School Profile 2024-2025

MISSION STATEMENT

Focusing on the needs of its international population, CATS Academy Boston helps students recognize their full potential and attain admission to the college choice that is right for them. Aided by a personalized learning plan, CATS provides a supportive community (teachers, admissions, counselors, and dorm parents) where all students receive the necessary guidance to achieve their goals. CATS aids its members to develop by nurturing strong English language skills along with creative and critical thinking skills, which students often have not experienced in their previous educational systems. The school's strong academic curriculum, social development, and extracurricular programs – delivered by highly talented and committed staff – serve the needs of the whole student body. This holistic approach enables our student body not only to gain entry into, but also succeed in American colleges and universities, and continue on the path to becoming well-informed, ethical, global citizens and leaders.

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 Honor Society
- National Association for College Admissions Counseling
- New England Association for College Admission Counseling
- New England Preparatory School Athletic Council

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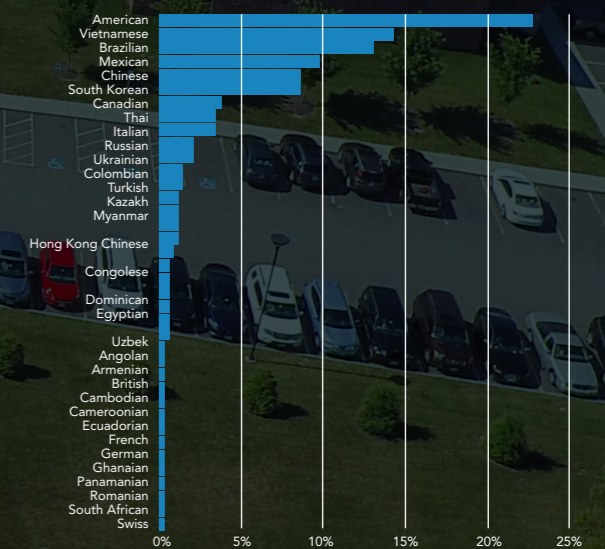## MR. JEREMY ADAMS

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STUDENT BODY

The 2023–2024 school year consists of 351 students, which includes 313 boarding and 38 day students:

97 - 12th Graders
(Including 2 Post-Graduates)
127 - 11th Graders
83 - 10th Graders
35 - 9th Graders
9 - 8th Graders
14 - Average Class Size

GEOGRAPHY

American
Vietnamese
Brazilian
Mexican
Chinese
South Korean
Canadian
Thai
Italian
Russian
Ukrainian
Colombian
Turkish
Kazakh
Myanmar
Hong Kong Chinese
Congolese
Dominican
Egyptian
Uzbek
Angolan
Armenian
British
Cambodian
Cameroonian
Ecuadorian
French
German
Ghanaian
Panamanian
Romanian
South African
Swiss

0%   5%   10%   15%   20%   25%

36 - Countries Represented

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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	One year of English for every year enrolled in a U.S. high school
Mathematics	Four years of math in th 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	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 Physics
3. AP Chemistry
4. AP Computer Science A
5. AP Macroeconomics
6. AP Microeconomics
7. AP English Language & Composition
8. AP English Literature & Composition
9. AP Human Geography
10. AP Calculus
11. AP Statistics
12. AP United States History
13. AP World History
14. AP French Language and Culture
15. AP Spanish Literature and Culture

Non-native English speakers only: One year of ESL for the number of years

Programs Offered

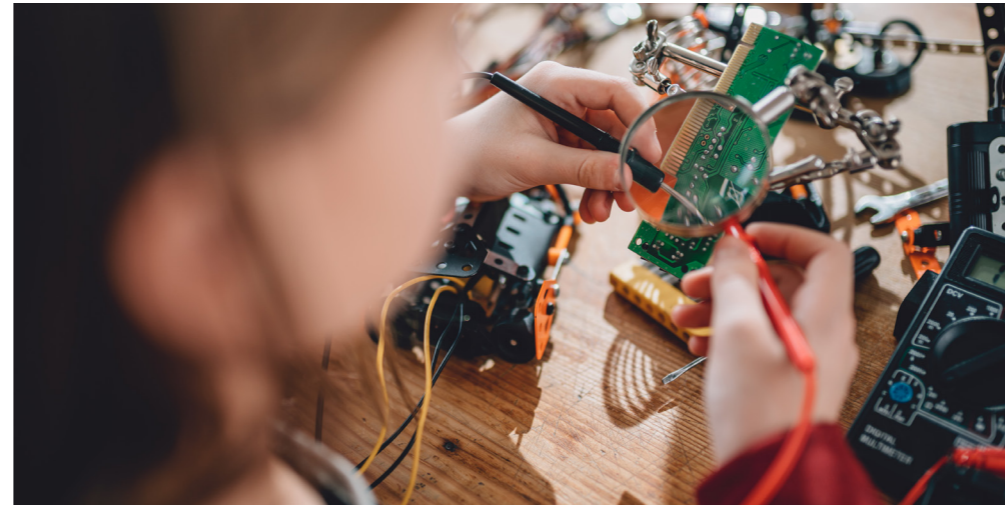
CSVPA ARTS ACADEMY BOSTON

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 PROGRAM

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 (AHA)

