



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 29 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, Head of School
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: 600

Boys: 317/Girls: 283
Boarding: 500/Day: 100
Seniors: 184
From 31 states/45 countries
Students of Color: 35%
Receiving Financial Aid: 36%

FACULTY: 129

Hold advanced degrees: 99
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
World Language (3)
Fine and Performing Arts (1.5)

TAFT'S COVID-19 RESPONSE: ACADEMICS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Taft transitioned to a remote learning model after spring break. Because of the swift change and a desire to be as equitable as possible, Taft conducted the spring semester on a Pass/Fall grading scale. With a mix of synchronous and asynchronous learning, students were still held to typical Taft standards.

Our Fall 2020 semester will be conducted as a hybrid model. With more time, training, and technology, we are ready for whatever the conditions require. Should Taft need to switch to all remote learning, we will be ready to do so and plan to provide achievement grades regardless of learning model.

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 Special Topics in French, Honors Special Topics in Spanish, Honors Seminar in Latin
Mathematics	Set Theory, Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra
Science	Honors Seminar in Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C, Honors Special Topics in Physics, AP Environmental Science

CLASS OF 2020 TESTING PROFILE

SAT:			ACT:	AP RESULTS:
	<i>Reading & Writing</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Composite</i>	361 students took a total of
Mean	678	693	30.3	862 AP Exams, resulting in a
75%ile	720	760	33	median score of 4 out of 5 .
25%ile	635	640	28	

COLLEGE MATRICULATION RECORD

Over the past five years (2016 to 2020) Taft students have enrolled in 189 different colleges and universities in 33 states, the District of Columbia, and eight foreign countries. During that same period, five or more students have enrolled at the following:

Amherst College 7	Franklin & Marshall 7	Union College 12
Babson College 10	George Washington University 9	University of California, Los Angeles 5
Bates College 7	Georgetown University 27	University of Chicago 5
Boston College 10	Hamilton College 10	University of Colorado, Boulder 6
Boston University 12	Harvard University 8	University of Maine 5
Bowdoin College 10	Hobart and William Smith Colleges 6	University of Miami 9
Brown University 17	Lafayette College 6	University of Notre Dame 7
Bucknell University 17	Massachusetts Institute of Technology 5	University of Pennsylvania 23
Carnegie Mellon University 7	McGill University 6	University of Richmond 15
Chapman University 5	Middlebury College 14	University of Southern California 6
Colby College 7	New York University 19	University of St. Andrews 16
Colgate University 22	Northeastern University 12	University of Texas, Austin 5
College of the Holy Cross 5	Occidental College 8	University of Vermont 8
Colorado College 6	Princeton University 6	University of Virginia 20
Columbia University 10	Southern Methodist University 15	University of Wisconsin 5
Connecticut College 7	St. Lawrence University 8	Villanova University 5
Cornell University 13	Stanford University 5	Wake Forest University 13
Dartmouth College 8	Stonehill College 5	Wesleyan University 13
Dickinson College 5	Trinity College 9	Washington and Lee University 5
Duke University 8	Tufts University 16	Yale University 13
Elon University 7	Tulane University 17	

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.