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**CEEB Code:** 200875

## 2019 Post-Secondary Outcomes

Four Year College	<b>57.7%</b>
Two Year College	<b>12.6%</b>
Gap Year	<b>1.8%</b>
Employment	<b>24.7%</b>
Military	<b>3.1%</b>

## Total Upper School Enrollment

1477

## Boarding Students:

195

## Day Students:

50

## District Students:

1232

## International Students:

13.5%

## Mission

Thornton Academy offers a rigorous and broad-based program of academic, arts, and athletic opportunities that challenges students to reach their potential. Our graduates are lifelong learners who are prepared to be productive participants in a changing world.

## Historic Independent School

Thornton Academy is a historic, independent school educating 6-12th graders in Saco, Maine. Founded in 1811 and chartered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Thornton Academy is one of New England's oldest independent schools. The upper school's population of 1477 students come from diverse geographic, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. Students enroll as: 1) day students who come by municipal contract from public schools in the towns of Saco, Dayton, and Arundel, 2) day students from other towns in southern Maine who apply as tuition students, or 3) residential students who apply from other states and countries. (Day students comprise 86.5% of the student body, while 13.5% of the student body comes from more than 30 different countries.)

## Accreditation/Affiliation

Thornton Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC). Affiliations include: National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS), Independent School Association of Northern New England (ISANNE), Maine Association of Independent Schools (MAIS), the College Board, and is a SEVIS certified school.

## Curriculum, Credits, and Grading

Four-year upper school students complete 22 credits to satisfy graduation requirements, including: English (4), Mathematics (3), Social Science (3), Science (3), Wellness (1.5), Fine Arts (1), and Electives (6.5).

College-bound students are highly encouraged to take a minimum of three years of the same foreign language.

International students who study less than four years must meet the following minimum requirements: 1 year student—6 credits to include: English, Math, Science, US History, and 2 additional credits; 2 year student—11 credits to include: 2 English, 2 Math, 2 Science, 1 US History, 1 Wellness and/or Art, and 3 additional; 3 year student—16 credits including: 3 English, 3 Math, 3 Science, 1 US History, 1 Social Science, 1 Fine Art, 0.5 Wellness, and 3.5 additional.

## Signature Programs

### Advanced Placement

29 Advanced Placement courses are available in the following areas: Economics, Government, Physics I & II, Physics C, Psychology, English Literature/Composition, Calculus AB and BC, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, US History, European History, Computer Science A, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Latin, Studio Art, Spanish, French, Chinese, and Music Theory.

### Honors

42 Honors Courses, including: German I-IV, Arabic I-III, Homeric Greek I-III, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Honors English 9-12, Statistics, Geometry, Algebra I & II, Calculus A, Pre-Calculus, French I-V, Latin III, Spanish I-IV, Chinese I-IV, Modern US History, Introduction to Engineering, Physical Science, and Visual Arts.

### Arts

32 Courses in Music, Dance, Theater, and Visual Arts.

### School-to-Work

4 courses, plus technical and college preparatory programs offered through Biddeford Regional Center of Technology (BRCOT).

### Foreign Language

36 offerings in seven languages: French, Spanish, Latin, Chinese, Arabic, Homeric Greek, and German.

### Technology & New Media

14 offerings in Movie Making, Graphic Design, and Sports Journalism.

### Faculty

Thornton Academy has 99.5 full-time equivalent upper school teachers; 70% with a masters degree or higher.

## SAT Scores

All juniors (district, private day students, and international) sat for the April 2019 school administration of the SAT.

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
Math	<b>420-580</b>	<b>509</b>	
ERW*	<b>430-570</b>	<b>502</b>	
Total	<b>870-1150</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>357</b>

\*ERW: English Reading & Writing

## Graduation Distinction:

The class of 2019 had 35 graduates with Summa Cum Laude distinction (GPA of 4.0 or higher), 22 Magna Cum Laude distinction (GPA of 3.9-3.9999), and 29 Cum Laude distinction (GPA of 3.8-3.89999).

## AP Scholar Designation:

In the 2019 Advanced Placement exam season, 335 students took a total of 606 exams. Thornton had 33 AP Scholars (scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams), 24 AP Scholars with Honors (scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more AP exams), 13 AP Scholars with Distinction (scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more AP exams), and 2 National AP Scholars (scores of 4 or higher on 8 or more AP exams).

## Special Curricular Features:

Thornton Academy has articulation agreements with both the University of Maine and the University of New England. The University of Maine agreement is for motivated engineering-bound students who strive to challenge themselves while working to earn advanced placement in college. Students who successfully complete the rigorous STEM sequence may gain admission to the renowned UMaine engineering program with sophomore standing. The humanities-focused articulation agreement with the University of New England involves at least 8 Advanced Placement classes in the areas of Math, Science, English, Environmental Science, and Studio Art. Upon successful completion, students may gain admission to the College of Arts and Sciences at UNE with sophomore standing.

