



"I am forever grateful for the kind and warm welcome we experienced when my kids transitioned to Thornton Academy. Every student is valued, and we are very lucky to be part of the Thornton Academy family "

Wendy Spaulding, Parent

**Boarding School**

# Thornton Academy Maine

Thornton is a private day-and-boarding school in Saco serving grades 6-12 with a wide curriculum of more than 200 courses. This historic school offering global diversity from more than 50 countries and comprehensive boarding programs.



BOARDING



CO-ED



SPORTS



ARTS



STEM

## Quick Facts

**Founded:** 1811

**Niche.com Score:** B+

**Students:** Co-educational

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**Accepting students:** Grade 6-12, PG

**Diploma Year offered:** Yes

**Interview Required?** Yes

**English as Second Language (ESL) support:** Yes

**University Acceptance rate:** 100%

## Academic Excellence

Thornton Academy provides students with a flexible college-preparatory program across 200+ courses, including 26 AP and 40+ honors classes. Technology is central to instruction. The school operates an integrated 1:1 device program and a New Media/Technology Center that supports collaborative research, coding and digital media. Teachers use technology to enable project-based learning, real-world research and university credit options through partnerships. College counseling begins in grade nine and supports student transition to selective universities.

## Student Accomplishments

Thornton students engage broadly in academics, arts and athletics. The school fields more than varsity sports and hosts more than arts courses, supporting achievements in statewide championships and national recognition in arts and STEM. School's athletic teams have won more than 50 championships.

## Campus Facilities

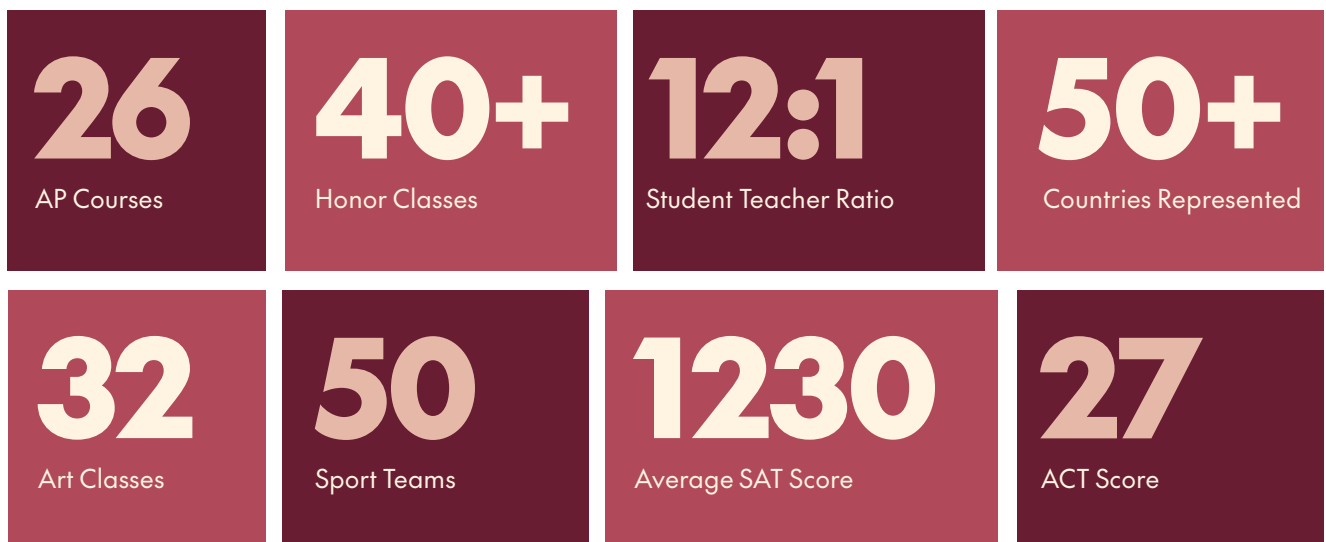
The 80-acre campus includes a Technology and New Media Center, a 500-seat theater, updated STEM labs multiple arts studios, and extensive athletic facilities with stadium seating and outdoor fields. Dormitories provide furnished student rooms, communal kitchens, and study lounges. Designed to support technology-rich instruction, collaborative learning, and year-round extracurricular programming, Thornton Academy campus offers students a well-equipped environment for both academic and personal development.

