Top 5 Boarding School, North America

Saco, Maine USA

Thornton Academy



By the numbers

- Co-ed, grades 6-12
  - 1,300 day students
    - (200 middle school, 1,100 upper school)
  - 180 international boarding students
- 26 AP courses, 50 honors courses
- 200+ courses
- 57 sports teams
- 40+ clubs
- 12:1 student to teacher ratio
- One semester, one year or multiple years
- Eligible for a diploma in grade 12









Why?

Apple Distinguished School

Location

- #1 safest state
- 90 minutes from Boston
- Walkable to town
- 15 minutes to airport
- Train to Boston
- Beaches + mountains



The Best of Both

The opportunities of a large day school
+
The care and attention of a small boarding program



Community

“It feels like the movies!”

Academics are 1/3 of the experience. Our residential life team is here to make sure you are happy, healthy, safe and exploring.



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2024
Campus

Who?

Artists

With 34 art courses in visual and performing arts, we have a place for you.



Athletes

Brand new to the sport? Hoping to play at a US university? We have 57 sports teams.

TA is ranked in the **top 2%** of schools in the US for athletics.



Academics

“Looking to move beyond the curriculum? Great, so are we!

We also offer **4 levels of ESL.**





Arts

34
art courses

Performing Arts

4-year dance program

Fall play, spring musical

Visual Arts

AP Art and Design

University portfolio support

What do our graduates do?

Theater in New York City

Animation for Disney

Minor in art

Portland Symphony Orchestra

SCAD, NYU, RISD

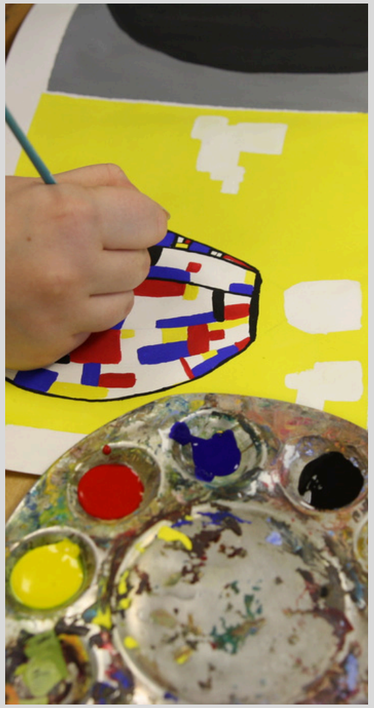
Art Facilities

34 art courses, 8 studios

- Digital Art Room
- Green screen
- Black room
- Recording studio
- Ceramics studio
- Music practice rooms
- Pianos
- 500 seat auditorium







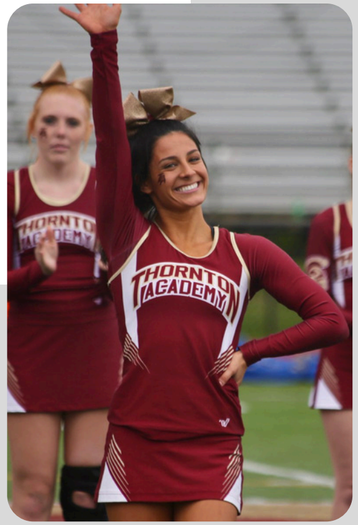


Sports

26 state champions
in 5 years
+
Top 2% of schools in
the US for athletics

Fall

- Football*
- Soccer
- Golf*
- Cheering
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Volleyball



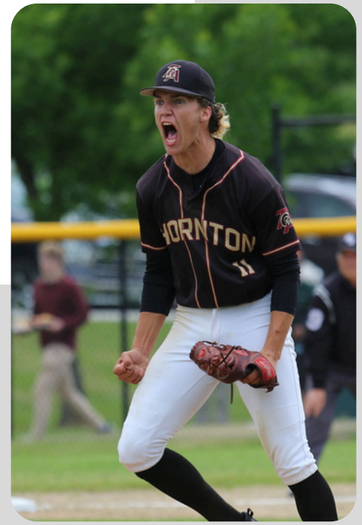
Winter

- Basketball*
- Swimming*
- Ice Hockey*
- Cheering
- Indoor Track and Field*



Spring

- Baseball*
- Softball
- Lacrosse*
- Tennis
- Track and Field*



Academics

ELL

- Included in tuition
- 4 levels, based on placement test
- Part of the school day/curriculum
- Takes the place of “mainstream English”



