



# Houghton Academy

## International School Profile

Onsite Grades 7-12 (plus Online options)



- ✓ Rolling Admissions
- ✓ English Support for any Level
- ✓ Shared University Facilities, Programs & Class Credit
- ✓ Guaranteed University Acceptance



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## Introduction: What is Houghton Academy?



Dr. Toby Travis, Head of School

**Houghton Academy** is a college preparatory, international boarding, and day school. Founded in 1883, it is one of the oldest continually operating Christian schools in America that has not wavered from its original mission.

The mission of Houghton Academy is to offer young people a college preparatory education with the framework of a Christian worldview. The Academy is characterized by high academic standards and strong character development, resulting in students matriculating into the universities of their choice and succeeding throughout life. Students are taught to live authentically, learn deeply, lead globally, and love boldly.

The Academy includes grades 6-12 and is made up of approximately 50% American students while the remaining 50% are international students, typically representing 15-20 countries from around the world. The Academy's diverse culture represents the interconnected world that its students will live and work in.

## What Do Our Parents Say?



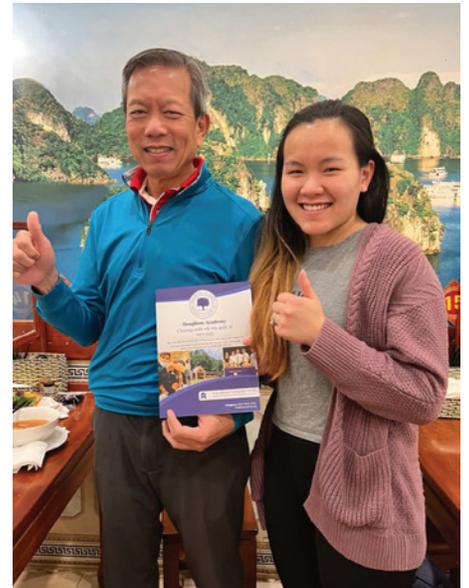
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**Agree**

"The School provides a safe environment, the rules are a good fit, the Staff is helpful, the Teachers are a positive influence, my child is developing positive characteristics, and I would encourage other families to attend Houghton Academy!"\*



