



Thornton Fractional  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215

# TF South High School

## 2017-2018 PROFILE

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### History

Thornton Fractional South High School is located in the southeastern corner of Cook County, approximately 25 miles south of Chicago's Loop.

Opened in 1958, Thornton Fractional South High School serves students from the Lansing and Lynwood communities.

Despite many changes since the closure of the area's steel mills in the 1980s, fine traditions of a sound education and continued service to the community continue, with a wraparound curriculum focused on academics, activities, athletics, and the arts. Students and staff value and exhibit leadership, character, and service to others.

### Mission Statement

To provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community.

### Vision Statement

To become a premier district with state of the art resources and innovative programs which develop a community of caring, ethical, and global learners.

### Building Data

#### Students

1875

#### Teachers

84% Master's Degrees

46% Male 54% Female

### Graduation Credit Requirements

Graduation from a Thornton Fractional Township High School will require that a student successfully complete a minimum of 23 credits during at least eight semesters of full-time attendance.

**English** 8 semesters

**Social Studies** 6 semesters

**Mathematics** 6 semesters

**Science** 4 semesters

**Health** 1 semester

**Physical Education** 7 semesters

### Grading Scale

#### Unweighted:

A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C=2.0 D=1.0

#### Honors:

A =4.4 B =3.3 C =2.2 D =1.1

#### AP:

A =4.8 B =3.6 C =2.4 D =1.2

### Course Offerings

**Advanced Placement Classes:** Calculus AB, Chemistry, European History, Language & Composition, Literature, Psychology, Spanish, and US History

**Honors Classes:** Algebra I and II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, World and US History, Economics, Government, English 9-11, and Spanish IV

**Elective Classes:** Accelerated Fitness, Accounting, Advanced Choir, Yearbook, Newspaper, Aerobics, African-American Literature, American Diversity, Art Fundamentals, Auto Tech, Business and Tech Concepts, Cadet Band, Child Care, Chorale, Collision Repair, Coding, App, and Web Development, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Construction, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Digital Photography, Drawing, French, Graphic Design, Guitar, History of Chicago, Individual Sports, Team Sports, Psychology, Sociology, Life Guarding, Microsoft Office Tech, Music Theory, Painting, Recreational Sports, Spanish, Speech, Statistics and Modeling, Symphonic Band, Theatre Arts, Theatre Production, Weight Training

### Activity Offerings

Art Club

Band

Best Buddies

Cheerleaders

Chess

Chorale/Chorus

Class Boards

Drama Team

Environmental Club

Friends of Rachel

GSA

History Club

Mathletes

Mock Trial

National Honor Society

Newspaper

Peer Mediators

Pep Club

Poet's Society

Publicity Committee

S.A.D.D.

Science/Forensics

Scholastic Bowl

Speech Team

Student Council

T.V. Production

Yearbook

### Athletic Offerings

Badminton

Baseball

Basketball

Bowling

Cheerleading

Cross-Country

Dance

Football

Golf

Soccer

Softball

Swimming

Track

Volleyball

Wrestling

### Special Program Offerings

**Homework Center** – One-hour sessions two days each week within any subject with a certified teacher.

**Individual Tutoring Sessions**– Teachers are available to assist students on various lessons or assignments before or after school.

**Guidance** – Counselors, a social worker, and a psychologist are available to support students with issue that go beyond academics.

**Peer Mediation** – Mediation sessions are conducted by trained peer mediators and a social worker who help students that are having issues with other individuals in the building.

**Technology Preparation** – In addition to traditional education and special education courses offered, TF South offers a variety of Tech Prep courses, some receive dual credit from South Suburban Community College when guidelines are met. These include: Arts & Communication, Business Management & Technology, Health & Human Services, Industrial Technology, Scientific & Engineering Technology, Cooperative Education Programs, and Nursing.

### Colleges TF South Graduates Attend

Alabama State Univ.

Arizona State Univ.

Augustana College

Aurora University

Ball State University

Bradley University

Carthage College

Clark Atlanta Univ.

Columbia College

Cornell University

DePaul University

DePauw University

Eastern Illinois Univ.

Fisk University

Hampton University

Harvard University

Howard University

Illinois State Univ.

Illinois Wesleyan Univ.

Indiana University

I.U.P.U.I.

Loyola Univ.

Michigan State Univ.

New York University

Northwestern Univ.

Northeastern IL Univ.

Northern Illinois Univ.

Univ. of Notre Dame

Olivet Nazarene Univ.

Purdue University

Saint Xavier University

Savannah State Univ.

South Dakota State Univ.

Southern Illinois Univ.

Tennessee State Univ.

U.C.L.A.

University of Iowa

University of IL-Urbana

University of IL-Chicago

University of AZ-Tucson

University of MN

University of WI-Madison

Western Illinois Univ.