

Test optional admissions has been considered for decades as a viable pathway for hundreds of colleges seeking a diverse pool of applicants. The University of California spearheaded this thrust when it stopped requiring the SAT Subject Tests, which is now defunct. The UC System then ended the SAT/ACT requirement as well.

However, COVID-19 pushed this concept into overdrive when students could not get a test location, the Subject Tests were radically altered, and delays, disruptions, and dystopia thwarted test centers and the entire testing process. With few choices, colleges nationwide instituted test optional admissions starting for fall 2021 admissions.

Yet, for students entering college in 2024 and beyond, the most competitive schools and programs will resume their test requirement. Professors are demanding that colleges enroll students with math and verbal skills that were lacking in many students during the pandemic.

While most colleges will still be test optional, the majority of BS/MD, BS/DO, and BS/DDS programs will require the SAT/ACT as will other competitive schools. For most direct med or accelerated medical programs the minimum SAT is 1400 and minimum ACT is 32; the average for some programs is above 1500 SAT and above 34 ACT.

Check the college websites regularly for changes.

Note for most traditional college programs the test score data will look artificially high since students with low scores rarely submit their results. Thus, the test score averages on college websites are derived from students who had high scores. Also, it is unwise to compare the scores below of enrolled students during the pandemic to score ranges before the pandemic.

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### **SAT AND ACT RANGES, 25<sup>TH</sup>-75<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS AT VARIOUS SELECTED UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES NATIONWIDE**

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This data only includes those students who ENROLLED—not those who APPLIED or those who were ACCEPTED.

**SOURCES:** The College Board; National Center for Education Statistics (College Navigator program); the Common Data set; various school websites; and the occasional call to admissions to inquire specifically about test results

<b>SCHOOL and STATE</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
Adelphi University (NY)	1110-1310	22-29
Agnes Scott College (GA)	1140-1340	24-31
Albany College of Pharmacy and		

Health Sciences (NY)	1220-1470	24-32
Alfred University (NY)	1090-1290	25-30
Allegheny College (PA)	1120-1370	23-30
American University (DC)	1290-1420	29-32
Amherst College (MA)	1450-1550	33-35
Appalachian State University (NC)	1100-1270	21-27
Arcadia University (PA)	1090-1320	24-29
Arizona State University	1120-1360	22-29
Auburn University (AL)	1240-1370	24-30
Augustana College (IL)	1020-1240	21-28
Austin College (TX)	1120-1370	23-29
Babson College (MA)	1370-1480	30-33
Baldwin Wallace University (OH)	1040-1300	20-27
Bard College (NY)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Barnard College (NY)	1430-1530	32-34
Bates College (ME)	1340-1500	31-33
Baylor University (TX)	1170-1360	26-32
Belmont University (TN)	1150-1340	24-30
Beloit College (WI)	1230-1380	26-31
Benedictine College (KS)	1110-1360	22-28
Bennington College (VT)	1260-1370	29-33
Bentley University (MA)	1280-1400	28-32
Berea College (KY)	1140-1300	25-27
Berry College (GA)	1110-1290	21-29
Binghamton University (NY)	1340-1510	29-34
Birmingham Southern College (AL)	1150-1280	22-29
Boston College (MA)	1440-1540	33-35
Boston University (MA)	1370-1480	31-34
Bowdoin College (ME)	1340-1520	31-35
Bradley University (IL)	1050-1280	24-30
Brandeis University (MA)	1370-1530	31-34
Brigham Young University (UT)	1280-1450	27-32
Brown University (RI)	1500-1560	34-36
Bryant University (RI)	1160-1320	27-32
Bryn Mawr College (PA)	1300-1470	29-35
Bucknell University (PA)	1180-1390	27-32
Butler University (IN)	1130-1320	24-30
California Institute of Technology	<b>no report—test free</b>	
California Poly at San Luis Obispo	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Calvin University (MI)	1120-1370	25-30
Carleton College (MN)	1430-1540	32-35
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	1500-1560	34-35
Carroll College (MT)	1080-1200	13-29
Case Western Reserve University (OH)	1410-1530	32-35
Catholic University of America (DC)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Cedarville University (OH)	1130-1380	23-29
Centre College (KY)	1200-1470	27-32
Champlain College (VT)	1160-1350	27-31