*\*Based on most recent boarding parent survey with 85% responding*



# School Credentials & Facts



## Universities

**100%**

of university applicants accepted

## Grades

**6-12**

Grades 7-12 open to boarding students



## Enrollment

**120**

Recent historical average  
60 during COVID years

## Ratio

**1:1**

International students to  
American students

## Average Class Size

**8-10**

Students

## Recent Average Scores

**26.5 ACT**  
**1225 SAT**

USA Average  
20.5 ACT / 1051 SAT



## Safe

**Small town  
safety**

One hour to cities

## Accreditation

Middle States  
ACSI  
NY State since 1907



## Technology

**School-provided  
computer for  
every student**

## Teachers

**Friendly, caring,  
helpful**

## Rolling Admissions

**Start any day of  
the year**

## Classes

Over  
**100**  
with **15+ AP**



## Guaranteed Acceptance

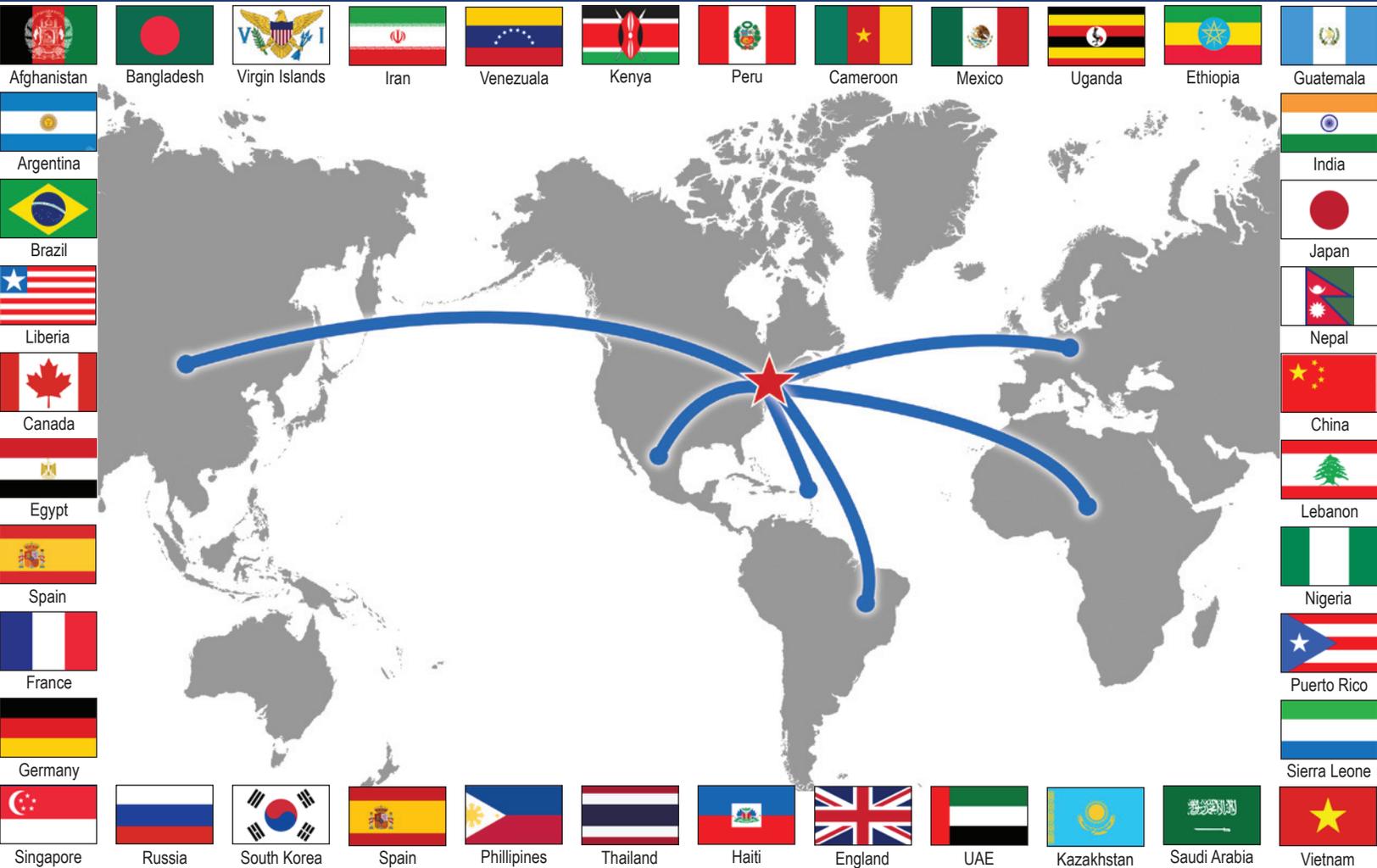
into  
award-winning  
**Houghton  
University**

## Business Diploma

**Special credential  
helpful to  
university  
acceptance**



# Where have Houghton Academy students come from?



## Important Dates for 2023-2024 School Year



Early Arrival for any student in Fall sports	8/18-8/19
Fall sports practice begins	8/21
Regular New Boarding Students arrive	8/18-8/23
New Student Orientation	8/24
Boarding Student Retreat	8/25-8/26
First day of school / first semester	8/28
Thanksgiving Vacation	11/22-11/27
Christmas Vacation	12/15-1/2
Free airport/bus/train drop off & pick up days	12/15-12/16 & 1/2-1/3
First day of second semester	1/4
Spring vacation	3/23-4/2
Free airport/bus/train drop off & pick up days	3/22-3/23 & 4/1-4/2
Last day of classes including final exams	5/30
Non-graduates may leave after 6:00 PM	5/30
Graduation	6/1
Free airport/bus/train drop off & pick up	5/31, 6/1 after 3pm, 6/2
All students must leave	by 6/2



# Where is Houghton Academy?



**Houghton Academy** is strategically located in one of the most famous and connected regions in the USA / Canada and the world. New York City (a.k.a., “The Big Apple”), on the Southeastern side of the State, is home to Wall Street (the financial hub of the world), the Statue of Liberty (the Gateway to North America, and the beacon for freedom for centuries), Broadway, Fifth Avenue, Times Square (Cultural Ground Zero) and the United Nations. Furthermore, with its rich diversity within its famous five boroughs, New York City is celebrated as a “melting pot” of cultures.

Other major political and educational power centers, such as Boston, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Canadian cities of Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec City, are also in the region.

**Eighteen of the top twenty-five ranked universities in the United States are within a day’s drive of Houghton Academy. Additionally, ten of the top twenty-five ranked universities in the world are within the same region.** Houghton Academy students have unprecedented opportunities for exposure through visits to Harvard, MIT, Yale, Princeton, NYU, Dartmouth, Cornell, John Hopkins, University of Chicago, Duke, Columbia, University of Toronto, and McGill University, and the list goes on and on!

With easy access to all the metropolitan resources on the East Coast of the USA, Houghton Academy also offers safety and freedom from distractions to study in its charming and friendly small-town culture. Houghton Academy and Houghton University have made it feel like “home” to thousands of students worldwide for nearly 140 years. Local highlights include the world-famous Niagara Falls and the “Grand Canyon of the East” Letchworth State Park which features spectacular three waterfalls.



