



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2021 - 2022

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### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The 2020 Jay Mathews Challenge Index named Pine Crest School the **number one private school in the nation and Florida**. Newsweek's The Top STEM High Schools 2020 ranked Pine Crest number one in Florida and seven in the nation for private schools, and 19 in the nation overall.

Founded in 1934, Pine Crest is an independent, all-faith co-educational pre-kindergarten through grade twelve day school. We have 2,688 students on two campuses in Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale with a 98% overall retention rate in the Upper School (2020-2021 to 2021-2022). Students of color represent 26% of the Upper School, and 16% of students receive Financial and Inclusion Aid.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To develop the character, independence, and leadership of each student; to prepare our students to meet the global challenges of our future by offering an exceptional academic experience complemented by excellence in arts and athletics; and to build a collaborative, inclusive, and open-minded learning community that respects, appreciates, and encourages those with diverse cultures, backgrounds, talents, experiences, and opinions.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pine Crest School offered in-person instruction five days per week with a distance learning option for the 2020-2021 school year. The distance learning model was fully synchronous. This Fall, students will be on campus for in-person instruction with no option for distance learning.

### GRADING

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

A+ = 97-100	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 45-minute periods. For our full curriculum guide, [click here](#). Twenty-four credits are required in grades nine through 12 for graduation. Upper School students are required to take:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of mathematics
- 3 years of science
- 5.5 credits of electives
- 3 years of social science
- 3 years of world language
- 1.5 credits of humanities and fine arts

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Pine Crest offers 32 Advanced Placement courses. **2,499** exams were taken in May 2021.  
**86% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+**

#### Class of 2021 AP Scholars:

AP Scholars 150  
AP Scholars with Honor 72

AP Scholars with Distinction 230  
AP International Diploma 1

AP Capstone Diploma 15

## SPECIAL CURRICULAR FEATURES

Pine Crest offers **15 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.

**Social Entrepreneurship Program:** Fifteen students selected by committee enter the program at the end of ninth grade and continue through twelfth grade. Students identify a societal issue, develop a feasible solution, create a detailed business model, and participate in an international entrepreneurial competition.

**Talented Writers Program:** Selected students hone their creative writing skills in this workshop-styled course. Over three years, students focus on forms and genre, voice and style, and the value of critique and revision. In year three, they produce a final thesis project. Contemporary pieces of literature are used as springboards for poetry and prose assignments and students submit their work to a variety of regional and national competitions.

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

Class of 2021 mean scores: **SAT EBRW** 685 **SAT Math** 682 **ACT** 31

## CLASS OF 2021 NATIONAL RECOGNITION

National Merit Finalist 22      Questbridge Match 1      US Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalist 1  
National Merit Commended 13      U.S. Presidential Scholars Nominees 9

## COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

### Class of 2022 and 2023

African American 8      Hispanic 49      Indigenous 3

## 5 YEAR MATRICULATION FOR 5 OR MORE STUDENTS 2017-2021

Babson College 8	Indiana University Bloomington 11	University of Chicago 46
Barnard College 6	Johns Hopkins University 9	University of Florida 79
Boston College 5	New York University 28	University of Miami 40
Boston University 28	Northeastern University 12	University of Michigan 55
Brown University 8	Northwestern University 19	University of Notre Dame 5
Carnegie Mellon University 6	Oxford College of Emory University 6	University of Pennsylvania 24
Case Western Reserve University 5	Princeton University 11	University of Southern California 17
Columbia University 13	Purdue University 6	University of Texas at Austin 5
Cornell University 47	Rice University 5	University of Virginia 14
Duke University 33	Stanford University 6	University of Wisconsin-Madison 21
Emory University 22	Syracuse University 12	Vanderbilt University 35
Florida State University 28	Tufts University 11	Wake Forest University 16
George Washington University 13	Tulane University 22	Washington University in St. Louis 34
Georgetown University 11	University of California, Berkeley 7	Williams College 6
Georgia Institute of Technology 8	University of California, Los Angeles 5	Yale University 15
Harvard College 16	University of Central Florida 13	

## 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.