



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. (Please note that AP classes will be replaced by additional honors level classes beginning in the 2022-23 academic year.)

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
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Jackie Maloney, Registrar
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COLLEGE COUNSELING

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ENROLLMENT: 601

Boys: 319/Girls: 282
Boarding: 495/Day: 106
Seniors: 170
From 32 states/41 countries
Students of Color: 34%
Receiving Financial Aid: 35%

FACULTY: 134

Hold advanced degrees: 107
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 during Spring 2020. 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 2020-2021 academic year was conducted as a hybrid model.

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

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

CLASS OF 2021 TESTING PROFILE

SAT:	<i>Reading & Writing</i>	<i>Math</i>	ACT:
Mean	667	679	<i>Composite</i> 29.3
75%ile	730	750	33
25%ile	620	610	26

Please note that these scores reflect testing administered during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION RECORD

Over the past five years (2017 to 2021) 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 8	Franklin & Marshall 6	University of California, Los Angeles 6
Babson College 8	George Washington University 8	University of Colorado, Boulder 5
Bates College 6	Georgetown University 24	University of Connecticut 6
Boston College 13	Hamilton College 6	University of Maine 5
Boston University 12	Harvard University 12	University of Miami 10
Bowdoin College 9	Johns Hopkins University 5	University of Michigan 5
Brown University 21	Lafayette College 5	University of Notre Dame 8
Bucknell University 21	McGill University 7	University of Pennsylvania 23
Carnegie Mellon University 6	Middlebury College 13	University of Richmond 19
Chapman University 5	New York University 17	University of Southern California 8
Colby College 7	Northeastern University 14	University of St. Andrews 12
Colgate University 20	Occidental College 5	University of Texas, Austin 6
College of the Holy Cross 7	Princeton University 6	University of Vermont 7
Colorado College 7	Skidmore College 5	University of Virginia 17
Columbia University 9	Southern Methodist University 15	Villanova University 5
Connecticut College 5	St. Lawrence University 6	Wake Forest University 16
Cornell University 18	Stanford University 5	Washington and Lee University 7
Dartmouth College 5	Trinity College 7	Wesleyan University 11
Dickinson College 5	Tufts University 16	Williams College 5
Duke University 12	Tulane University 15	Yale University 14
Elon University 6	Union College 7	

DISCIPLINE POLICY

If asked, the Taft School will report to colleges if a student is suspended and/or placed on probation through our disciplinary process.