Chapman University (CA)	1220-1380	26-31
Christopher Newport University (VA)	1110-1320	25-29
Citadel Military College (SC)	1100-1250	23-27
City U of New York (CUNY) Baruch Campus	<b>no report—test free</b>	
City U of New York (CUNY) Hunter Campus	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Claremont McKenna College (CA)	1450-1540	33-35
Clark University (MA)	1260-1430	28-33
Clarkson University (NY)	1190-1370	25-30
Clemson University (SC)	1230-1400	26-31
Coastal Carolina University (SC)	1030-1180	20-25
Colby College (ME)	1430-1540	32-34
Colgate University (NY)	1410-1530	32-34
College of Charleston (SC)	1140-1290	24-30
College of the Atlantic (ME)	1230-1450	27-32
College of the Holy Cross (MA)	1270-1420	28-32
College of the Ozarks (MO)	1070-1230	20-25
College of William and Mary (VA)	1380-1520	32-34
College of Wooster (OH)	1260-1430	27-32
Colorado College	1270-1460	29-33
Colorado School of Mines	1340-1460	30-33
Colorado State University	1080-1280	23-29
Columbia University (NY)	1500-1560	34-35
Connecticut College (CT)	1300-1490	30-33
Cooper Union (NY)	1390-1530	31-35
Cornell College (IA)	1210-1320	23-30
Cornell University (NY)	1470-1550	33-35
Covenant College (GA)	1160-1390	24-32
Creighton University (NE)	1220-1400	24-31
Dartmouth College (NH)	1500-1580	33-35
Davidson College (NC)	1360-1490	31-33
Denison University (OH)	1270-1460	29-32
DePaul University (IL)	1070-1300	24-30
DePauw University (IN)	1160-1360	24-31
Dickinson College (PA)	1290-1460	29-32
DigiPen Institute of Technology (WA)	1170-1400	26-31
Drake University (IA)	1190-1380	25-30
Drew University (NJ)	1120-1340	26-28
Drexel University (PA)	1240-1420	27-32
Duke University (NC)	1450-1570	33-35
Duquesne University (PA)	1170-1330	25-31
Earlham College (IN)	1160-1350	24-32
Eckerd College (FL)	1120-1300	24-29
Elizabethtown College (PA)	1070-1280	25-30
Elon University (NC)	1180-1330	25-30
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)	1140-1330	23-29
Emerson College (MA)	1250-1430	30-32
Emory University (GA)	1450-1530	32-34
Emory University, Oxford College (GA)	1430-1540	32-34

Eugene Lang College (NY)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Evergreen State College (WA)	980-1220	22-29
Fairfield University (CT)	1260-1360	28-31
Flagler College (FL)	1000-1190	19-27
Florida Institute of Technology	1120-1320	22-28
Florida International University	1070-1240	21-26
Florida Southern College	1080-1290	22-29
Florida State University	1220-1360	26-31
Fordham University (NY)	1330-1460	30-33
Franciscan University of Steubenville (OH)	1100-1300	22-28
Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	1300-1410	29-32
Franklin Olin College of Engineering (MA)	1490-1560	35-35
Furman University (SC)	1260-1460	27-32
George Mason University (VA)	1140-1350	25-31
George Washington University (DC)	1330-1490	31-34
Georgetown University (DC)	1410-1560	32-35
Georgia Institute of Technology	1370-1550	31-35
Georgia Southern University	980-1150	18-23
Gettysburg College (PA)	1350-1440	28-32
Gonzaga University (WA)	1210-1410	26-31
Goucher College (MD)	1110-1310	26-33
Grinnell College (IA)	1380-1530	31-34
Grove City College (PA)	1130-1360	25-32
Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	1100-1360	25-31
Hamilton College (NY)	1420-1540	33-35
Hampden-Sydney College (VA)	1040-1310	23-29
Hampshire College (MA)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Hampton University (VA)	1030-1220	17-27
Hartwick College (NY)	1020-1210	22-27
Harvard University (MA)	1490-1580	34-36
Harvey Mudd College (CA)	1480-1560	34-36
Haverford College (PA)	1430-1540	33-35
Hendrix College (AR)	1110-1330	23-30
High Point University (NC)	1100-1280	23-29
Hillsdale College (MI)	1360-1520	30-34
Hobart William Smith Colleges (NY)	1210-1400	27-32
Hofstra University (NY)	1190-1370	26-31
Hollins University (VA)	1110-1300	25-30
Hope College (MI)	1090-1330	24-31
Houghton College (NY)	1110-1320	-----
Howard University (DC)	1050-1290	20-26
Illinois Institute of Technology	1220-1410	28-32
Illinois Wesleyan University	1120-1330	25-30
Indiana University	1180-1400	27-32
Ithaca College (NY)	1200-1380	28-32
James Madison University (VA)	1140-1320	23-29
Jewish Theological Seminary of America (NY)	1470-1540	33-34
John Carroll University (OH)	1160-1320	25-30

