

Loomis Chaffee | College Admission Profile 2026-27



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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 748 Loomis students, who represent by citizenship and residency 32 U.S. states and 46 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.
- While Loomis offers over 50 term and yearlong CL and 15 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 748 students in grades 9 through 12 and postgraduate study, and 216 students in the Class of 2027.
- If asked, Loomis Chaffee reports any suspension to colleges and universities.
- *Loomis Chaffee requires all F-1 students to comply with 8 CFR 214.2(f)(10) and the Fair Labor Standards Act. As a result, while in the U.S., our F-1 students are not permitted to engage in any paid or unpaid research, internships, or volunteer opportunities which result in pay or benefits, including letters of reference or recommendation.*

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 2026 scored in the following ranges:

In the past five years, Loomis Chaffee has graduated 19 National Merit Semifinalists and 87 National Merit Commended Scholars.

SAT		ACT	
EBRW	610-750	English	29-34
Math	590-770	Math	25-32
		Reading	30-36
		Science	25-34
		Composite	28-33

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

Class of 2026 College Matriculation

American University	Fordham University	Quinnipiac University	
Amherst College	Franklin & Marshall College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Assumption University	George Washington University	Roger Williams University	University of Notre Dame
Babson College	Georgetown University	Sacred Heart University	University of Pennsylvania
Barnard College	Gettysburg College	Salve Regena University	University of Richmond
Boston College	Hamilton College	Santa Clara University	University of Rochester
Boston University	Harvard University	Skidmore College	University of Southern California
Bowdoin College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Southern Connecticut State University	University of St Andrews
Brandeis University	Hofstra University	Southern Methodist University	University of Tampa
Brown University	Howard University	Stanford University	University of Tennessee
Bucknell University	IE University	Stonehill College	University of Texas, Austin
Carnegie Mellon University	Imperial College London	Syracuse University	University of Virginia
Case Western Reserve University	Indiana University, Bloomington	Texas Christian University	University of Wisconsin
Claremont McKenna College	Johns Hopkins University	Trinity College	Vanderbilt University
Clark University	Lafayette College	Tufts University	Wake Forest University
Clemson University	Lehigh University	Tulane University	Wesleyan University
Colby College	Loyola University Maryland	Union College	William & Mary
Colgate University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Alabama	Williams College
College of the Holy Cross	Middlebury College	University of California, Berkeley	Yale University
Columbia University	New York University	University of California, San Diego	
Connecticut College	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Chicago	
Cornell University	Northeastern University	University of Connecticut	
Dartmouth College	Northwestern University	University of Georgia	
Denison University	Pace University, New York City	University of Miami	
Dickinson College	Penn State University	University of Michigan	
Elon University	Pomona College	University of Nevada, Reno	
Emory University	Providence College	University of New Hampshire	

Five-Year College Matriculation

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

Amherst College	Georgetown University	Skidmore College	University of Vermont
Babson College	Hamilton College	St. Lawrence University	University of Virginia
Barnard College	Harvard University	Stanford University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Bates College	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Swarthmore College	Vanderbilt University
Boston College	Howard University	Syracuse University	Vassar College
Boston University	Indiana University, Bloomington	Trinity College	Villanova University
Bowdoin College	Johns Hopkins University	Tufts University	Wake Forest University
Brandeis University	Kenyon College	Tulane University	Washington University in St. Louis
Brown University	Lafayette College	Union College	Wesleyan University
Bucknell University	Lehigh University	United States Naval Academy	Willian & Mary
Carnegie Mellon University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California, Berkeley	Williams College
Colby College	McGill University	University of California, Irvine	Yale University
Colgate University	Middlebury College	University of Chicago	
College of the Holy Cross	New York University	University of Connecticut	
Columbia University	Northeastern University	University of Miami	
Connecticut College	Northwestern University	University of Michigan	
Cornell University	Penn State University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	
Dartmouth College	Pomona College	University of Notre Dame	
Duke University	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania	
Elon University	Providence College	University of Richmond	
Emory University	Quinnipiac University	University of Rochester	
Franklin & Marshall College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of St Andrews	
George Washington University	Rice University	University of Toronto	