# Academic Offerings

Houghton Academy offers an expansive in-person and online high school curriculum that includes Advance Placement (typically 18-20 courses offered annually) and dual credit from various U.S. universities providing dozens of additional advanced-level courses. In addition, the middle school offers a traditional Christian liberal arts American curriculum focused on high school preparation (i.e., language and fine arts, math, science, religion, and social studies).

Math	Science	History	College Prep
Pre-Algebra Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Honors Pre-Calculus Statistics <b>AP Calculus AB</b> <b>AP Calculus BC</b> <b>AP Statistics</b> Calculus 1 Introduction to Number Theory Introduction to Proofs	Biology Chemistry Chemistry Honors Marine Biology Physics Anatomy & Physiology <b>AP Biology</b> <b>AP Chemistry</b> <b>AP Environmental Science</b> <b>AP Physics 1 &amp; 2</b> Forensic Science Earth Science Physical Science 9 & 10 Honors Biology A & B	World History US History Economics US Government <b>AP US Government</b> <b>AP US History</b> <b>AP World History</b> <b>AP Macroeconomics</b> <b>AP Microeconomics</b> World History 9 World History 10 Survey of American History Introduction to American Government & Politics	College Test Preparation (ACT/SAT) What Colleges Want Understanding College Choices, Test Prep College App Strategy College App Writing Finishing Strong Paying for College Athletic Recruiting
Technology/Business	English	Fine Arts	Religion
Computer Literacy Intro to Computer Languages Introduction to Java <b>AP Computer Science</b> International Business Sports and Entertainment Marketing Computer Science 1 Introduction to Computers & Applications IT Troubleshooting Relational Database Reasoning with SQL & API Use Management Information Systems Scripting for Professionals Graphical Image Manipulation Music Creation Technology	Literature & Composition 1 & 2 British Literature & Composition Analytical Reading Grammar and Comp Rhetoric and Style Argumentation and American Ideology Author Seminars <b>AP English Language &amp; Literature</b> English 1-4 Creative Writing American Literature & Composition Principles of Writing College Principles of Writing Introduction to Literature College Introduction to Literature	Berklee College of Music Course <b>AP Art History</b> Digital Photography Music Appreciation Fashion & Interior Design Studio Art <b>AP 2-D Art</b> <b>AP Art</b> Choir Handbells Band Introduction to Printmaking	"Faith" 1-4 "Faith" Senior Seminar Models of Christian Service in Film Introduction to Faith "Faith" in the World Tough Questions Faith Beyond High School Christian Social Engagement "Faith" Survey A Worldviews & World Religions History of the Global Christian Movement Christianity & the Arts
Languages	Other	Middle School	Graduation Requirements
American Sign Language 1-3 Chinese 1-4 French 1-4 <b>AP French</b> Latin 1-3 Spanish 1-4	Health Physical Education Psychology Early Childhood Education Principles of Leadership Introduction to Sociology Psychology of Personality Medical Ethics Student Publications Effective English Reading, Writing, Reacting	Mathematics 1-2 Pre-Algebra Algebra 1 Ancient History Medieval History US History English 1-3 Science 1-3 "Faith" in Middle School Orientation to Art 2D Photography Music Appreciation Robotics & Digital Citizenship	English 4 History 4 Math 3 Science 3 Foreign Language 2 Religion 1/yr. PE 2 Art/Music 1 Health .5 Electives 3.5

## Life Skills

Houghton Academy is also aware that most students are still working on some basic life skills when they come to us. Accordingly, teachers, staff, and dorm parents all work together with the students on the individual life skills that need attention:

- getting organized
- meeting deadlines
- replacing excuses with taking responsibility
- developing strong consistent work ethic
- demonstrating grit
- resolving conflict
- respecting everyone
- establishing healthy living patterns
- using proper etiquette
- learning how to use technology appropriately
- showing empathy towards those in need
- building healthy friendships
- managing emotions
- advocating for oneself
- establishing personal values
- establishing a personal plan/life direction

# English Support at Houghton Academy



While studying in the United States as an international student, English is essential. However, Houghton Academy believes almost all students, even those with weaker language proficiency, can catch up if needed and reach the target level with the appropriate support resources and dedicated effort. Consequently, the Academy is willing to accept and support students at all English levels. Following are categories of support.



**On Target Students (OT Students)** are already at language target levels when accepted. These students will function effectively within regular school classes and activities after a typical transition period. OT Students receive the benefit of regular preschool orientation, ongoing and periodic group support, helpful, caring teachers, small class sizes with daily interaction, encouraging American friends, Home Dorm life with adult oversight, extensive opportunities for activity participation after school and on weekends, and coordinated support by leaders. No extra fee is required for OT Students.