26 AP, 50 Honors

- 443 AP exams
- 37 National Merit Scholars
- Honors courses in 12 disciplines

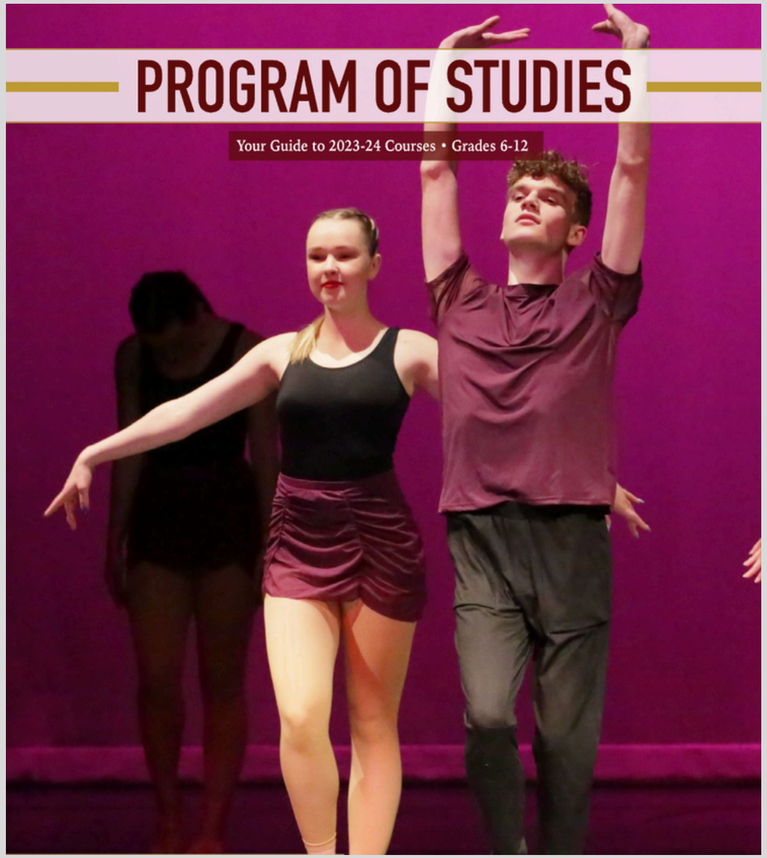


6-8 courses/year

- Most courses are full year
- Some are single semester
- Some AP courses are 2 credits
- No class? Study hall
- School Counselor will help



Academics



Before you arrive...

English Placement Test

We use the Duolingo as the placement test, but the Duolinog is NOT required for admission.

Math Placement Test

The TA math department has created a custom placement test that you will take online.

Step 1: Enroll at TA
Step 2: Register your new TA email address
Step 3: Take the placement tests
Step 4: Complete the course request form

Your school counselor will create your course schedule. Changes can be made before classes start and up to 10 days after they start.

Student Profiles: the story

Student 1

GPA: 4.0
Weighted GPA: 4.08
AP courses: 5
Acceptances: Yale, Williams, Colby, Wesleyan, Bowdoin

Final decision: **Harvard**



Student 2

GPA: 4.0
Weighted GPA: 4.17
AP courses: 6
Acceptances: Michigan, Northeastern, Wisconsin, UC-San Diego, Illinios-Urbana

Final decision:
University of Rochester



What's Important

- AP courses
- Clubs
- Sports
- SAT + TOEFL
- GPA

+

How are you unique?





