

More than 1,900 colleges and universities have adopted test-optional or test-blind admissions policies. This means most schools no longer require students to submit ACT or SAT scores as part of their application.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many colleges removed standardized test requirements, and most have continued that policy. Now, admissions offices place greater emphasis on your high school transcript and the rigor of your courses.

Check each college's policy before applying and know your options!

### Should I Submit My Scores?

**Scores:** The general guidance is that students should submit ACT/SAT scores if they exceed the 50% percentile of scores accepted by a college. You can find the range of each college's admitted and enrolled students' ACT/SAT scores using the [College Scorecard](#).

**Placement Tests:** Some colleges use ACT/SAT scores for placement in a freshman class (i.e. a math course) and may require students to take a placement test in lieu of ACT/SAT scores.

**Competitive Majors:** Competitive majors may have specific admissions requirements, including requiring ACT/SAT scores, and may have a limited number of slots each year. Make sure to research the requirements for these majors.

**Accelerated Programs:** Some accelerated programs, such as BS/MD or BS/DDS, may require ACT/SAT scores.

**Scholarships:** Some states and colleges use ACT/SAT scores to distribute merit scholarships and aid.

### How to Submit Scores

Here are common standardized test scores students submit to colleges as part of the admissions process. Learn how to send your scores:

[ACT Scores](#)

[Advanced Placement Scores](#)

[International Baccalaureate Scores](#)

[SAT Scores](#)

Students are strongly encouraged to research each college's admissions requirements and discuss their options with their school counselor before deciding whether or not to submit their scores.

### Standardized Test Policies

- **Testing Required Colleges:** Students are required to submit their ACT/SAT scores to be considered for admission.
- **Test-Optional Colleges:** Students decide whether or not to submit their ACT/SAT scores.
- **Test-Flexible Colleges:** Standardized test scores are required for admission, but students can choose which test scores to submit, such as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate scores.
- **Test-Blind Colleges:** ACT/SAT scores aren't used in the admissions process and won't be considered if submitted.