**Near Target Students (NT Students)** are slightly below the language target levels when accepted. These students are identified during the interview and provided English Language Learner (ELL) support as long as they need it throughout their first year. The weekly ELL support is in addition to OT students' resources. The typical result is successful acclimation and catching up within the first year. No extra fee is required for NT Students.



**Distant Target Students (DT Students)** are significantly below the language target levels when accepted. They need more support than the weekly ELL support for NT Students. Accordingly, the Academy offers two additional specialized programs to meet these needs. Additional fees are required for DT Students.



**DT Summer Students** are highly recommended to enroll in an intensive English Language Program taught by native English-speaking teachers the summer before starting at Houghton Academy or as soon as possible. One such summer program is typically available on campus at Houghton Academy. Without this type of supplemental program, DT Summer Students are not likely to succeed academically. Upon beginning at Houghton Academy, the DT Summer Students will begin and continue in Double ELL Support until they no longer need it. Often this lasts two years. Typically, DT Students start in grades 8, 9, or 10. Additional fees are required for DT Students.



**DT School Year Students** are DT Students with the most severe catchup needs. They will typically require more work than the one summer of intensive work and Double ELL Support during their first year. In addition to the intensive summer work, DT School Year Students must also participate in a yearlong or more school year support program. Thus, their class schedule during their first year is individually designed to be lighter to ensure year one is manageable and supports success. Any makeup credits will be added to the following two, three, or four years. Students benefit from the same educational opportunities over three, four, or five years but are in different sequences. Expectations ramp up as the student is correspondingly able to handle them. DT School Year Students receive all the support of DT and NT Students with additional specialized support (Double ELL Support, weekly check-ins, extra Home Dorm supervision, and similar accountability). Additional fees are required for DT Students.



# Houghton University Access

Houghton Academy is fortunate to have Houghton University located within a five-minute walk of our campus. As the Academy and the University were birthed from the same school in 1883 (i.e., Houghton Seminary), the University continues to provide Academy students access to their extensive library, bookstore, recreation and athletic center, Olympic-size pool, musical concerts, drama productions, famous speakers, and unlimited food court!

Advanced Academy students are allowed with permission to participate in university classes and selected extracurriculars (e.g., University Band, Calculus, Chemistry, The Ancient World, Mass Media, Microeconomics, Psychology, Sociology, World Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Anthropology) and receive University credit that may transfer in the future to the University or College of their choice (potentially saving families thousands of dollars in future higher education tuition).



## Majors

Accounting  
Applied Design & Visual Communication  
Applied Physics  
Engineering Emphasis  
Art Studio  
Behavioral Neuroscience  
Bible  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Biomedical Sciences  
Human Resources Management  
Organizational Management  
Chemistry Communication  
Computer Science  
Criminal Justice  
Data Science  
Education | Adolescence  
Education | Inclusive Adolescence  
Education | Inclusive Childhood  
English  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Equestrian  
Exercise Science  
History  
International Development  
Intercultural Studies  
Mathematics  
Music  
Music Composition  
Music Education  
Music Industry  
Music Performance  
Neuroscience  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sport, Recreation, & Wellness Management  
Theology  
Writing  
Worship Arts

## Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-Art Therapy  
Pre-Law  
Pre-Physical Therapy  
3+1 Nursing Program  
Pre-Nursing  
Pre-Med  
Pre-Veterinary  
Pre-Nursing  
Pre-Pharmacy  
Biomedical Sciences





# University Preparation

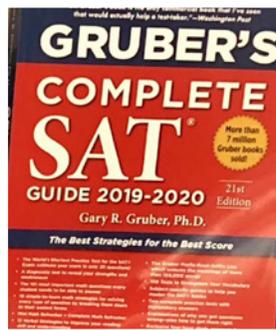
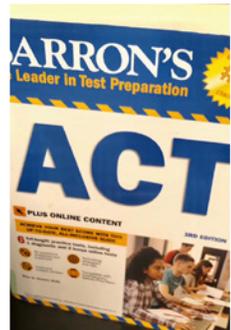
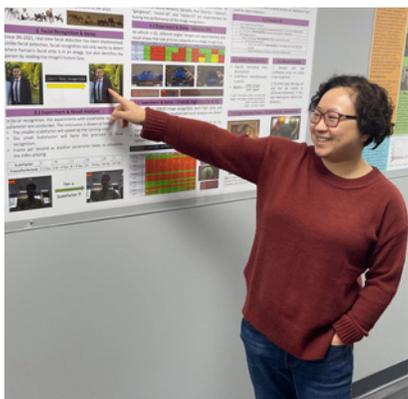
**Houghton Academy understands the critical need for expert guidance through middle and high school as students prepare for their targeted universities.**

Our Guidance Personnel work closely with all students individually and in groups. The following are areas of support:

- Develop a personal 4, 5, 6 or, 7-year personalized education plan
- Ensure a proper mix of classes and activities while maximizing students' Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Assist with testing, application, and reference support through the university process
- Provide ongoing support as graduates seek internships and graduate school placements
- Houghton Academy university applicants have a 100% acceptance rate!

