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School Profile 2024-2025

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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 students come from diverse geographic, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.

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).

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.

2024 / 2025 Enrollment Data

85	70%	1305	79
Faculty	Faculty with a masters degree +	Students	Private Day Students

162	12%	1,064
International Students	International	District Students

Signature Programs

Advanced Placement
25 Advanced Placement courses are offered: Art & Design, Music Theory, Language & Composition, Literature & Composition, US History, European History, Government & Politics, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Chinese, Latin, French, Spanish, Statistics, Pre-Calculus Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics I&II, Physics C, Environmental Science, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles

Honors
50 Honors Courses, including: German I-IV, Arabic 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.

Concurrent Enrollment
Honors College Algebra (SMCC)
Honors Marine Biology (SMCC)

Arts & New Media
38 Courses in Music, Dance, Theater, Visual Arts, Movie Making, Graphic Design, and Computer Programming.

Vocational Opportunities
School-to-Work 4 courses, plus technical and college preparatory programs offered through Biddeford Regional Center of Technology (BRCOT).

Foreign Language
37 offerings in seven languages: French, Spanish, Latin, Chinese, Arabic, German, and Greek.

2024 Post Secondary Outcomes

Four Year College	**50.50%**
Two Year College	**20%**
Military	**1.30%**
Employment	**28.20%**

AP Scholar Designation 2024:

249 AP Students | **475** Exams | **35** AP Scholars | **16** AP Scholars w/ Honors

18 AP Scholars w/ Distinction

*AP Scholars 3 or Higher on three Exams
*AP Scholars w/ Honors 3 or higher on 4 or more exams
*AP Scholar w/ Distinction 3 or higher on 5 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.

College Acceptances

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Allegheny College
American Academy of Art
American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
Amherst College
Assumption University
Auburn University
Babson College
Bard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Bishop's University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colby-Sawyer College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Cornish College of the Arts
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Dean College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Eastman School of Music
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fisher College
Fitchburg State University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Framingham State University
Franklin Pierce University
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Harvard University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Husson University
IE University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Iowa State University
Irvine Valley College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Keene State College
Keio University
Kennebec Valley Community College
Lafayette College
Lasell University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Long Island University (Post)
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Maastricht University
Maine College of Art & Design
Maine Maritime Academy
Manhattan School of Music
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Merrimack College
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State Uni
Middlebury College
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Montserrat College of Art
Muhlenberg College
Nazareth University
New York University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Saint Michael's College
Salem State University
Salve Regina University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Southern New Hampshire University
Springfield College
St. John's University
St. Thomas University
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY at Albany
SUNY at Purchase College
SUNY College at Old Westbury
SUNY College at Oswego
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy at West Point
United States Naval Academy
Yale University
