

# WELCOME TO NEW YORK THORNWOOD

*You're on your way to the city that never sleeps!  
Our brand new, state of the art facilities at our  
Thornwood campus will thrill and delight some  
of our youngest travelers and English Language  
Learners.*

***International Language Centers***







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**PHILIP JOHNSON, SCHOOL DIRECTOR  
EF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CENTER  
NEW YORK THORNWOOD**

## **DEAR STUDENT**

**Thank you for choosing to study at the EF International Language Center in New York Thornwood.**

We are committed to ensuring that your time here is enjoyable and rewarding. We believe that whether this is your first visit to the United States or you're a seasoned traveler, you'll love EF New York.

The relaxed and friendly atmosphere of the school, on our new modern campus, along with the liveliness and cosmopolitan feel of nearby New York City, will make your stay here unique! From the quaint and unique towns that surround Thornwood to the world famous Big Apple, we are sure there will be something to do that will interest you.

The school staff looks forward to meeting you soon and helping you make the most of your time in the United States.

Best wishes,  
Philip Johnson  
Executive Director N.Y.  
EF International Language Center New York Thornwood



## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- > The minimum age for drinking alcohol and entering nightclubs is 21 years old
- > You can't buy tobacco if you're under 18 (or buy it for someone who is under 18)
- > If you have enrolled in an ILS course, curfew is 11pm on weeknights and 12am Friday and Saturday. If you have enrolled in a Junior Course, curfew is 10pm.
- > Dormitory Quiet Hours must be observed from 10pm-8am, 7 days a week
- > Smoking is NOT allowed at all on the Thornwood campus; in and around Thornwood and NYC, smoking is only allowed in designated smoking areas outside buildings
- > Using, buying or selling any non-medicinal drugs is illegal
- > You can only drive if you have a valid driving license and insurance
- > You'll need an adaptor suitable for mains voltage of 120V - 60Hz if you want to use electrical items from your home country
- > In general, you should leave a tip of: 10% for taxi drivers; 18% at restaurants; \$20 for salon services



## IMPORTANT DATES 2016

### January

1.1. New Year's Day

### February

15.2. Presidents' Day

### May

30.5. Memorial Day

### July

4.7. Independence Day

### September

5.9. Labor Day

### November

24.11. Thanksgiving Day

25.11. Thanksgiving Day After

### December

25.12. Christmas day



## HEALTHCARE

### **Urgent Care of Westchester**

155 White Plains Road, Suite 101,  
Tarrytown,  
New York  
Tel: (+1) 914-372-7171

There are 2 local hospitals that can be used in emergency situations.  
Campus staff will assist if needed.

**Find out more at [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov)**



## MONEY MATTERS

The dollar is the basic monetary unit in the U.S.

1 dollar = 100 cents

1 cent = \$0.01 "penny" (100 pennies = \$1)

5 cents = \$0.05 "nickel" (20 nickels = \$1)

10 cents = \$0.10 "dime" (10 dimes = \$1)

25 cents = \$0.25 "quarter" (4 quarters = \$1)

Paper currency comes in denominations (values) of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. All the paper currency is the same size and color, so be careful when you pay!



## WHAT'S THE COST?

\$26

**Train ticket**

\$2

**Bus ticket**

\$5

**Laundry**

\$5

**Sandwich**

\$1

**Coca Cola**



## HOW TO FIND US

### EF New York/Thornwood

582 Columbus Ave  
Thornwood, NY 10594  
United States of America

**Tel: +1 (914) 495-6100**



## GETTING AROUND

It's simple to find your way around New York, either by foot or by using the New York City Public Transit System. Frequent train services run from New York City's Grand Central Terminal, via the Harlem Line of Metro North, to either the Hawthorne or Pleasantville stations. Travel time is approximately 50-60 minutes. Public transportation and taxis are available within the local area.



## IN AN EMERGENCY

Dial **911** and ask for the service you need. You can reach the police, ambulance and fire service all on this number. The EF New York Thornwood Campus maintains campus security 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year round. If you have an emergency on campus, you may contact an RA or member of the Security team.



## WEATHER WATCH

**Temperatures in New York range from:**

**Spring:** 9° to 22°C (48° to 72°F)

**Summer:** 17° to 29°C (63° to 84°F)

**Autumn:** 5° to 19°C (41° to 66°F)

**Winter:** -15° to 8°C (5° to 46°F)



## VISA INFORMATION

Contact your local EF Office for visa details.



## INSURANCE

Medical and accident insurance is mandatory. Erika Insurance Ltd. offers travel coverage tailor-made for EF. It includes medical costs, medicine, theft, travel delay, liability and refunded course fee if you interrupt the program due to illness or accident. Your school staff knows how Erika works and can help you.



## HOW TO GET HERE

### With an EF Transfer:

When you arrive, collect your baggage, pass through customs and wait at the arrival area for an EF Representative to meet you. Contact the information desk for further help. Please do not accompany anyone who is not an official EF Representative!

### On your own:

If you are arriving on your own, you should check in on Sunday between 10AM - 10PM. We strongly recommend that you contact the school two days before your arrival to inform the school staff of your anticipated arrival time. Proceed up the driveway and check in at the front desk of the Main Building. A staff member will then show you to your room.

Please note that registration and orientation takes place on Monday. You'll receive information upon check in.





## IMPORTANT ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

### **My local EF office**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Skype: \_\_\_\_\_

You can find the following information on My EF.

### **My transfer service**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **My accommodation**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **My EF**

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