## Weighted Rank Conversion Chart

	Range	Core	Honors	AP
A	94-100	4.00	4.20	4.30
A-	90-93	3.67	3.87	3.97
B+	87-89	3.33	3.53	3.63
B	84-86	3.00	3.20	3.29
B-	80-83	2.67	2.87	2.96
C+	77-79	2.33	2.53	2.63
C	74-76	2.00	2.20	2.29
C-	70-73	1.77	1.87	1.96
D+	67-69	1.33	1.53	1.63
D	64-66	1.00	1.20	1.29
D-	60-63	0.67	0.87	0.96
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

Courses labeled "Foundations", "CR" (credit recovery), or "AE" (Alternative Education) are not considered college preparatory.

## Class of 2019 College Acceptances

Academy of Art University	Lesley University	Temple University
Adelphi University	Loyola University Chicago	Texas A&M University
American University	Lynn University	The George Washington University
Arizona State University	Maine College of Art	The New School - All Divisions
Assumption College	Manhattanville College	The Ohio State University
Auburn University	Marquette University	The University of Arizona
Babson College	Maryland Institute College of Art	The University of Iowa
Bard College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	The University of Melbourne
Barry University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The University of Tampa
Bates College	MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Towson University
Bay Path University	McDaniel College - Budapest	Trinity College
Beloit College	Merrimack College	Tufts University
Bentley University	Miami University, Oxford	Tulane University
Binghamton University	Michigan State University	Union College (New York)
Boston College	Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design	Universidad Loyola Andalucia
Boston University	Montserrat College of Art	Universita Bocconi
Brandeis University	Montana State University, Bozeman	University at Buffalo The State University of New York
California College of the Arts (San Francisco)	Mount Holyoke College	University of British Columbia
California Institute of the Arts	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of California, Davis
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona	New York Institute of Technology	University of California, Irvine
California State University, Chico	New York University	University of California, Los Angeles
Capilano University	Niagara University	University of California, Merced
Case Western Reserve University	North Carolina State University	University of California, Riverside
Cazenovia College	North Carolina Wesleyan College	University of California, San Diego
Clark University	Northeastern University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Clarkson University	Oregon State University	University of California, Santa Cruz
Clemson University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Cincinnati
Cleveland Institute of Art	Pace University, New York City	University of Colorado at Boulder
Colby College	Palm Beach State College	University of Connecticut
Colgate University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Dayton
Colorado State University	Pennsylvania State University - World Campus	University of Delaware
Columbus College of Art and Design	Pennsylvania State University Erie - The Behrend College	University of Denver
CUNY New York City College of Technology	Politecnico di Milano	University of Hartford
Curry College	Pratt Institute	University of Idaho
DePaul University	Providence College	University of Illinois at Chicago
DePauw University	Purdue University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Diablo Valley College	Quinnipiac University	University of Kentucky
Dickinson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Maine
Drexel University	Richmond, The American International University in London	University of Maryland, College Park
East Los Angeles College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Emerson College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Emmanuel College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Emory University	Saint Joseph's College-ME	University of Miami
Endicott College	Saint Louis University	University of Michigan
Fairleigh Dickinson University - Metropolitan Campus	Saint Louis University, Madrid	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Florida Atlantic University	San Francisco Art Institute	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Florida International University	Santa Monica College	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Florida State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of New England
Fordham University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of New Hampshire at Durham
Franklin & Marshall College	School of Visual Arts	University of New York in Prague
Franklin Pierce University	Seton Hall University	University of Oregon
George Mason University	Simon Fraser University	University of Pittsburgh
Georgetown University	Skidmore College	University of Rochester
Gettysburg College	Southern Maine Community College	University of San Diego
Goucher College	Southern Methodist University	University of San Francisco
Hampshire College	Southern New Hampshire University	University of South Florida, Tampa
Haverford College	St. John's University	University of Southern California
Hawaii Pacific University	St. Lawrence University	University of Southern Maine
Hofstra University	St. Olaf College	University of Vermont
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	St. Thomas University	University of Washington
Hult International Business School - London	State University of New York at New Paltz	University of Wisconsin Colleges - International Admissions
Illinois Wesleyan University	Stonehill College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Indiana University at Bloomington	Stony Brook University	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Iowa State University	Suffolk University	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México	SUNY Albany	Utica College
Ithaca College	SUNY Plattsburgh	Virginia Commonwealth University
Jacobs University	Syracuse University	Virginia Tech
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Tarrant County Junior College	Washington State University
Kendall College of Art and Design		Wentworth Institute of Technology
Kent State University		West Virginia Wesleyan College
King's College London		Westminster College
Lawrence University		Wheaton College MA
		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
		York County Community College
		York University