Johns Hopkins University (MD)	1520-1570	34-35
Juniata College (PA)	1120-1340	26-30
Kalamazoo College (MI)	1200-1370	26-32
Kenyon College (OH)	1350-1520	31-34
Kettering University (MI)	1130-1370	24-30
Knox College (IL)	1160-1420	28-32
Lafayette College (PA)	1330-1480	30-33
Lake Forest College (IL)	1150-1340	26-31
Lawrence University (WI)	1210-1460	27-32
Lebanon Valley College (PA)	1120-1280	23-31
Lehigh University (PA)	1340-1490	30-33
Lewis and Clark College (OR)	1260-1400	29-32
Lipscomb University (TN)	1130-1320	23-30
Louisiana State University	1140-1320	23-28
Loyola Marymount University (CA)	1300-1460	29-32
Loyola University Chicago (IL)	1180-1370	27-31
Loyola University Maryland	1180-1360	26-33
Loyola University New Orleans (LA)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Macalester College (MN)	1340-1500	30-34
Manhattan College (NY)	1140-1330	23-30
Marist College (NY)	1200-1380	26-30
Marquette University (WI)	1170-1360	26-31
Marymount Manhattan College (NY)	1080-1280	22-28
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1530-1580	35-36
McDaniel College (MD)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Mercer University (GA)	1190-1360	26-31
Messiah University (PA)	1090-1340	25-30
Miami University of Ohio	1200-1390	26-30
Michigan State University	1160-1360	25-31
Michigan Technological University	1130-1350	24-31
Middlebury College (VT)	1430-1540	33-35
Millsaps College (MS)	1140-1360	22-30
Milwaukee School of Engineering (WI)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Minerva University (CA)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Missouri Univ Science and Technology	1170-1370	25-31
Montana State University	1070-1290	20-27
Morehouse College (GA)	-----	18-25
Mount Holyoke College (MA)	1350-1540	30-34
Muhlenberg College (PA)	1200-1400	29-33
New College of Florida	1110-1360	24-31
New Jersey Institute of Technology	1190-1450	27-33
New York University	1470-1570	33-35
Niagara University (NY)	1030-1240	24-28
North Carolina State University	1280-1460	28-33
North Dakota State University	970-1230	19-25
Northeastern University (MA)	1440-1550	33-35
Northwestern University (IL)	1490-1570	33-35
Oberlin College (OH)	1360-1530	30-33

Occidental College (CA)	1370-1510	31-34
Oglethorpe University (GA)	1070-1310	22-29
Ohio State University	1310-1480	29-32
Ohio University	1080-1270	22-27
Ohio Wesleyan University	1170-1360	23-30
Oregon State University	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Pace University (NY)	1120-1300	24-29
Pennsylvania State University	1210-1390	26-31
Pepperdine University (CA)	1290-1480	28-32
Pitzer College (CA)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Point Loma Nazarene University (CA)	1170-1350	22-30
Point Park University (PA)	1040-1250	18-26
Pomona College (CA)	1480-1560	33-35
Pratt Institute (NY)	1160-1430	26-31
Prescott College (AZ)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Princeton University (NJ)	1490-1580	33-35
Providence College (RI)	1260-1420	28-32
Purdue University (IN)	1200-1470	27-34
Quinnipiac University (CT)	1120-1300	24-29
Randolph-Macon College (VA)	1020-1220	23-27
Reed College (OR)	1320-1500	30-33
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)	1360-1520	30-34
Rhode Island School of Design	1340-1530	29-33
Rhodes College (TN)	1310-1470	28-32
Rice University (TX)	1490-1570	34-36
Rider University (NJ)	1100-1300	28-31
Roanoke College (VA)	1070-1260	22-28
Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)	1270-1450	29-33
Rockhurst University (MO)	1080-1290	23-29
Roger Williams University (RI)	1120-1270	25-31
Rollins College (FL)	1150-1350	24-29
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (IN)	1290-1480	27-33
Rowan University (NJ)	1090-1300	23-31
Rutgers University (NJ)	1270-1480	28-33
Sacred Heart University (CT)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Saint Anselm College (NH)	1120-1290	26-30
Saint Bonaventure University (NY)	1050-1210	25-32
Saint John's College (MD)	1250-1460	30-33
Saint John's College (NM)	1270-1460	28-32
Saint John's University (NY)	1110-1310	24-29
Saint Joseph's University (PA)	1150-1330	26-31
Saint Lawrence University (NY)	1240-1410	29-32
Saint Louis University (MO)	1210-1400	26-31
Saint Mary's College of California	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Saint Mary's College of Maryland	1130-1370	28-30
Saint Michael's College (VT)	1160-1320	27-30
Saint Olaf College (MN)	1300-1480	28-33
Salisbury University (MD)	1180-1320	22-27