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. Student-athletes will benefit from an organized environment structured to fit their busy schedules of academic classes and hockey training. 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 Boston's 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.

ELECTIVES

Accounting
Acting for Film
Acting for Theater
Anatomy & Physiology
Algebra II
Application of Game Theory
Biology
Chemistry
Contemporary Issues
Creating Comics
Creative Writing
Dancing
2D/3D Design and Fabrication
Fashion Portfolio (CSVPA)
French Culture
French Language 1-4
Fundamentals of Electronics
Geometry
Graphic Design
Guitar
History of Mathematics
History of Rock & Roll
Illustration
Integrated Mathematics
International Business
Introduction to Business
Introduction to Drawing
Introduction to Fashion
Introduction to Painting
Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Photography
Introduction to Programming
Introduction to Statistics
Legal Concepts & Practices
Literature 1: Society and the Individual
Literature 2: Journeys
Literature 3: Independence
Literature 4: Critical Lenses
Macroeconomics
Mathematics of Personal Finance
Marketing
Microeconomics
Music Technology & Production
Music Theory & Composition
Musical Theater
Organic Chemistry
Piano
Physics II
Pre-Calculus
Printmaking
Professional Communication
Robotics
Sculpture
Social Justice Literature
Songwriting
Spanish Culture
Spanish Language 1-4
Video Production & Editing
World History
World History: Global Conflicts

Abilene Christian University	**Brandeis University**
Adelphi University	**Bridgewater State University**
American International College	**Brown University**
American University	**Bryant University**
The American University of Paris	Bucknell University
Arizona State University	**Cal State Polytechnic U, Pomona**
Art Center of College and Design	**California College of the Arts**
Ashland University	**California Institute of the Arts**
Assumption University	**California State University - All**
Auburn University	**Cardiff University**
Auburn University at Montgomery	Carleton College
Augustana College	**Case Western Reserve University**
Austin College	**Central Washington University**
Babson College	**Champlain College**
Bard College	**Chapman University**
Barry University	**Christopher Newport University**
Bates College	**Chulalongkorn University**
Baldwin Wallace University	**Clark University**
Ball State University	**Clark Atlanta University**
Baylor University	**Clarkson University**
Becker College	**Claremont McKenna College**
Beloit College	**Clemson University**
Bennington College	**Coastal Carolina University**
Bentley University	**Colby College**
Berklee School of Music	**Colby-Sawyer College**
Binghamton University	**College of the Holy Cross**
Bocconi Universita	**College of St. Rose**
Boston College	**College of William and Mary**
Boston University	**Colombia College Chicago**

Colorado School of Mines	Fairleigh Dickinson University
Colorado State University	**Fashion Institute od Design & Merchandising**
Concordia University	**Fisher College**
Connecticut College	**Fitchburg State University**
Contra Costa College	Flinders University
Cornell University	**Florida Institute of Technology**
Culinary Institute of America	**Florida International University**
CUNY: Baruch College	**Florida Southern College**
CUNY: John Jay	**Fordham University**
CUNY: Medgar Evers	Framingham State University
CUNY: NYC College of Technology	Franklin Pierce University
CUNY: Staten Island College	**Full Sail University**
Curry College	**George Mason University**
Denison University	**George Washington University**
DePaul University	**Georgetown University**
Depauw University	**Georgia Institute of Technology**
Dickinson College	**Georgia State University**
DID Deutsch Institut, Berlin	**Gettysburg College**
Dominican University of California	**Glion Institute of Higher Technology**
Drexel University	**Gonzaga University**
Duquesne University	**Goucher College**
Eastern Nazarene College	High Point University
Elon University	Hobart & William
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Smith College
Emerson College	Hofstra University
Emmanuel College	**Howard University**
Endicott College	**Hult International Business School**
Erasmus University-Rotterdam	**Illinois Institute of Technology**
Fairfield University	Indiana University

Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios	Lycoming College
Superiores de Monterrrey	**Lynn University**
Iona College	**MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences**
Irvine Valley College	Maastricht University
Ithaca College	Maine College of Art
Jacksonville University	Manhattan College
John Cabot University	**Marist College**
John Carroll University	**Maryland Institute College of Art**
Johnson & Wales University	**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**
Juniata College	McGill University
Kalamazoo College	**Merrimack College**
Kent State University	**Miami University, Oxford**
Kenyon College	**Michigan State University**
King's College London	**Middlebury College**
KU Leuven	**Monroe College**
La Salle University	**Mount Holyoke College**
Lake Forest College	**National University of Singapore**
Lasell University	**New York Film Academy**
Le Moyne College	**New York Institute of Technology**
Leiden University	**New York University**
Lehigh University	**Neumont College of Computer Science**
Lesley University	**North Carolina State University**
Les Roches Global Hospitality	**Notheastern University**
Long Island University	**Northern Kentucky University**
Los Angeles Film School	**NY Institute of Technology**
Louisiana State University	Oberlin College
Loyola Marymount University	Ohio State University
Loyola University Chicago	**Ohio University**
Loyola University Maryland	**Ohio Wesleyan University**

Orange Coast Community College	**Saint Louis University**
Oregon State University	Saint Michael's College
Otis College of Art & Design	Salem State University
Pace University	Salve Regina University
Pacific Northwest College of Art	**San Diego State University**
Parsons School of Design	**San Francisco State University**
Pasadena City College	**San Jose State University**
Pennsylvania State University	Santa Clara University
Pepperdine University	**Santa Monica College**
Polimoda Institute of Design & Marketing	**Sarah Lawrence College**
Portland State University	**Savannah College of Art & Design**
Pratt Institute	**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
Providence College	**School of Visual Arts**
Purdue University	**Seattle University**
Quincy College	Sheridan College
Quinnipiac University	**Simon Fraser University**
Randolph-Macon College	Skidmore College
Randolph College	Smith College
Regis College	**Sorbonne Université**
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	**Southern Methodist University**
Rice University	**Spelman College**
Richard Bland College	Springfield College
Ringling College of Art and Design	St. Anselm College
RMIT University Vietnam	St. Bonaventure University
Rochester Institute of Technology	**St. John's University**
Roger Williams University	St. Joseph's University
Rollins College	**St. Lawrence University**
Rutgers University	Stetson University
Sacred Heart University	Stevens Institute of Technology

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2018-2023 (Bold Denotes Matriculation)	
Stonehill College	University of California: Merced
Stony Brook University	**University of California: Riverside**
Suffolk University	**University of California: San Diego**
SUNY Albany	University of California: Santa Barbara
SUNY Buffalo	**University of California: Santa Cruz**
Swinburne University	**University of Canberra**
Syracuse University	**University of Central Florida**
Temple University	**University of Cincinnati**
Texas Christian University	**University of Colorado**
Texas Tech. University	**University of Connecticut**
The College of New Jersey	University of Dayton
The College of Wooster	**University of Delaware**
Towson University	**University of Denver**
Tufts University	University of Florida
Tulane University	**University of Glasgow**
UMASS Amherst	University of Hartford
UMASS Boston	University of Houston
UMASS Dartmouth	**University of Idaho**
UMASS Lowell	**University of Illinois, Chicago**
Union College	**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**
Universiteit van Amsterdam	**University of Kansas**
University of Alabama	**University of Kentucky**
University of Arizona	University of Louisiana
University of Arts - London	**University of Maine**
University of British Columbia, Vancouver	University of Manitoba
University of California: Berkeley	**University of Mary Washington**
University of California: Davis	University of Maryland
University of California: Irvine	University of Memphis
University of California: Los Angeles	**University of Miami**

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University of Michigan	**University of the Pacific**
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	University of Toledo
University of Missouri	**University of Toronto**
University of Nebraska	University of Tulsa
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	University of Utah
University of New England	**University of Vermont**
University of New Hampshire	**University of Washington**
University of New Haven	**University of Wisconsin**
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	University of Wyoming
University of North Texas	UNSW Australia
University of Oklahoma	**Utica College**
University of Oregon	Villanova University
University of Pittsburgh	**Vincennes University**
University of Rhode Island	Virginia Commonwealth
University of Richmond	University
University of Rochester	**Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University**
University of San Diego	**Washington & Jefferson College**
University of San Francisco	Washington College
University of Southern California	**Washington State University**
University of South Carolina	**Washington University, St. Louis**
University of South Florida	**Wentworth Institute of Technology**
University of St. Thomas	Western New England University
University of Sydney	**Western University, Ontario**
University of the Pacific	**Wheaton College**
University of Tampa	**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**
University of Tennessee	**Xavier University**
University of Texas, Arlington	**Yale University – NUS**