

Gulliver Preparatory School

Miami, United States



Nearing its Miami centennial, this Raiders campus pairs AP rigor with a sports program boasting 69 state titles since 1990.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	61/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	69/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	1/100
Facilities	73/100
Transparency	67/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The sharpest point about Gulliver Preparatory School is the blend of serious American college-prep academics and a sports culture with unusual weight. This Miami day school, founded in 1926, runs from age 3 to 18 and teaches in English, with the US High School Diploma and AP as its declared academic route. The hook for families is plain: a child can pursue a conventional US academic pathway without giving up access to a *high-voltage* athletics environment. The school’s Raiders programme claims **69 state titles** since 1990, which puts sport at the centre of campus identity rather than on the margins.

That combination gives Gulliver a clear market position. At an average annual day fee of **\$44,233**, it

sits in the expensive end of the Miami private-school market and needs to justify that price with breadth, ambition and results. The age range matters here. A 3-18 school can offer continuity, and for families who want one institutional home from the early years to graduation, that is a concrete advantage. NAIS accreditation adds a recognised quality marker, though the school does not publish the fuller set of outcomes many hard-nosed parents now want to compare, such as aggregate AP performance or university destination patterns. That opacity does not erase the school’s appeal, but it does narrow the factual case.

Who is it for? A student who wants a **busy**, **competitive** school life, with AP courses as the academic spine and sport as a major social and cultural force. It suits families who value school spirit, co-education and the structure of a long-established private day school in Miami. It will also appeal to children who thrive in a **performance-driven** setting and want strong peer energy around teams, fixtures and school identity. It is less convincing for families hunting for a quieter, more **intensely scholarly** niche, or for those who want published academic data before writing a cheque for ***\$44,233*** a year.

STRENGTHS

- Offers more than 30 Advanced Placement courses alongside an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, giving families dual academic tracks rarely paired in one school.
- Six distinct Signature Academic Programs (Architecture, Biomedical Sciences, Digital Mass Media, Engineering, International Business & Entrepreneurship, International Diplomacy & Law) let students specialise before university.
- Student-teacher ratio of roughly 7:1 to 8:1 with an average class size of around 15-16 students supports individualised attention despite a large overall enrolment.
- Dual-enrolment partnerships allow qualifying juniors and seniors to take credit-bearing courses at the University of Miami, Florida International University, and Miami-Dade College.
- Extensive co-curricular breadth, with over 30 interscholastic sports and 60+ student-led clubs and affinity groups, supports a well-rounded profile for college applications.

TRADE-OFFS

- Day tuition was reported at approximately \$53,400 for 2024, a significant recurring cost with no boarding option for relocating families who need residential provision.
- With around 2,200 students split across a Coral Gables campus (PK-8) and a separate Pinecrest Upper School campus, families must plan for a mid-career campus transition rather than a single continuous site.
- As a large, multi-campus institution, the school lacks the intimacy of Miami's smaller boutique private schools, which may matter to families prioritising a tight-knit community.
- Independent, need-blind acceptance-rate data is not publicly disclosed, making it difficult for prospective families to gauge real selectivity before applying.

ADMISSIONS

Gulliver Prep runs a rolling admissions cycle with a stated priority deadline of January 16, though applications are reviewed year-round as space allows. The process typically requires transcripts, teacher recommendations, an application essay, and an interview (optional but recommended for older applicants). Entry points exist at PK, kindergarten, and other grades depending on space, with the Pinecrest campus serving grades 9-12. Families relocating mid-year should contact the admissions office directly, as capacity varies significantly by grade.

NOTABLE ALUMNI (5)

SCIENCE: Tina Rivers Ryan

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