San Diego State University (CA)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Santa Clara University (CA)	1290-1480	29-35
Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	1260-1450	29-33
Savannah College of Art and Design (GA)	1060-1280	20-26
Scripps College (CA)	1390-1510	32-34
Seattle University (WA)	1150-1380	24-30
Seton Hall University (NJ)	1230-1390	28-31
Sewanee: The University of the South (TN)	1230-1380	27-32
Siena College (NY)	1050-1270	22-31
Simmons University (MA)	1200-1390	28-32
Skidmore College (NY)	1300-1460	30-33
Smith College (MA)	1370-1520	31-34
Soka University of America (CA)	1240-1440	24-28
Southern Methodist University (TX)	1370-1510	31-34
Southwestern University (TX)	1120-1360	24-30
Spelman College (GA)	1100-1290	22-27
Stanford University (CA)	1500-1580	33-35
State Univ of New York (SUNY) Buffalo	1190-1380	25-32
State Univ of New York Geneseo	1160-1320	25-31
State Univ of New York Purchase	1190-1350	29-31
Stetson University (FL)	1100-1310	25-29
Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ)	1380-1510	31-34
Stonehill College (MA)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Stony Brook University (NY)	1320-1500	28-34
Suffolk University (MA)	1080-1300	24-30
Susquehanna University (PA)	1090-1280	23-30
Swarthmore College (PA)	1440-1560	32-35
Syracuse University (NY)	1260-1430	28-32
Taylor University (IN)	1090-1310	23-30
Temple University (PA)	1130-1360	24-31
Texas A&M University	1150-1390	25-31
Texas Christian University	1140-1360	26-31
Texas Tech University	1090-1280	23-28
The College of New Jersey	1140-1350	24-30
Thomas Jefferson University (PA)	1130-1350	27-31
Towson University (MD)	1010-1230	19-25
Transylvania University (KY)	1120-1360	23-29
Trinity College (CT)	1300-1470	30-32
Trinity University (TX)	1310-1470	29-33
Truman State University (MO)	1070-1330	23-29
Tufts University (MA)	1450-1550	33-35
Tulane University (LA)	1370-1510	31-33
Union College (NY)	1310-1490	29-33
US Air Force Academy (CO)	1310-1480	29-33
US Coast Guard Academy (CT)	1230-1410	26-31
US Merchant Marine Academy (NY)	1150-1330	20-28
US Military Academy (NY)	1220-1450	27-33
US Naval Academy (MD)	1200-1440	25-32

