

## **Traveling to Thornton Academy - Tips for Your Trip**

We want to make sure your journey to campus is safe and smooth. There is always a chance of unforeseen circumstances but hopefully the following will help.

1. Check your passport expiration date. Most countries will not allow citizens to leave if there is less than 6 months left on a passport.
2. Pack your I-20 visa. You will receive this in the mail from us prior to your departure. You must bring the original document with you. You will be required to present it at customs.
3. You may already have a tourist visa to the United States. Remind the customs agents that you are not traveling as a tourist; you are traveling as a student on an F-1 visa and present your I-20 along with your passport. Your passport must be stamped properly on your way into the U.S. If you enter with a tourist stamp, we will not be able to register you properly once you arrive on campus.
4. Make sure your luggage is labeled correctly. Your luggage tags should be marked with the school address:

438 Main Street  
Saco, Maine 04072

5. In the event that your luggage is lost, you will need to provide a phone number to the airline. Please use the following: 1-207-590-2385. This is the phone number for Ms. Catherine Paradis, Director of Residential Life. The airline can use this number for delivery purposes.
6. If your flight is delayed or canceled please contact us as soon as possible so we can adjust your transportation if necessary. You can do one of the following:  
Send an email to: [catherine.paradis@thorntonacademy.org](mailto:catherine.paradis@thorntonacademy.org)  
Send a WhatsApp message to: 1-207-590-2385  
Or call: 1-207-590-2385

If you have any questions or concerns prior or during your trip, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to having you join us and wish you safe travels!