

Loomis Chaffee | College Admission Profile 2024–25



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School Description

The Loomis Chaffee School is a four-year, coeducational, independent boarding school located on a 300-acre campus in Windsor, Connecticut. Chartered in 1874 by five siblings whose children all died tragically and who then selflessly founded a school as a gift to the children of others, Loomis provides a superb education for motivated and talented students, inspiring in them a commitment to the best self and the common good. Academically rigorous, the school promotes the pursuit of excellence “in spirit, mind, and body” within a community where it is easy to be “good and friendly” and where the diversity of person and idea are not only respected but championed. All 742 Loomis students, who represent by citizenship and residency 27 U.S. states and 51 countries, plan to attend four-year colleges and universities. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and it is a founding member of the Association of College Counselors of Independent Schools.

Key Facts for College Admission Officers

- Our highest level courses have the designation of “CL” (for “College Level”) on the transcript. We consider these to be AP level or higher.
- Courses that move at an accelerated pace, go beyond normal curriculum requirements and require longer homework assignments are designated as “Advanced.”
- Loomis Chaffee runs on a trimester system. **Fall term grades are available the week of Thanksgiving; winter term grades are available in early March.**
- The grading system, A-F, also includes a pass/fail option in one course in spring term for seniors taking five courses.
- Loomis Chaffee does not rank its students nor provide a GPA.
- The average course load is five courses with the exception of sophomores who typically take four courses along with graduation requirements of Writers Workshop and The Seminar in the Common Good.
- Approximately 20 percent of the senior class earns a Global and Environmental Studies Certificate, which recognizes academic, extracurricular, and experiential studies focused on these areas.
- Loomis Chaffee offers 55 CL term or year-long courses and 19 advanced courses. Because of the sequencing of our academic program, it is difficult for a student to take more than seven credits’ worth of CL courses and four advanced courses during their four years.
- There are 742 students in grades 9 through 12 and postgraduate study, and 199 students in the Class of 2025.
- If asked, Loomis Chaffee reports any suspension to colleges and universities.

Curriculum Notes

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENT	NOTES
English *	4 years	No advanced or CL coursework offered until grade 11
Foreign Language	3 year proficiency in one language	No advanced or CL coursework offered in Arabic
History and Social Science *	2 years (world history, U.S. history)	
Philosophy/Psychology/Religion	2 courses, at least one in grades 11 or 12	No advanced or CL coursework offered
Mathematics	3 years (2 algebra, one geometry)	CL Statistics Accelerated course covers the AP Statistics curriculum in a yearlong half course; for extremely able mathematics students
Science*	2 years (1 life and 1 physical science)	
Arts	3 courses for 4-year students; 2 for others	
Independent Study		Offered in rare cases for students who have gone above and beyond our curricular offerings in a discipline

* Guided Research Projects in Humanities, Environmental Science and Molecular Biology allow students to participate in mentored independent research; for extremely able students.

The Innovation Trimester provides about a dozen Loomis students with the resources and structure to identify and provide solutions for community-wide problems. The program gives students the opportunity to be a part of an interdisciplinary team and to develop agency as they realize that their skills and knowledge can culminate in meaningful societal change and improvement.

Testing Information

Testing

The middle 50 percent of the students in the Class of 2024 scored in the following ranges:

In the past five years, Loomis Chaffee has graduated 9 National Merit Semifinalists and 85 National Merit Commended Scholars.

SAT		ACT	
EBRW	600-740	English	25-35
Math	610-770	Math	26-32
		Reading	26-36
		Science	24-33
		Composite	26-33

Includes all tests taken regardless of whether student chose to submit test scores

Class of 2024 College Matriculation

Amherst College	Elon University	Providence College	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Assumption University	Emory University	Queen's University	University of Maine
Babson College	Florida Gulf Coast University	Quinnipiac University	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Bates College	Franklin & Marshall College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Bentley University	George Washington University	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	University of Miami
Berklee College of Music	Georgetown University	Scripps College	University of Michigan
Boston College	Hamilton College	Seton Hall University	University of North Alabama
Boston University	Hampton University	Skidmore College	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Brandeis University	Harvard University	Southern Methodist University	University of Notre Dame
Brown University	High Point University	Spelman College	University of Pennsylvania
Bryant University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Swarthmore College	University of Pittsburgh
Bucknell University	Howard University	Syracuse University	University of Rhode Island
California Institute of Technology	Indiana University, Bloomington	The Ohio State University	University of Richmond
California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)	James Madison University	Trinity College	University of Rochester
Carnegie Mellon University	Johns Hopkins University	Tufts University	University of Southern California
Central Connecticut State University	Kenyon College	Tulane University of Louisiana	University of Toronto
Clark University	Lafayette College	United States Coast Guard Academy	University of Vermont
Colby College	Lehigh University	United States Naval Academy	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Colgate University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Arizona	Vanderbilt University
College of the Holy Cross	Miami University (Oxford)	University of California, Berkeley	Vassar College
Colorado College	Middlebury College	University of California, Davis	Villanova University
Columbia University	Mount Holyoke College	University of California, Irvine	Wake Forest University
Connecticut College	New York University	University of California, San Diego	Washington University in St. Louis
Cornell University	Northeastern University	University of California, Santa Barbara	Williams College
Dartmouth College	Northwestern University	University of Chicago	Yale University
Davidson College	Pace University	University of Connecticut	
	Princeton University	University of Hartford	

Five-Year College Matriculation

Over the past five years, four or more Loomis Chaffee students have matriculated to the following institutions:

American University	Emory University	Stanford University	University of Virginia
Amherst College	George Washington University	Syracuse University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Babson College	Georgetown University	Trinity College	Vanderbilt University
Bard College	Hamilton College	Tufts University	Vassar College
Bates College	Harvard University	Tulane University of Louisiana	Villanova University
Boston College	Indiana University, Bloomington	United States Naval Academy	Wake Forest University
Boston University	Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Berkeley	Washington University in St. Louis
Bowdoin College	Kenyon College	University of California, Irvine	Wesleyan University
Brandeis University	Lafayette College	University of California, Los Angeles	Williams College
Brown University	Lehigh University	University of Chicago	Yale University
Bucknell University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut	
Carnegie Mellon University	Merrimack College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	
Claremont McKenna College	Middlebury College	University of Miami	
Colby College	New York University	University of Michigan	
Colgate University	Northeastern University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	
College of the Holy Cross	Northwestern University	University of Notre Dame	
Columbia University	Providence College	University of Pennsylvania	
Connecticut College	Princeton University	University of Richmond	
Cornell University	Quinnipiac University	University of Rochester	
Dartmouth College	Rice University	University of Southern California	
Davidson College	Skidmore College	University of St Andrews	
Duke University	Southern Methodist University	University of Toronto	
Elon University	St. Lawrence University	University of Vermont	