## Educational Travel

Houghton Academy offers a variety of university and cultural visit trips throughout the school year, such as the Boston or New York areas, with visits to Harvard, MIT, Boston College, Gordon College, Yale, NYU, Princeton, and others. Students have valuable opportunities to meet admissions staff from these universities and get a natural feel for each university community. In addition, trips may include cultural outings to National Basketball Association (NBA) games, Broadway Shows, and visits to Times Square and the Statue of Liberty. Additional trips to specific universities can be planned according to interest.





# Guaranteed University Acceptance

Houghton Academy offers one of the most unique programs in America. If a student successfully graduates from our high school (with a B average in good standing), he/she is guaranteed acceptance into an American university.

Through a partnership agreement with Houghton University, students can move seamlessly from Houghton Academy into university education. Although they are not required to attend Houghton University, they have a huge advantage of already securing one university acceptance even before they leave their home country and arrive in the United States.



## University Placement

Over recent years, Houghton Academy graduates have been accepted into over one hundred different American universities, including:

Sample Universities	Rank	Ranking Organization
U.C. Berkeley	#1	Forbes
Cornell University	#4	Top 200
Middlebury College	#5	Liberal Arts
University of Michigan	#7	Top 200
UCLA	#8	Forbes
Purdue University	#18	Top 200
Penn State University	#19	Top 200
Georgetown University	#21	Forbes
The Ohio State University	#22	Forbes
Boston University	#42	Forbes



**Berkeley**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



**Cornell University**



**Middlebury**



**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

**M UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

**UCLA**



**Georgetown University**

**P PURDUE UNIVERSITY**



**PennState**



**BOSTON UNIVERSITY**



# Residential Life

## Home Dorms

We all know that teenagers enjoy their personal space, recreation areas, and opportunities to socialize with friends in a traditional dorm. But we also know students benefit from the daily family interaction, adult support, encouragement, and supervision, not to mention the more significant English language improvement that a traditional homestay situation offers. So we combine the best of both worlds in our Home Dorms. A married couple, often with their children, leads the Home Dorm. Homework help, medical support, game night, cooking/baking parties, and just time to chat are all a part of life in the Home Dorm. But when teenagers want quiet and solitude, they have space and opportunity. Traditional Home Stays with a family in the community are available for an extra fee. But, regardless of their original preference, most students come to love Home Dorm living.

## Environment

All students receive a safe, orderly, and affirming atmosphere that provides opportunities for academic support, personal growth, and lifelong friendships. Residence Life is known as family-friendly and especially inviting to new students. Evening study hours are structured and supervised. Every student's need (academic, social, emotional, spiritual, and physical) is important to our Residence Life staff. On the weekends, residence life is full of exciting and varied activities that frequently involve ethnic restaurants, malls, movies, ethnic supermarkets, and local travel.

## Who cares for my child?

Houghton Academy has a team of caring adults which we call our Student Support Group. The Group includes the Boarding Director and Coordinator, Dorm Parents, Nurse, School Counselor, and ELL Instructor. The Student Support Group communicates daily about the needs of the students and creates personalized support strategies.

## Enhanced Support Program (ESP)

Houghton Academy recognizes that many parents desire additional support and accountability for their students. Maybe their teenager is struggling with some form of "electronic addiction" or hasn't developed the discipline to maintain repeatable study habits. Some parents may want specific mentoring and discipleship for their student's physical, emotional, social, or spiritual needs. Whatever the need, an Enhanced Support Program (ESP) can offer supplemental support. Parents and the Resident Life Team work together to build an individualized program to meet the student's needs. An extra fee is set based on the extent of the ESP.



# Student Activities

Houghton Academy believes learning continues after classes end. Experiences offered in recent and current years include:

Athletics	Music/Drama	Organizations/Clubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table Tennis</li> <li>• Badminton</li> <li>• Track and Field</li> <li>• Volleyball</li> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Soccer</li> <li>• Tennis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir</li> <li>• Band</li> <li>• Musicals</li> <li>• Dramas</li> <li>• Handbells</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model UN</li> <li>• Math Team</li> <li>• Mock Trial</li> <li>• Business Club</li> <li>• National Honor Society</li> <li>• Equestrian</li> <li>• Chess</li> <li>• International Culture Club</li> </ul>

Participation by all students is encouraged. HA is also fortunate to share recreational facilities (outdoor trails, field house, workout space, pool, tennis courts, athletic fields) with our neighboring university.



