



## School Profile 2020-21

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### School Community

*Ranked #1 Private High School on The Washington Post's Jay Mathews Challenge Index*

Founded in 1934, Pine Crest is an independent, all-faith co-educational pre-kindergarten through grade twelve day school. We have 2,671 students on two campuses in Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale with a 98% overall retention rate in the Upper School (2019-20 to 2020-21). Students of color represent 33% of the Upper School, and 17% of students receive Financial and Inclusion Aid.

### COVID-19 Response

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pine Crest School transitioned to distance learning on March 16, 2020 for the remainder of the second semester. Our distance learning model featured a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Our grading system and academic policies were not changed. For the 2020-21 academic year, Pine Crest is offering in-person instruction five days per week with an option for students to continue distance learning. The distance learning model is fully synchronous.

### Grading

Pine Crest School does not rank students. The transcript provides a weighted cumulative core grade point average and is calculated as follows:

A+ = 97-99    A = 93-96    A- = 90-92    B+ = 87-89    B = 83-86    B- = 80-82  
C+ = 77-79    C = 73-76    C- = 70-72    D+ = 67-69    D = 63-66    D- = 60-62    F = 50-59

AP and Post AP course weighting = +1.0

Honors course weighting = + 0.5

### Calendar and Curriculum

Pine Crest is on a semester academic calendar with a 9 period school day with 43-minute periods. For our full curriculum guide, [click here](#).

24 credits are required in grades 9 through 12 for graduation. Upper School students are required to take:

4 years of English and mathematics                      3 years of social science and world language  
3 years of science plus physics in grade eight        1.5 credits of humanities and fine arts  
5.5 credits of electives

### Special Curricular Features

Pine Crest offers **17 Post-AP seminars** taught at levels beyond the AP curriculum and noted on transcript.

**Science Research Program:** Twelve students selected by committee enter the program at the end of ninth grade and continue through twelfth grade. Students design experiments, write research papers, present findings, and submit work to regional and national symposia and research venues.

## Advanced Placement

Pine Crest offers 32 Advanced Placement courses. **2,432** exams were taken in May 2020. **83% of the AP exams taken scored 3 or higher.**

### AP Scholars:

AP Scholars - 166    AP Scholars with Honor - 78    AP Scholars with Distinction - 247    AP Nationals Scholars - 76

## Standardized Testing

Class of 2020 mean scores:

**SAT EBRW** - 695

**SAT Math** - 693

**ACT** - 31

### SAT Subject Tests:

Biology - M 685 (22)    Chemistry 721 (38)    English Literature 639 (36)  
Math II 714 (99)    US History 640 (51)    World History 660 (10)    Spanish with Listening 739 (10)

## Class of 2020 National Recognition

National Merit Finalist - 18    National Hispanic Scholars - 12    National Merit Commended - 22  
Questbridge Match - 1    U.S. Presidential Scholars Nominees - 4

## 5 Year Matriculation for 5 or more students 2016-2020

Babson College 12	Massachusetts Institute of Technology 6	University of Colorado, Boulder 5
Barnard College 6	New York University 35	University of Florida 86
Boston College 5	Northeastern University 9	University of Miami 37
Boston University 33	Northwestern University 18	University of Michigan 50
Carnegie Mellon University 6	Princeton University 12	University of Notre Dame 5
Columbia University 14	Purdue University 7	University of Pennsylvania 21
Cornell University 46	Rice University 6	University of Southern California 16
Duke University 31	Stanford University 6	University of Texas at Austin 5
Emory University 20	Syracuse University 12	University of Virginia 10
Florida State University 29	Tufts University 14	University of Wisconsin - Madison 21
George Washington University 13	Tulane University 15	Vanderbilt University 32
Georgetown University 10	University of Alabama 5	Wake Forest University 15
Georgia Institute of Technology 7	University of California, Berkeley 6	Washington University in St. Louis 36
Harvard College 14	University of California, Los Angeles 6	Williams College 5
Indiana University Bloomington 10	University of Central Florida 13	Yale University 13
Johns Hopkins University 10	University of Chicago 41	

## Disciplinary Reporting Policy

All probations, suspensions, or expulsions are reported to any requesting college by both the student and the college counselor.

## Membership and Accreditation

Pine Crest is a member of the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, College Board, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, and National Association of Independent Schools. The School is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, and the Florida Kindergarten Council.