## Recent University Acceptances

- Bates College
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Colby College
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- George Washington University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Maine College of Art
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- New York University
- Parsons School of Design
- Providence College
- University of Michigan
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas
- University of Vermont
- Wellesley College



## Stats



## Residential Life

Thornton's residential life operates modern, campus dormitories with furnished single or twin bedrooms, shared bathrooms, kitchens and lounges. Dorm "families" pair students with resident faculty; residential advisors and a 24/7 dorm nurse provide supervision and support. Weekend programming includes local excursions, ski trips, cultural outings and supervised on-campus activities. Boarding serves domestic and international students and is integrated with school life.

## Athletics and Arts

Thornton fields more than 50 teams across fall, winter and spring seasons and reports a long history of state championships. Athletics emphasize broad participation and competitive pathways. .

The visual and performing arts program offers over 30 arts classes, frequent performances and portfolio pathways for conservatory and arts college applicants. Annual programming includes theater productions, concerts and gallery exhibitions.



## Lists

**Sports:** American Football, Soccer, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Golf, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming & Diving, Indoor Track & Field, Wrestling, Ice Hockey, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Lacrosse

**Arts:** AP Art & Design, Music (ensemble and theory), Theater, Dance, Visual Arts, Digital Media, Digital Design

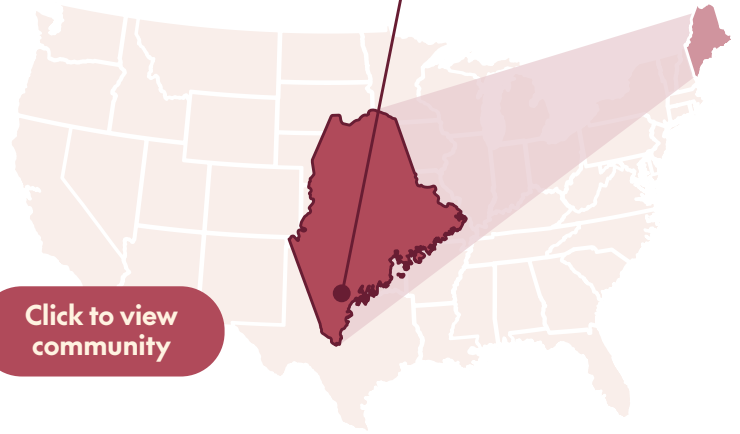
**Advanced Placement courses:** Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, Government & Politics (US), Music Theory, Physics I, Physics II, Physics C (Mechanics & Electricity & Magnetism), Psychology, Spanish Language & Culture, Statistics, US History, World History

**Language:** Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Latin, Spanish.

**Tech and Innovation Courses:** Coding, Robotics, Digital Media, Digital Design, New Media Center coursework

**Clubs And Extracurriculars**  
Animal Rights Club, Chess Team, Debate & Speech Team, Environmental Club, Math Team, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Neuroscience Club, Outdoor Adventure Club, Photography Club, Robotics Club, Ski Club, Student Media Team, TEDx Club, TATV, Yearbook

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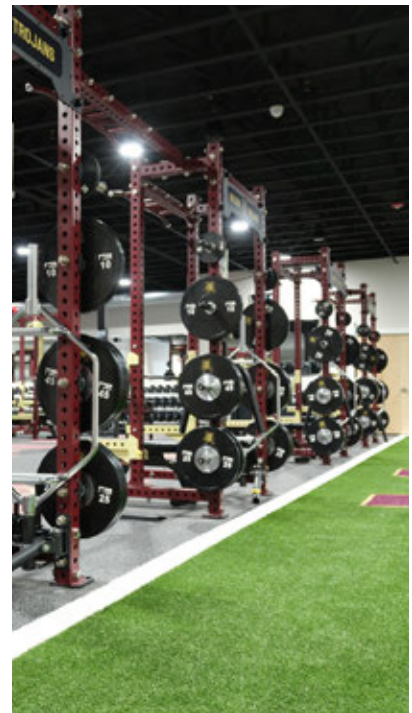
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## Community

Thornton Academy sits in Saco, Maine, a coastal town 15 minutes from Portland and 90 minutes from Boston. The area offers beaches, forests, hiking and winter sports, Maine is noted in school materials for safety and outdoor access. Proximity to regional cultural and university centres supports internships and excursions.

## Climate in Saco, Maine

Four seasons: cold winters and warm summers.



Video

**Boarding Student Day in the Life**

