities
- Concerts
- Theatrical performances

RECEIVE THE AWARD

Receive an accredited certificate and guaranteed place at CSVPA

On successful completion of the program, students will be awarded a certificate accredited by Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts and a guaranteed place on one of their undergraduate degrees.

Visual Arts

Be an Artist, Designer, or Storyteller

From painting to graphic design, students learn the techniques of visual communication and develop their unique creative voice. Learn to create a portfolio of work using traditional mediums, industry-standard software, and professional equipment. Students will have the freedom to explore their artistic ideas within our dedicated creative studio spaces. Tuition is provided by our skilled teachers who are all working artists or creative professionals and bring invaluable knowledge to the classroom. In order to graduate, all students will be expected to have completed one year of visual or performing arts or equivalent.

AREAS OF STUDY
Drawing
Illustration
Painting
Comics
Printmaking
Sculpture
Graphic Design
Costume Design
Fashion Design
Portfolio Preparation

EXTRACURRICULARS

Put into practice the skills learned by joining one of our creative clubs. Enter art competitions, exhibit work in local galleries, create eye-catching garments and costumes, or learn how to design and make props for our theater performances.

EXCURSIONS

Students can expand their knowledge of the arts through trips and excursions. Recent trips have included a visit to Rhode Island School of Design and a trip to the MIT Media Lab to see cutting-edge uses for technology in fashion.

Performing Arts

Be a Musician, Actor, or Producer

Study acting, dance, music production, or learn to play a musical instrument. Studying performing arts at CATS Academy Boston, students become more confident in expressing themselves and performing their craft in dynamic classroom settings, staged plays, and musical events. Our highly experienced faculty, each with professional experience, will guide students on their journey to a life of creativity.

AREAS OF STUDY
Guitar
Piano
Percussion
Music Ensemble
Music Technology and Production
Acting
Theater
Dance

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Take part in CATS Café, our open mic event where students can get up and perform in front of their friends. Or, join the cast for one of our productions where they can act, sing, and dance alongside students from other grades. Recent productions have included: 10 Ways To Survive The Zombie Apocalypse, The Little Mermaid, Arsenic & Old Lace, Into The Woods, SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical, and The Wizard of Oz.

Athletics

The Athletics provision at CATS Academy Boston offers students an exciting and rewarding opportunity to stay active, develop their talents, and grow beyond the classroom.

Our athletics program offers a wide range of opportunities, from recreational and team sports to high-level competitive play, providing students with valuable benefits such as improved physical health, teamwork skills, discipline, resilience, and a strong sense of school community, all while having fun and staying active.

ELITE SPORTS

Boys' National Basketball
Boys' Prep Basketball
Boys' Prep Hockey

COMPETITIVE SPORTS

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Hockey
Soccer
Tennis
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball

OTHER SPORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Fall Sports

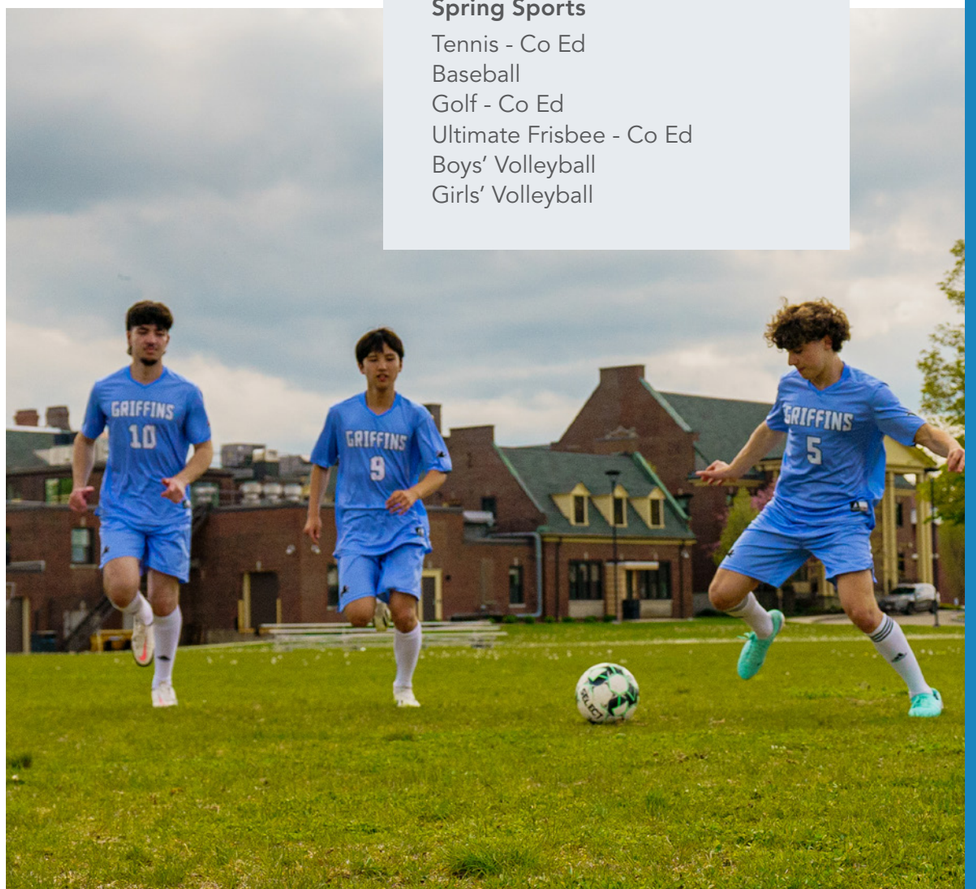
Girls' Soccer
Boys' Soccer
Cross Country - Co Ed

