

## Test-Optional FAQs

### What does it mean when a school has a "test optional" policy?

A "test-optional" policy means that a school does not require students to submit SAT® or ACT® scores, or scores from any other standardized test, for admission.

### Does a test-optional school look at test scores?

YES! A test-optional school will still consider test scores from students who provide them. However, students who do not submit test scores will not be penalized.

### Are there any schools that don't look at any test scores?

Yes, a handful of schools are "test-blind" which means they do not consider test scores in admissions at all. They will not look at them when considering your application for admission.

### What does a school look at if they don't require test scores?

Essays, letters of recommendation, extracurricular lists, interviews, and especially your high school transcript. These will all be evaluated more closely if they don't see SAT or ACT scores.

### Do test optional schools still require me to submit scores for scholarships?

Yes, many schools with a test-optional admissions policy still require test scores for scholarships. Certain scholarships even require specific test scores on either the SAT or ACT.

### Does this mean I should send scores to test-optional schools?

If your test scores are at or above a school's average, then yes. Strong test scores will help students compared to other applicants. Plus, you may need them to qualify for scholarships.



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### 1. AP Scores Can Help Your College Application

No college requires you to submit your AP Scores. However, most schools see AP Exam scores as a bonus. A high score can significantly enhance your application. Admissions officers recognize AP scores as indicators of your academic proficiency and commitment to rigorous coursework, potentially setting you apart from other applicants.

### 2. All Colleges Will Use AP Scores In Some Way

The greatest thing about AP Exams is that you can earn college credit while in high school. Earning a score of 3 or higher is often the threshold for receiving college credit, but the specific policies vary among institutions. The "AP Credit Policy Search" tool provided by the College Board allows you to explore how different colleges evaluate AP scores for credit, empowering you to tailor your college credit strategy effectively.

### 3. A One Point Jump Can Make A Difference

Moving up even one point on the 5 point scale can unlock new opportunities, from eligibility for college credit to enhancing your college application. Whether you're aiming to transition from a 2 to a 3 or striving for the coveted top score of 5, every point gained represents progress and potential for growth.

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