University Acceptances

Bates College • Berklee College of Music • Boston College • Boston University • Bowdoin College • Colby College • Columbia University • Cornell University • Dartmouth College • Duke University • Emory University • George Washington University • Georgetown University • Harvard University • Johns Hopkins University • Maine College of Art • MIT • New York University • Parsons School of Design • Providence College • The New School • Tulane University • Union College • UC Los Angeles (UCLA) • UC Berkeley • UC Irvine • University of Michigan • University of Southern California (USC) • University of Texas • University of Vermont • Wellesley College

International Student Support

Res Life Advisor

01

After School Study Center

02

Achievement Center

03

Residential Life

Dorms

- modern, new and large
- on campus
- 4+ dorms
- double rooms, some triples, 9 singles for girls
- shared bathrooms
- kitchen, study lounge, and laundry









Residential Life

Breaks

Thanksgiving: OPEN
Christmas: CLOSED
February: OPEN
April: OPEN

$75/day includes activities and meals



Support + Safety

- Nurse
- Study hours
- Advisor
- 14 families live in the dorms
- Keycard access



Homestay!

- 15 homestay spaces
- Our homestay coordinator does the placements and supports students
- Same price as boarding



Boys Dorms (2)



Trojan Hall



East Nelson Hall

Girls Dorms (3)



Stasio Hall

Girls Dorms (3)



Fairfield Hall



West Nelson Hall

Weekends @ TA

Come for the academics, stay for the residential experience

Every Friday, we publish the weekend activity schedule. Students can sign up for whatever they wish!

The most popular activities: Skiing and going to Boston via train







Weekends @ TA

WEEKEND SCHEDULE EXAMPLE 1

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:30 PM - Restaurant 7:00 PM - Open Gym 8:00 PM - Outdoor Movie	12:30 PM - Shopping Trip 1:00 PM - Apple Picking 4:00 PM - Mall Trip 5:00 PM - Beach 8:00 PM - Stadium Lights On	10:00 AM - College App. Support 1:00 PM - NFL Football 1:00 PM - Tie Dye 3:00 PM - Mini Golf & Ice Cream

WEEKEND SCHEDULE EXAMPLE 2

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM - Shopping Trip 6:45 PM - Ice Skating 7:30 PM - Boys Basketball Game 6:00 PM - Girls Basketball Game	6:30 AM - Ski Trip 10:00 AM - Movie Marathon 1:00 PM - Snow Tubing 5:00 PM - Portland Shopping 6:30 PM - Movie Trip	6:00 AM - Ski Club 12:30 PM - Open Gym 1:00 PM - Lunch in the Old Port 2:00 PM - Shopping Trip 4:30 PM - Veranda Noodle House



TA Sports Games and Performances



Outdoor Adventures



Local Beach Outings



Social Experiences



City Shopping and Dining Trips



Movie Nights

Junior Boarding

Thornton Academy Middle School (TAMS)

- 180 students
- 8% international
- Grades 6-8
- Shared campus
- Shared dorms



Support

- After School Study Center
- 1:1 peer tutoring
- Quarterly reports
- Middle School Principal and Assistant Principal live in the dorms



Program Details

- Must play a fall sport (soccer, tennis or cross country)
- Must participate in a club
- Technology management
- Take courses at the Upper School



Apply

Rolling Admission

- Online Application (or SAO)
- 3 recommendation letters
  - 2 teachers (any teachers)
  - 1 other adult (not a parent)
- Transcripts from the past 2 years + the current year
- Passport
- Zoom interview

*Thornton Academy is **test optional**...ask us why!*





Tuition

Full Year

- $53,800 tuition, Room and Board
- $2,400 Health Insurance (mandatory)
- $3,000 Student Life Fee (iPad, I-20, books, etc)
- $59,200 + $500 security deposit + $1,000 Incidental Account

Single Semester

- $28,400 tuition, Room and Board
- $1,200 Health Insurance (mandatory)
- $1,500 Student Life Fee (iPad, I-20, books, etc)
- $31,100 + $500 security deposit + $1,000 Incidental Account



