

Thornton Fractional South High School

Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215

2020 – 2021 Profile



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History

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 1959, Thornton Fractional South High School serves students from the communities of Lansing and Lynwood. Thornton Fractional South High School upholds a fine tradition of providing a sound education coupled with community service and an innovative curriculum focused developing leadership, character, and service through academics, activities, athletics, and the arts.

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

To provide a diverse, relevant, and responsive learning environment in which scholars develop the skills necessary to be critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and productive, positive members of society.

Building Data

Students

1901

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 = 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: Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Computer Science, European History, Geography, Stats, Language & Composition, Literature, Music Theory, Psychology, Spanish Lit., Spanish Lang., 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	National Honor Society
Band	Newspaper
Best Buddies	Peer Mediators
Chess	Pep Club
Chorale/Chorus	Poet's Society Publicity
Class Boards	Committee S.A.D.D.
Drama Team	Science/Forensics
Environmental Club	Scholastic Bowl
Friends of Rachel	Speech Team
GSA	Student Council
History Club	T.V. Production
Mathletes	Yearbook
Mock Trial	

Athletic Offerings

Badminton	Golf
Baseball	Soccer
Basketball	Softball
Bowling	Swimming
Cheerleading	Track
Cross-Country	Volleyball
Dance	Wrestling
Football	

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 – school counselors, social workers, school psychologist, and mental health specialist are available to support students with social and emotional growth.

Restorative Practices – a school-wide approach in fostering positive, healthy school climates and helping students learn from their mistakes through partnering with parents, students, teachers and district officials. Utilizing proven restorative approaches including, but not limited to: peer mediations, peer juries, community service, social-emotional learning, and preventative post-conflict resolution.

Technology Preparation – 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, and Cooperative Education Programs.

Colleges TF South Graduates Attend

Alabama State Univ.	Marquette University
Arizona State Univ.	University of Michigan
Ball State University	Michigan State Univ.
Bradley University	New York University
Butler University	Northwestern Univ.
Clark Atlanta Univ.	Northeastern IL Univ.
Columbia College	Northern Illinois Univ.
Cornell University	Univ. of Notre Dame
DePaul University	Purdue University
Eastern Illinois Univ.	Saint Xavier University
Fisk University	Savannah State Univ.
Florida A&M University	Seton Hall University
Grand Valley St. Univ.	South Dakota State Univ.
Grambling University	Southern Illinois Univ.
Harris & Stowe University	Tennessee State Univ.
Hampton University	U.C.L.A.
Harvard University	University of Iowa
Howard University	University of IL-Urbana
Illinois State Univ.	University of IL-Chicago
Illinois Wesleyan Univ.	University of AZ-Tucson
Indiana University	University of MN
Jackson State University	University of WI-Madison
Loyola University	Western Illinois Univ.