



# Test Optional/Flexible

Colleges and Universities

# Test Optional Universities

- What is test optional?
- Students decide whether their test scores are an accurate representation of their academic ability and potential and can choose to send their scores
- Over 1000 colleges no longer require SAT or ACT test scores
- More choice and control
- Strengths

# Test Flexible Universities

- What is test flexible?
- Schools may waive the test requirement....
  - If you meet minimum GPA
  - For specific programs
  - May accept AP or SAT Subject scores in it's place

# Test Optional Temple University

Temple University offers an admissions path for talented students whose potential for academic success is not accurately captured by standardized test scores.

Students can continue to submit SAT or ACT scores as they have in the past; or, they can choose the Temple Option and submit self-reflective short-answers to a few specially designed, open-ended questions. The Temple Option gives them the opportunity to present their strengths in a different way. Creating the Temple Option is part of our commitment to providing talented and motivated students of all backgrounds the opportunity for a high-quality college experience.

# Test Flexible NYU

NYU has a more flexible testing policy and allows for an array of standardized test options.

- You only have to submit results from one of the following:
  - SAT
  - ACT
  - Three SAT Subject Test scores
  - Three AP exam scores
  - International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma
  - Three IB higher-level exam scores if not an IB Diploma candidate
- Applicants to Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development and Tisch School of the Arts require an audition or portfolio and are not required to submit standardized testing scores. Doing so is entirely optional.

What Can A Parent  
Do to Help?



# Suggestions

## Conduct Research

- Work together in conducting research on standardized test policies at the universities your child is interested in
- Be mindful of the various departments and their testing policies
- Create a spreadsheet that organizes the various options
- Always conduct research with your child's goals in mind

## Encourage Multiple Test-Taking

- Encourage your child to take SAT and ACT
- Encourage your child to take SAT Subject tests in their areas of interest
- Encourage your child to take other forms of standardized testing such as AP Exams in their areas of interest

# Suggestions, cont.

## Think Rigor

- Encourage your child to take classes that offer a rigorous course of study
- Remember that academic rigor is about quality not quantity
- Encourage your child to face academic rigor with desire, not simply because it looks good on a transcript
- Combine rigor with testing options based on potential college/university choices

## Talk Post-Secondary Options

- Try to be patient with your child.
- Get familiar with the high school's process
- Take your kids to visit colleges during their sophomore or junior year
- (On the flip side) During your child's senior year, spend some time with them talking about things other than college applications

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## In-State

Drew University

Montclair State University

Rowan University

College of Saint Elizabeth

Saint Peter's University

## Top Universities

NYU

Texas A&M

Washington State