



The Taft School

110 Woodbury Road | Watertown, CT 06795

SAT/ACT School Code: 070880

THE SCHOOL: Founded in 1890, the Taft School is a co-educational boarding and day school for students in grades 9 to 12. It occupies a 226-acre campus west of the city of Waterbury, 95 miles from New York City, and 125 miles from Boston. Taft is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. One of the strongest independent schools in New England, Taft provides an individually challenging experience ever mindful of its founding motto: Not to be served but to serve. More than 99% of all Taft students go on to attend four-year colleges and universities across the nation and around the world.

MISSION: To educate the whole student; to demand excellence in all walks of life, including moral responsibility.

ACADEMIC POLICY AND GRADING SCALE: The standard academic load is five academic courses per semester in grades 9 and 10; 11th and 12th grade students may choose to take either four or five. Taft will report weighted grades on its official transcript (5 points are added to each grade earned in Honors, AP, and Post-AP level courses taken at Taft). The transcript includes a yearly GPA and a cumulative GPA for courses completed at Taft. Grades from courses taken away from Taft are not included in the GPA calculation. By policy, Taft students are not ranked.

CURRICULUM: Honors and Advanced Placement level courses are available in virtually every discipline at Taft. The school offers 29 different AP-level courses, as well as opportunities for independent study in each discipline.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAMS: Taft offers off-campus study opportunities to The Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki; The Mountain School in Vermont; High Mountain Institute in Colorado; The Island School in the Bahamas; King's Academy in Jordan; and to China, France, Italy, and Spain with School Year Abroad.

Please note: Grades from these programs are not used in our GPA calculation.

MEMBERSHIPS: Taft is a member of National Association of Independent Schools, National and New England Associations of College Admission Counseling, Global Online Academy, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, and the College Entrance Examination Board.

ADMINISTRATION

William MacMullen, Headmaster
Edie Traina, Dean of Faculty
Jennifer Kenerson, Academic Dean
Jackie Maloney, Registrar
Susan McCabe, Senior Class Dean
Jack Kenerson, Senior Class Dean

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Alison Almasian, Director
Carter Delloro, Associate Director
Catherine Ganung, Associate Director
Andrew McNeill, Sr. Associate Director
Cheryl Gatling-Galloway,
Administrative Assistant
Carla Ambrosini, Testing Coordinator

ENROLLMENT: 606

Boys: 313/Girls: 293
Boarding: 504/Day: 102
Seniors: 182
From 33 states/44 countries
Students of Color: 33%
Receiving Financial Aid: 35%

FACULTY: 129

Hold advanced degrees: 94
Faculty-to-Student Ratio: 1 to 5
Average Class Size: 11

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS: 18 CREDITS

English (4)
Mathematics (3)
Laboratory Science (2)
History (2) including American History
Foreign Language (3)
Fine and Performing Arts (1.5)

GPA Distribution by Year for the Class of 2019

(weighted, not cumulative)

| Freshman Year 2015–16 | | Sophomore Year 2016–17 | | Junior Year 2017–18 | |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| 95–100 | 9 | 95–100 | 28 | 95–100 | 39 |
| 90–94 | 28 | 90–94 | 42 | 90–94 | 55 |
| 85–89 | 42 | 85–89 | 66 | 85–89 | 50 |
| 80–84 | 20 | 80–84 | 20 | 80–84 | 15 |
| 75–79 | 1 | 75–79 | 0 | 75–79 | 0 |
| 70–74 | 0 | 70–74 | 0 | 70–74 | 0 |

HIGHEST COURSES AVAILABLE: The highest course(s) available in each discipline are as follows:

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| Arts | AP Art History, AP Studio Art, AP Music Theory |
| Classics | AP Latin (Virgil) |
| English | AP Senior English, Honors Humanities |
| Global Studies | AP Psychology, AP Human Geography, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics |
| History | AP United States History, AP European History, AP American Government, AP Comparative Government |
| Languages | AP Chinese Language, Post-AP French Literature, Post-AP Hispanic Literature |
| Mathematics | Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra |
| Science | Post-AP Biology, Post-AP Chemistry, AP Physics C, AP Environmental Science |

CLASS OF 2018 TESTING PROFILE

| SAT: | <i>Reading & Writing</i> | | <i>Math</i> | ACT: | <i>Composite</i> | AP RESULTS: |
|---------------|------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mean | 680 | | 690 | 30.1 | | 382 students took a total of |
| 75%ile | 720 | | 770 | 33 | | 926 AP Exams |
| 25%ile | 640 | | 630 | 28 | | 65% resulted in scores of 4 or 5 |
| | | | | | | 86% resulted in scores of 3 or higher |

COLLEGE MATRICULATION RECORD

Over the past five years (2014 to 2018) Taft students have enrolled in 185 different colleges and universities in 32 states, the District of Columbia, and eight foreign countries. During that same period, five or more students have enrolled at the following:

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| Amherst College 6 | Georgetown University 29 | Union College 11 |
| Babson College 8 | Hamilton College 11 | University of California, Los Angeles 5 |
| Bates College 10 | Harvard University 10 | University of Chicago 6 |
| Boston College 9 | Johns Hopkins University 6 | University of Miami 5 |
| Boston University 15 | Lafayette College 5 | University of North Carolina 8 |
| Bowdoin College 6 | Lehigh University 5 | University of Notre Dame 6 |
| Brown University 17 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology 8 | University of Pennsylvania 15 |
| Bucknell University 13 | McGill University 5 | University of Richmond 15 |
| Carnegie Mellon University 6 | Middlebury College 12 | University of Southern California 10 |
| Chapman University 5 | New York University 17 | University of St. Andrews 16 |
| Colby College 6 | Northeastern University 9 | University of Vermont 7 |
| Colgate University 20 | Occidental College 10 | University of Virginia 23 |
| Colorado College 7 | Princeton University 5 | Wake Forest University 7 |
| Columbia University 10 | Southern Methodist University 16 | Wesleyan University 12 |
| Connecticut College 9 | St. Lawrence University 10 | Williams College 6 |
| Cornell University 17 | Stanford University 7 | Yale University 9 |
| Dartmouth College 13 | Stonehill College 6 | |
| Duke University 8 | Trinity College 19 | |
| Elon University 9 | Tufts University 20 | |
| George Washington University 12 | Tulane University 7 | |

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Taft School will report to colleges (where applicable) if a student is suspended and/or placed on probation through our disciplinary process.