## Equestrian Program

In partnership with Houghton University, the Academy offers an equestrian experience for horse lovers. The program offers serious riding practice twice weekly after school and on weekends. Novice riders with no or little experience can also schedule periodic lessons. Extra fees apply for all riding.



# Parent Communication, Mentors, Internships

## Communication

One of the distinctions of Houghton Academy is its serious commitment to communicating well. We know how important it is for parents who send their students abroad to have regular information about their children. Accordingly, the Academy provides the following communication network:

- The Boarding Director is accessible 24/7/365 for any urgent needs.
- Regular provides parent and agent updates.
- Students receive daily announcements and face-to-face encouragement.
- The Academy invites parents and agents to visit the campus, and we will come to visit you.

## Internships & Mentors

Houghton Academy encourages students to serve in various internships in the “real world” throughout the year. Students who meet the requirements can earn academic credit while introducing themselves to careers and professions. In addition, we believe students are never too young to benefit from a highly qualified and experienced mentor. Mentors are available to provide guidance and supervision for any research programs in the student’s area of interest.

## 100 TOEFL Club

Houghton Academy believes in rewarding excellence. The 100 Club recognizes every international student who achieves a score of 100 or more on the challenging TOEFL examination. Club members receive a personal plaque and are recognized on a school plaque.



## Religious Affiliation

Houghton Academy is a college preparatory international school that is distinctively Christian. While students are not required to share or accept Christianity as a religion, they are expected to learn and be respectful towards our faith. For those who come without any religious background or understanding of Christianity, the Academy provides students an opportunity to become well-educated and well-rounded individuals who understand why and how Christianity became the largest religion in the world. For those with an established Christian faith and particular denominational preference or theology, the Academy respects those values and provides opportunities for further growth and development.

All students are expected to live by common Christian and school standards such as obedience to authority, respect for everyone, honesty, self-discipline, empathy towards others, and avoiding bad influences and habits while acting responsibly and reliably.



# Food, Business Diploma

## Food

Houghton Academy knows the importance of food from a home country while studying abroad. Therefore, the Academy works hard to provide tastes of home and outings to “authentic” home country restaurants. We also provide cooking space and opportunities for students to cook in the dorm.



## Business Diploma

The Business Diploma offers the student a variety of hands-on experiences that will lead to becoming comprehensively prepared for university and life.

### SEMINARS

Finance

Marketing

Accounting

Human Resources

Legal

Entrepreneurship

Leadership

Management

**Course Work:** Select classes (minimum of 3) such as: Business Principles, Int'l Business, Media, Leadership, Marketing, Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Ethics, Communication.

**Visits:** Students will travel to multiple businesses and learn how to evaluate and analyze a wide variety of business entities.

**Internship:** Students will be given the opportunity to learn what business is really like by serving an internship in a professional work environment.

**Wall Street:** Trips to financial hubs like Wall Street in New York City and outstanding universities will be available.

### Results

Students who complete the program will receive a unique diploma at graduation, recognizing this significant accomplishment and university credential.

# Summer Camps & School Vacation Trips

## Summer Camps

- **Summer in America:** Houghton Academy partners with an organization that provides a summer program on campus for students who want to stay in the USA between school years. Students can design their program by choosing from various academic and hands-on classes, internships, university-connected experiences, and trips.
- **Summer English Camp:** Houghton Academy's summer program partner also offers a three-week summer camp (when international travel allows) designed for international students not yet in America. Interesting classes, outdoor experiences, and travel make this an exciting adventure. Camp details are typically available by February.



## School Vacation Trips

Houghton Academy realizes many students cannot return to their home countries over school year breaks, so the Academy offers a variety of options. Students may remain in the dorms over school breaks at no extra charge, but the Academy does not provide meals. Students may travel to stay with approved relatives living throughout America. Students may stay with a designated and approved Host Family in the Houghton region for an additional fee. Students may also choose to attend our school-sponsored and chaperoned trips. Each will have a reasonable price based on time, distance, and activities.





# Admissions Standards

Of course, a student needs functional English to succeed, but we also care about the student's character. Houghton Academy realizes no one is perfect, and we each have growth areas. But we do look carefully at patterns in our applicants' lives in addition to English levels. The Academy will work with lower English levels than our targets if the student demonstrates the other essential characteristics.

