Over 1,900 colleges and universities have committed to test-optional or test-blind admissions policies.

This means that most colleges and universities do not require students to submit their standardized test scores (ACT/SAT) as an admissions requirement.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many colleges removed the standardized score as a required part of admissions.

Since then, this has become the prevailing admissions policy across the country. By de-emphasizing the importance of ACT/SAT scores in admissions, admissions offices are putting more weight into students’ high school transcripts and the rigor of courses.

**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**

Below are common standardized test scores that students submit to colleges as part of the admissions process. Click on each link to 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 are not used in the admissions process and will not be considered even if submitted.