Winter Sports

Boys' National Basketball
Boys' Prep Basketball
Boys' Varsity Basketball
Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball
Girls' Varsity Basketball
Boys' Prep Hockey

Spring Sports

Tennis - Co Ed
Baseball
Golf - Co Ed
Ultimate Frisbee - Co Ed
Boys' Volleyball
Girls' Volleyball



Competitive Sports

Our Athletics department has developed a program that offers our students the opportunity to compete in interscholastic competitions across the New England region.

As a full member of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC), CATS Academy Boston competes within multiple leagues including the Girls Independent League (GIL) and the Southeastern New England Independent School Athletic Association (SENE). Competing within the GIL and SENE provides our students with the opportunity to travel and compete against some of the top teams in Boston, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Western Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

With access to state-of-the-art facilities and expert coaching, students are supported in reaching their full athletic potential while learning the core values of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance, skills that benefit both their academic journey and personal development.

BOYS' HOCKEY ACADEMY

The American Hockey Academy offers elite development opportunities for boys' U15, U16, and U18 teams, combining high-level on- and off-ice training led by experienced professional coaches.

The structured environment is designed to balance rigorous academics with intense hockey preparation, equipping student-athletes with the skills, discipline, and mindset needed to succeed at the junior, NCAA, and professional levels. We challenge players to push beyond their comfort zones, deepen their hockey knowledge, and grow both as athletes and individuals, creating a clear pathway to long-term success.

GIRLS' HOCKEY ACADEMY

The North American Hockey Academy (NAHA) offers elite and developmental female athletes in grades 8–12 and postgraduate a unique opportunity to pursue a top-tier education while competing in a full-season hockey program designed to prepare them for college and national-level play.

Players can train intensively, travel extensively, and compete in high-profile tournaments across North America, all while studying for their High School Diploma. Our holistic development approach, combining physical, mental, tactical, and skill-based training, ensures student-athletes are fully prepared for the demands of collegiate hockey and beyond.

Basketball Program

Achieve your full potential on the court

The CATS Boston boys' Basketball Program is an elite premier prep school program that attracts top student-athletes from all over the world.

Our Basketball Program presents a balance of challenging academics, through our High School Diploma, and on-court expert instruction. Each student-athlete is surrounded by a support team inclusive of 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. The program develops student-athletes with top tier coaching in fundamental skills and helps them grow in self-confidence. This prepares them to excel in their careers at the collegiate level. The overall structure of CATS Boston's Basketball Program both supports and challenges individuals, while providing them with a platform to achieve their goals on and off the court.

OUR BASKETBALL PROGRAM WILL:

- Challenge student-athletes to go beyond their comfort zone to reach their full potential both as an athlete and as a person.
- Provide student-athletes with the necessary skills to be successful in college and beyond, creating a pathway and roadmap to success.
- Emphasize individual skill development to broaden each athlete's knowledge of the game on the court through on and off court methods.
- Help prepare student-athletes physically and mentally.
- Provide full time coaching staff comprised of experienced individuals available to serve as not only coaches but also mentors and role models.
- Introduce an Individual Development Plan to help the athlete grow.
- Develop a strength and conditioning program including fitness, endurance, core strength, flexibility, and speed.

Scan the QR code for guidance on how to apply to CATS Academy Boston.

Applying to CATS Boston

ONLINE

Visit www.catsacademyboston.com and follow the application instructions on the online form. Applying online provides instant confirmation that we have received your application, instant upload of documents and a response from our Admissions Team within two working days – we recommend this option for the fastest application.

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