Characteristics	Target English Levels	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Respectful	TOEFL	40	40	45	50	60	70
Honest	iTEP	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
Open to new ideas	CEFR	A1	A1	A1	A2	B1	B2
Hard working	TOEFL IBT	30	30	45	65	85	100
Empathetic	IELTS	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.5	7.0	7.5
Determined	PTE General	L1	L1	L1	L2	L3	L4
Positive Attitude	PTE Academic	30	30	40	50	60	70



# Rolling Admissions

Most schools have deadlines for when students can start in their school. However, Houghton Academy understands that obtaining passports, visas, I-20s, transcripts, transferring money, scheduling flights, and even getting the internet to work are all often unpredictable and out of our control. Consequently, although there are preferable start dates, the Academy accommodates student and family needs by allowing students to start classes when they are able to arrive.

# Costs & Scholarships



## Onsite

**\$36,000** per year

The **Inclusive Rate** includes the following and makes the cost of education at Houghton Academy easy to understand and to plan for. →

### The Inclusive Rate includes:

- Tuition
- Room
- Board
- Boarding Activity Fee
- General Activity Fee
- Health/Insurance Fee
- Laundry Fee
- Transportation Fee
- Class Fee
- Technology Fee
- Yearbook Fee
- School Picture Fee
- I-20 Processing Fee
- Transcript Fee
- Graduation Fee

*\* The Inclusive Rate includes the cost of each item listed when and if used. No portion of it is refundable if not used for any reason.*

A \$1,500 (USD) annual personal deposit is also required in addition to the Inclusive Rate to cover miscellaneous expenses that may come up during a school year. The reserve deposit and any credit balance are carried forward from year to year during the student's enrollment. Unused portions are kept for four months after graduation to allow for possible late arrival medical or testing bills and shipping cost of luggage to the student's university. At this point, parents are invited to designate their balance as a donation to a particular program or department their child benefitted from before requesting a refund. Only parents who have paid full price, without financial aid or a discount, are eligible for a refund of the Personal Deposit.

**Deposit and Payment Plans:** All NEW students require a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit before an I-20 will be issued. The \$1,000 will be applied toward the first tuition payment within the selected Payment Plan.

### Payment Plans

Option	Discount %	Discount	Payment Deadline	Plus Personal Deposit	Total Due
1	-10%	-\$3,600	3/1/23	\$1,500	\$33,900
2	0%	\$0	6/1/23	\$1,500	\$37,500
3	+10%	+3,600	06/01/23 (25%)	\$1,500	\$11,400
			08/01/23 (25%)		\$9,900
			10/01/23 (25%)		\$9,900
			12/01/23 (25%)		\$9,900

<sup>1</sup> Discount only applies to those paying full tuition.

<sup>2</sup> Surcharge amounts based on full tuition. Amounts will be adjusted to reflect percentage of actual tuition paid.

<sup>3</sup> All rates are for dorm stay. Homestay is available for an extra fee of \$7,000.



## Online

Houghton Academy offers many classes online in an asynchronous method (limited live time in class), making scheduling of study extremely convenient. Students may take a portion of their Academy education from their home country before arriving or supplement their Onsite education with online classes from the Academy campus. The Academy uses the Oaks Platform for its online curriculum and instruction. Before taking any online classes for Academy credit, students must receive approval for specific classes and pay the class fee in full.

## Excellence Scholarships

Houghton Academy rewards onsite students who can demonstrate excellence with scholarships during their first year. Scholarships range from \$1,000 - \$3,000. An application is required, and awards are based on effort, commitment, personal ownership, citizenship, and excellence.



# Admission Steps

1

## SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Visit [houghtonacademy.org/boarding-student](http://houghtonacademy.org/boarding-student) and click on "Apply Online Now"

2

## SUBMIT YOUR UPDATED TRANSCRIPT

Submit your most recent transcript or informal record of all of high school classes taken and currently enrolled in. Email to [admissionsteam@houghton.academy](mailto:admissionsteam@houghton.academy)

3

## SCHEDULE & COMPLETE ONLINE INTERVIEW

- Once the application and all supporting materials have been received, a Zoom, Skype, or WeChat Online Interview will be scheduled
- The interview is a one-on-one 60 minute interview between the student and Houghton Academy's Boarding Director. Parents should not be present during the interview but may ask questions at the end.
- Please ensure the student prepares an English book for the reading assessment. No other preparation is required.

4

## RECEIVE ADMISSIONS RESULT

The student will receive the admission decision within 48 hours of the interview. If accepted, the student will receive the following:

- 1) An official acceptance letter
- 2) The enrollment contract
- 3) A request for any other additional documents needed

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## SIGN ENROLLMENT CONTRACT & MAKE PAYMENT

The student's family will have 15 calendar days to accept or reject the admission offer. This will be communicated by returning the signed enrollment contract and making the required non-refundable deposit. The timeline will be shorter for students accepted after May 31.

