

Thacher School

Ivy League MIT Stanford placement

Thacher School: 15 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 18 %

Top 50 High Schools: 25 %

HYPMS placement

Thacher School: 8 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 8 %

Top 50 High Schools: 12 %

Average SAT

Thacher School: 1,962

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 1,842

Top 50 High Schools: 1,569

Endowment per student

Thacher School: \$ 0.43 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 0.32 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 0.16 million (US)

Endowment

Thacher School: \$ 106 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 186 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 110 million (US)

AP courses

Thacher School: 17 (courses)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 16 (courses)

Top 50 High Schools: 12 (courses)

Students receiving aid

Thacher School: 32 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 30 %

Top 50 High Schools: 22 %

Average class size

Thacher School: 11 (students)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 12 (students)

Top 50 High Schools: 14 (students)

Advanced degree faculty

Thacher School: 70 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 72 %

Top 50 High Schools: 64 %

Day Tuition

Thacher School: \$ 30,400 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 31,941 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 32,349 (USD)

Boarding Tuition

Thacher School: \$ 45,900 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 46,116 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 45,931 (USD)

Info

- School type: Boarding and day students
 - Day student only grade:9th to 12th
 - Boarding student only grade:9th to 12th
 - School focus: College Preparatory
 - AP and or IB: AP
 - Number of AP courses offered: 17
 - Average SAT: 1962 (Median)
 - ESL offered: Yes
 - Academic calendar: Semesters
 - Summer program:
 - Boarding availability: 7 day boarding
 - Setting: Urban
 - Founded:1889
 - Total school faculty: 45
 - Advanced degree faculty: 70 %
 - Teacher : Student ratio: 1 : 6
 - Religious affiliation: None
 - Website: <http://www.thacher.org>
 - Address: 5025 Thacher Road Ojai CA 93023 United States
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Enrollment

- Day student only grade:9th to 12th
 - Boarding student only grade:9th to 12th
 - Enrollment gender: Coed
 - Average class size: 11
 - Dress code*:No
 - Total student enrolled:245
 - International student: 10%
 - *Dress code, Yes=Formal or Uniform, No=Casual
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Tuition

- Boarding student tuition (per year):\$45,900
 - Day student tuition (per year):\$30,400
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Admissions

- Admissions deadline: June 15
 - Application fee: \$75.00
 - Acceptance rate: 17 %
 - Interview: On-campus interview required
 - Rolling admissions: No
 - English proficiency required for admission: Yes
 - Type of aid available: Need-based
 - % student receiving aid: 32 %
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Contact

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Reviews

Academic

[Yale] The faculty is always available for help at any time of day. The school's classes were a good split between seminar and lecture-based. Max of 18 students per class. Thacher has a large workload, but it is manageable.

[Brown] Extremely close relationships with teachers. Classes are extremely small. Very strong humanities program, fairly strong language program. Math program is also fairly good; quite weak in the sciences. Weak in drama department. Encouraged a lot of critical thinking, independent reasoning; emphasized good writing. Very discussion based. Lots of AP classes offered. Reasonable workload.

[Georgetown] Most classes are small with between 10-12 people with science classes being bigger on average with 15 people. The English, History, and Science departments are particularly strong. The teachers are available for help after class even after dinner in the evening since most live on campus. Language is also a very strong area. Students are required to take a foreign language. Spanish, French, Latin, and Chinese are offered. The workload is intense but doable. Expect between 3-5 hours of homework on average a night by your junior year.

College Counseling

[Yale] Begin college counseling in sophomore year. Review class twice weekly for SAT prep and after the SATs, there is "college class"--a period reserved for working on college apps, once a week. Meet with college counselors once sophomore year, and then about once a month during Junior year.

[Brown] Begins in sophomore year. Lots of individual attention-- you can meet with the advisors as regularly if you want. Teachers are always very willing to give recommendations and advice.

[Georgetown] First meet college counselor in junior year. Counselors are well connected and helpful.

Admissions Process

[Yale] Thacher values personal integrity above all else. Thacher likes well-rounded individuals and makes a good effort to find a diverse student body. Those with experience with horses or the outdoors may be particularly interested in Thacher.

[Brown] The school emphasizes character—that matters more than your extracurriculars or your test scores.

[Georgetown] Taking the SSAT is required for admissions. The school is looking for a good score but you don't need a perfect score to get in. An admissions interview is required. Dress with clean clothes, but there is no need to wear formal clothes to the interview. The norm in the interviews is to wear a nice shirt and some jeans. Parents become important members of the Thacher community and should not be afraid to ask questions of the admissions office or other faculty members. There are no feeder schools that help one get into Thacher.

Extra-Curricular Activities

[Yale] All students attend a sport in the afternoon and there are designated free times during the evening and night in which most students socialize. Most students at Thacher participate in community service at some point. Students spend roughly 4-6 hours a week in organized extra-curriculars and 10-12 hours/week on sports.

[Brown] All freshmen are required to participate in the horse program (every freshman is assigned to a horse stabled on campus, which they care for and learn to ride). Following that, all students are required to participate in sports in the afternoons.

[Georgetown] Outdoor programs are the highlight of extracurriculars. All freshmen are required to ride and take care of a horse for their freshman year, and all new upperclassmen students are required to ride for one term. All students are also required to go camping twice a year for 5 days at a time. There are also opportunities to go camping on the weekends occasionally. Every student is required to do an afternoon activity which can be sports, horse-back riding, rock-climbing, or an independent project approved by the school. Each student is required to play on a sports team at least one term. There is a play and a musical every year.

Quality of School Life

[Yale] The days are very scheduled. Ojai is a beautiful and safe town.

[Brown] Diversity (especially socioeconomic diversity) is lacking. Discipline system and level of oversight is very strict.

[Georgetown] Located Ojai Valley in California. The dorms are great and close-knit. Required have to have a roommate one year there and you have a single your freshman year. The dining hall is quite good. Thacher is located on the edge of a very safe town and there is almost no crime there. Thacher is not as ethnically diverse as most would like to be with only a few Latino & Black students but that is steadily improving. Most teachers are also white but the school is working on getting more teachers of color. Most students are white and upper middle class. There is a great financial aid program. Students go out on Wednesdays and the weekends to town and go eat at its various restaurants and get groceries. There is also the occasional trip to the nearby cities of Ventura and Santa Barbara. Every Saturday students can go to the Headmasters house for Open House.