Admissions Team



Clint

Director of Enrollment

Loves the outdoors, skiing and golf



Mackenzie

Senior Associate Director of Enrollment

Loves bike rides and interior design



Megan

Associate Director of Enrollment

Loves cooking and birdwatching



Jamie

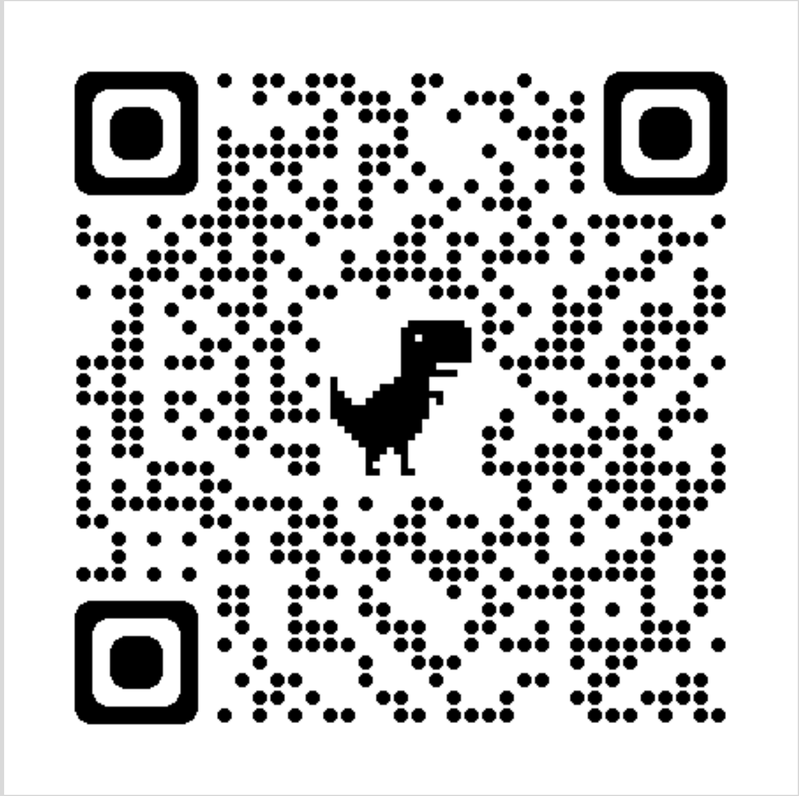
Associate Director of Day Enrollment

Loves walking the beach and funny movies

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Additional Programs

Summer Program

Dual Diploma

Partnerships

Summer Program 2025



July 12 - August 2

3 WEEKS
$6,000



academics + experiences

COURSES
ACTIVITIES
TRIPS

Summer Program

01 Who?

- Ages 12-17
- Do not have to be enrolled at Thornton Academy
- Conditionally admitted to TA and must take ELL

02 Details

- 2 Classes in the morning, activities in the afternoon, trips on the weekend
- Courses include: ELL, Photography, Robotics, Acting, Marine Ecology + more
- Tourist visa
- Accommodations in our on-campus dormitory
- Health insurance and airport transfer included (BOS and PWM)
- Example activities: Boston, lobster boat cruise, shopping, amusement park



Dual Diploma

- Standard Program: take 6 courses, earn a Thornton Academy Diploma with a Thornton Academy Transcript.
- Hybrid Dual Diploma: For J-1 students. 2 credits are awarded for their J-1 year. Take 4 additional courses. Can begin before, during or after the J-1 year.
- About:
  - Average time: 3 years
  - Certified teachers
  - self-paced
  - Elective and core courses
  - 24/7 synchronous tutoring
  - optional lectures
  - ACT/SAT/IELTS prep

Partnerships



We’re interested!

- University admission agreements
  - Existing: UMaine, University of New England, FIT, SUNY Albany
- High school partnerships:
  - Dual diploma
  - Online programs
- Custom Summer Programs