



## COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING

Each college will have its own unique testing requirements and policies. To best understand these requirements and policies, visit a college's website. Below are some common terms you will see as you are doing your research.

**Test-Optional:** Students are not required to submit their SAT/ACT scores, but are welcome to do so if they feel it is an accurate representation of their academic performance. Colleges will review a student's application with or without test scores. If a student doesn't submit test scores, the college will prioritize a student's GPA, high school classes taken (rigor), extracurricular activities, essays (if applicable), and recommendation letters (if applicable).

**Test Flexible:** Students are still required to submit some type of standardized test scores, but it doesn't necessarily have to be the SAT or ACT. (This policy is the most rare.)

**Test Free or Test Blind:** Students are not required to submit any SAT/ACT scores at all. The scores are not considered during the college application process, even if sent to the institution.

**As always, check a college's website to learn about each institution's individual testing policy. Some colleges may not require a test score for admission, but do for merit scholarships.**

**If you are sending a test score to a college, verify if it needs to be sent directly from CollegeBoard or ACT. Not all colleges accept self-reported test scores.**

[Fair Test](#) and [Compass Prep](#) keep a comprehensive list of colleges with test-optional policies.