



110 Woodbury Road | Watertown, CT 06795

SAT/ACT School Code: 070880

THE SCHOOL: Founded in 1890, the Taft School is a co-educational boarding and day school for students in grades 9 to 12. It occupies a 226-acre campus west of the city of Waterbury, 95 miles from New York City, and 125 miles from Boston. Taft is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. One of the strongest independent schools in New England, Taft provides an individually challenging experience ever mindful of its founding motto: Not to be served but to serve. More than 99% of all Taft students go on to attend four-year colleges and universities across the nation and around the world.

MISSION: To educate the whole student; to demand excellence in all walks of life, including moral responsibility.

ACADEMIC POLICY AND GRADING SCALE: The standard academic load is five academic courses per semester in grades 9 and 10; 11th- and 12th-grade students may choose to take either four or five. Taft will report weighted grades on its official transcript (5 points are added to each grade earned in Honors, Advanced Placement, and Honors Seminar level courses taken at Taft). The transcript includes a yearly GPA and a cumulative GPA for courses completed at Taft. Grades from courses taken away from Taft are not included in the GPA calculation. By policy, Taft students are not ranked.

CURRICULUM: Honors and Advanced Placement level courses are available in virtually every discipline at Taft. The school offers 30 different AP-level courses, as well as opportunities for independent study in each discipline.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAMS: Taft offers off-campus study opportunities to The Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki; The Mountain School in Vermont; High Mountain Institute in Colorado; The Island School in the Bahamas; King's Academy in Jordan; and to China, France, Italy, and Spain with School Year Abroad.

Please note: Grades from these programs are not used in our GPA calculation.

MEMBERSHIPS: Taft is a member of National Association of Independent Schools, National and New England Associations of College Admission Counseling, Global Online Academy, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, and the College Entrance Examination Board.

ADMINISTRATION

William MacMullen, Headmaster
Edie Traina, Dean of Faculty
Jennifer Kenerson, Academic Dean
Jackie Maloney, Registrar
Susan McCabe, Senior Class Dean
Jack Kenerson, Senior Class Dean

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Alison Almasian, Director
Nicolas Bell, Associate Director
Catherine Ganung, Sr. Associate Director
Andrew McNeill, Sr. Associate Director
Cheryl Gatling-Galloway,
Administrative Assistant
Carla Ambrosini, Testing Coordinator

ENROLLMENT: 587

Boys: 305/Girls: 282
Boarding: 492/Day: 95
Seniors: 164
From 32 states/39 countries
Students of Color: 33%
Receiving Financial Aid: 35%

FACULTY: 129

Hold advanced degrees: 95
Faculty-to-Student Ratio: 1 to 5
Average Class Size: 11

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS: 18 CREDITS

English (4)
Mathematics (3)
Laboratory Science (2)
History (2) including American History
Foreign Language (3)
Fine and Performing Arts (1.5)

GPA Distribution by Year for the Class of 2020

(weighted, not cumulative)

Freshman Year 2016–17		Sophomore Year 2017–18		Junior Year 2018–19	
95–100	8	95–100	23	95–100	29
90–94	38	90–94	67	90–94	71
85–89	31	85–89	35	85–89	37
80–84	16	80–84	11	80–84	6
75–79	0	75–79	1	75–79	1
70–74	0	70–74	0	70–74	1

HIGHEST COURSES AVAILABLE: The most advanced course(s) available in each discipline are as follows:

Arts	AP Art History, AP Studio Art, AP Music Theory
English	AP Senior English, Honors Humanities
Global Studies	AP Psychology, AP Human Geography, AP Economics
History	AP United States History, AP European History, AP American Government, AP Comparative Government
Languages	AP Chinese Language, AP Latin (Virgil), Honors Seminar in French, Honors Seminar in Spanish, Honors Seminar in Latin
Mathematics	Set Theory, Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra
Science	Honors Seminar in Biology, Honors Seminar in Chemistry, AP Physics C, Honors Seminar in Physics, AP Environmental Science

CLASS OF 2019 TESTING PROFILE

SAT:			ACT:	AP RESULTS:
	<i>Reading & Writing</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Composite</i>	373 students took a total of
Mean	672	684	29.2	985 AP Exams
75%ile	720	750	33	88% resulted in scores of 4 or 5
25%ile	630	640	26	

COLLEGE MATRICULATION RECORD

Over the past five years (2015 to 2019) Taft students have enrolled in 188 different colleges and universities in 32 states, the District of Columbia, and eight foreign countries. During that same period, five or more students have enrolled at the following:

Amherst College 5	George Washington University 12	Tulane University 11
Babson College 9	Georgetown University 28	Union College 12
Bates College 8	Hamilton College 8	University of California, Los Angeles 7
Boston College 11	Harvard University 9	University of Chicago 6
Boston University 15	Haverford College 5	University of Colorado, Boulder 6
Bowdoin College 7	Hobart and William Smith Colleges 6	University of Connecticut 5
Brown University 15	Lafayette College 6	University of Miami 7
Bucknell University 16	Lehigh University 6	University of North Carolina 5
Carnegie Mellon University 8	Massachusetts Institute of Technology 6	University of Notre Dame 6
Chapman University 5	McGill University 5	University of Pennsylvania 22
Colby College 7	Middlebury College 11	University of Richmond 16
Colgate University 21	New York University 18	University of Southern California 8
College of the Holy Cross 5	Northeastern University 12	University of St. Andrews 18
Colorado College 6	Occidental College 10	University of Vermont 9
Columbia University 10	Princeton University 6	University of Virginia 18
Connecticut College 8	Southern Methodist University 12	University of Wisconsin 5
Cornell University 16	St. Lawrence University 11	Wake Forest University 11
Dartmouth College 11	Stanford University 6	Wesleyan University 13
Dickinson College 5	Stonehill College 6	Williams College 5
Duke University 9	Trinity College 14	Yale University 11
Elon University 8	Tufts University 22	

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Taft School will report to colleges (where applicable) if a student is suspended and/or placed on probation through our disciplinary process.