University of Alabama	1130-1410	23-31
University of Arizona	1140-1370	21-29
University of Arkansas	1030-1220	21-28
University of California (all nine campuses)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
University of Central Florida	1200-1360	25-29
University of Chicago (IL)	1500-1580	34-35
University of Cincinnati (OH)	1160-1360	24-29
University of Colorado	1160-1390	26-32
University of Connecticut	1220-1440	28-33
University of Dallas (TX)	1170-1400	23-31
University of Dayton (OH)	1160-1360	24-30
University of Delaware	1190-1360	26-31
University of Denver (CO)	1220-1400	28-32
University of Evansville (IN)	1050-1300	21-28
University of Florida	1300-1490	28-33
University of Georgia	1270-1420	27-32
University of Hartford (CT)	1080-1290	22-29
University of Hawai'i	1070-1290	18-24
University of Houston (TX)	1160-1330	23-29
University of Illinois	1320-1510	29-34
University of Iowa	1130-1340	22-28
University of Kansas	1090-1340	21-28
University of Kentucky	1070-1290	21-28
University of Louisville (KY)	1070-1270	19-27
University of Mary Washington (VA)	1170-1340	25-30
University of Maryland Baltimore County	1210-1390	23-29
University of Maryland College Park	1360-1520	30-34
University of Massachusetts	1260-1480	29-33
University of Memphis (TN)	930-1230	17-24
University of Miami (FL)	1310-1480	30-33
University of Michigan	1350-1530	31-34
University of Minnesota	1290-1500	27-32
University of Mississippi	1030-1220	22-29
University of Missouri	1140-1340	23-30
University of New Hampshire	1120-1320	26-31
University of New Haven (CT)	1090-1270	25-29
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	1350-1530	30-34
University of North Carolina Charlotte	1070-1290	20-27
University of North Carolina Wilmington	1220-1370	24-29
University of North Florida	1010-1210	18-25
University of North Texas	1000-1240	19-27
University of Notre Dame (IN)	1450-1550	32-35
University of Oklahoma	1130-1330	23-29
University of Oregon	1130-1370	24-30
University of Pennsylvania	1500-1570	34-35
University of Pittsburgh (PA)	1280-1470	29-33
University of Portland (OR)	1230-1410	27-31
University of Puget Sound (WA)	1170-1390	27-32



University of Redlands (CA)	1110-1280	25-30
University of Rhode Island	1050-1270	25-30
University of Richmond (VA)	1400-1520	32-34
University of Rochester (NY)	1390-1540	31-34
University of Saint Thomas (MN)	1200-1390	24-29
University of San Diego (CA)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
University of San Francisco (CA)	1210-1410	27-31
University of Scranton (PA)	1150-1320	25-31
University of South Carolina	1180-1380	27-32
University of South Florida	1140-1330	24-29
University of Southern California	1450-1550	32-35
University of Tampa (FL)	1070-1240	23-28
University of Tennessee	1170-1330	25-31
University of Texas Austin	1230-1500	26-33
University of the Pacific (CA)	1120-1420	25-33
University of Toledo (OH)	1060-1280	21-28
University of Tulsa (OK)	1080-1350	21-30
University of Utah	1190-1390	22-29
University of Vermont	1260-1430	28-32
University of Virginia	1400-1540	32-34
University of Washington	1320-1500	29-34
University of Wisconsin Madison	1340-1510	26-32
Ursinus College (PA)	1180-1380	28-32
Utah State University	1050-1300	20-27
Vanderbilt University (TN)	1490-1570	34-35
Vassar College (NY)	1430-1540	32-34
Villanova University (PA)	1380-1500	32-34
Virginia Commonwealth University	1020-1290	22-30
Virginia Military Institute	1110-1300	22-29
Virginia Tech	1240-1430	27-32
Wabash College (IN)	1120-1320	22-30
Wagner College (NY)	1090-1290	24-29
Wake Forest University (NC)	1350-1500	30-33
Warren Wilson College (NC)	1040-1320	25-31
Washington and Jefferson College (PA)	1010-1250	19-28
Washington and Lee University (VA)	1410-1530	32-34
Washington College (MD)	1190-1390	25-29
Washington University in Saint Louis (MO)	1500-1570	33-35
Webb Institute (NY)	1400-1510	33-35
Webster University (MO)	1030-1320	19-27
Wellesley College (MA)	1430-1550	33-35
Wesleyan University (CT)	1320-1510	31-34
West Chester University (PA)	1080-1260	23-30
Westmont College (CA)	1280-1460	30-33
West Virginia University	1000-1220	20-26
Wheaton College (IL)	1250-1430	28-33
Wheaton College (MA)	1260-1390	27-33
Whitman College (WA)	1300-1470	30-33

Whittier College (CA)	1140-1340	24-30
Willamette University (OR)	1190-1410	26-32
Williams College (MA)	1480-1570	34-35
Wofford College (SC)	1200-1350	27-31
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)	<b>no report—test free</b>	
Xavier University (OH)	1120-1310	22-28
Yale University (CT)	1500-1580	33-35
Yeshiva University (NY)	1250-1500	26-33

Please recall that these figures are standardized test ranges—they are NOT “cut-off” scores or lines of demarcation. Please also recall that standardized testing is never the most important aspect of college admissions. These figures do not imply or infer in any fashion whether a student will be accepted or denied at the schools to which s/he applies. And remember—if you have specific or more detailed questions or concerns, call the admissions office(s) of the college(s) to which you apply! AND—most importantly—these are NOT measures of a student’s self-worth.

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