We offer FREE visa application & interview support!

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## OBTAIN YOUR F-1 VISA & NOTIFY US

- International students will receive an I-20 after making the non-refundable deposit and need to contact the appropriate US Embassy or Consulate to schedule an interview for an F-1 student visa.
- Notify Houghton Academy upon receiving your F-1 visa.

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## MAKE FINAL PAYMENT & SUBMIT REMAINING MATERIALS

- Any remaining payment and records are due according to the terms of your enrollment contract. Failure to make full payment within this period may result in the cancellation of the student's I-20.
- Note: Do NOT purchase flight tickets or make any travel plans before making the final payment and turning in all requested documents.

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## SUBMIT TRAVEL DETAILS

- The student's family should purchase flights to Buffalo Niagara International Airport, NY (BUF), and let Houghton Academy know of the student's travel plans.
- HA only accepts travel arrangements after receiving the full payment and admission document.

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## BEGIN SCHOOL AT HOUGHTON ACADEMY

# International School / Boarding Program Leadership Team



**Mrs. Ellie Leete**  
Admissions Director / Int'l Program Coordinator

**Responsibilities:** Assist students applying to Houghton Academy (scheduling interviews, collecting documents, providing acceptance & I-20 communication, offering visa appointment prep. and coordinating arrivals). Ongoing daily support to students and families while at Houghton Academy.

**Biography:** Mrs. Leete has had the valuable personal experience of coming to the USA as an international student from Vietnam herself. She has lived the steps she helps students with. She and her husband (graduate of Houghton Academy) have experience as Host Parents, regularly lead activities for and are active mentors to our international students. Mrs. Leete holds a B.A. Degree in Marketing Communications & Psychology from Houghton University.

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**Mrs. Krystal Huff**  
University Counselor & Registrar

**Responsibilities:** Transcripts, class schedules, multi-year Academic Plans and helping students with the university application process (testing, narrowing choices, recommendations, personal essays and submissions).

**Biography:** Mrs. Huff holds an M.A. Degree in Education Administration and has served in a variety of valuable educational roles, both in the USA and China, including Teacher, Education Director, General Manager and Head of School for two schools in Beijing, China. Her additional experience in academic guidance, ELL programs and curriculum development is of great value to Houghton Academy. Houghton Academy International Students are fortunate to have access to her expertise.

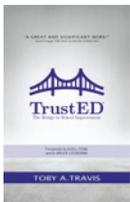
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**Dr. Toby Travis**  
Head of School

**Responsibilities:** While working in partnership with parents, provide the leadership to ensure Houghton Academy accomplishes its mission in the lives of every student.

Dr. Travis is a well-respected and experienced school leader. Before coming to Houghton Academy, Dr. Travis served as Superintendent of the Village Christian Academy in North Carolina, Headmaster of Desert Christian Schools in Arizona, and had international experience at Alliance Academy International (Academic Director) and Colegio Menor Samborondón (Head of School) in Ecuador, South America. Dr.



Travis is a prolific writer, public speaker, sought-after school consultant, and executive coach. His award-winning book, *TrustedED®: The Bridge to School Improvement*, emphasizing the critical importance of the relationship between students, teachers, and administrators, is highly regarded as influential in the world of education (e.g., recently featured in Forbes, eSchoolNews).

Early in his career, Dr. Travis served in multiple youth ministries. Dr. Travis and his family have previously enjoyed hosting international students. Houghton Academy is fortunate to have a leader with broad and valuable experiences combined with his passion for working with teenagers.

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**Mr. Jon Keith [Primary Contact]**

**International Program Director /  
Administrative Principal / CFO**

**Responsibilities:** Overall leadership of International Program, parent and student questions, interviews, financial issues, agent relationships, student recruitment, and daily resource to students, international parents, Home Dorm's parents and all International Program participants.

Houghton Academy is fortunate to have an international educator with 40+ years of experience leading its International Program. In addition to creating educational programs emulated by schools all over the USA, Mr. Keith has led elite Summer English Camps both in the USA and China and recruited and placed students from 15 countries into a network of over 50 USA schools. Before returning to Houghton (he and his wife are Academy graduates), he divided his time between multiple Chinese cities and the USA. While living and working in China, Mr. Keith offered USA Prep. Programs, taught English and Communication courses, and held Vice President, CEO, American Principal, and Marketing Director roles. He maintains close relationships with students, alumni, parents, schools, and agents worldwide. While not on recruitment travels, Mr. Keith teaches classes, plans and leads activities and trips, regularly communicates with international parents, and interacts daily with students at the Academy.

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