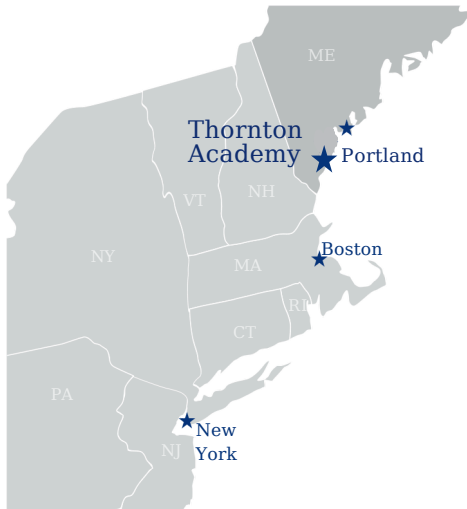


Thornton Academy

Saco, Maine



Address

438 Main Street
Saco, Maine 04072
www.thorntonacademy.org

Founded: 1811

Enrollment

Day and Boarding School

Grades

6 through 12

Student Body

About 1,500 students; 12% international (180 boarding students)

Student/Faculty Ratio: 11:1

Average Class Size: 14

Campus Size: 80 acres

Location

Thornton Academy is located in the scenic coastal town of Saco, within 15 minutes of Portland, and 90 miles from Boston.

Airport

Portland International Jetport (PWM)
Boston Logan Airport (BOS)

Climate

Four seasons - colder temperatures with snowy winters

Foreign Languages Available

Arabic, Latin, French, German, Mandarin, and Spanish

Religious Affiliation: none

Uniforms

Uniforms are not required but there is a Dress Code for all students to follow.

Academics

The strength of Thornton Academy's comprehensive academic program is their diversity of more than 200 courses and their passion for student discovery. Thornton also has a robust visual and performing arts program, with 35 classes, as well as new media, technology, and music offerings. Their broad-based STEM program focuses on experimentation. Established partnerships with select local colleges also offer students the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school degrees.

Advanced Placement Courses

26 available including: English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Precalculus, Statistics, Chemistry, Biology, Physics 1 & 2, Physics C, Environmental Science, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, US History, US Government & Politics, European History, Human Geography, Psychology, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, French, Mandarin, Spanish, Latin, Music Theory and Studio Art (2D Design, 3D Design, and Drawing).

ESL Program

Thornton Academy's ELL program offers four levels of language support with courses for Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Transitional English. Each course focuses on the key areas of speaking, listening, writing, and reading, with an emphasis on academic language.

Success Rate

100% of students are accepted to a 4 year college or university.

Campus Life

Thornton's campus blends tradition with innovation in the historic brick buildings that emphasize the latest technological advances. Facilities include an Arts and New Media Center, library, 500-seat theater, engineering lab, television studio, dining commons, a turf athletic stadium with track, 8 playing fields, tennis courts, and a brand new Fitness Center and Field House that opened in 2025. Students reside on campus in one of the 4 dormitories in shared rooms, with access to cozy dorm lounges. Live-in Dorm Parents provide support and supervision.

Activities

Thornton offers a range of more than 40 after-school clubs, some of which include: Academic Decathlon, Robotics Club, Student Council, and Dance Company, among others! Fun weekend activities offer students the chance to experience American culture and explore the local area, Portland, and Boston.

Sports

Teams include: Baseball (boys), Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey (girls), Football (boys), Golf, Ice Hockey, Indoor Track & Field, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball (girls), Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball (girls), and Wrestling.



College Acceptances

Adelphi University
 Albright College
 American University
 Arizona State University
 Bates College
 Berklee College of Music
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Brandeis University
 Brown University
 California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Clark University
 Colby College
 College of William and Mary
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Dickinson College
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Elmira College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emmanuel College
 Emory University

Fashion Institute of Technology
 Fordham University
 Franklin Pierce University
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Harvard University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Hofstra University
 Indiana University - Bloomington
 Ithaca College
 Johns Hopkins University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Maine College of Art
 Manhattan College
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 MCPHS University
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Otis College of Art & Design
 Pace University
 Parsons School of Design
 Pennsylvania State University
 Princeton University
 Providence College

Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Sacred Heart University
 St. Olaf College
 St. Michael's College
 Salve Regina University
 Savannah College of Art & Design
 Smith College
 Stanford University
 Stony Brook University
 Suffolk University
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 The New School
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 Union College
 University of California - Davis
 University of California - Irvine
 University of California - Los Angeles
 University of California - San Diego

University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Maine
 University of Massachusetts - Amherst
 University of Massachusetts - Boston
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Nevada - Las Vegas
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of San Diego
 University of Southern California
 University of Texas - Austin
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 Wellesley College
 West Virginia University
 Wheaton College
 Widener University
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Yale University

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