



College Admission Testing 101

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Super Wednesday October 13, 2021

| "Super Wednesday" – Wednesday, October 13 | |
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| Seniors | "Financial Aid Advising Day"- College and Career Advisors* (Financial Aid Survey- HSBP task) College Application/College Essay help- Counselors & Senior teachers |
| Juniors | PSAT |
| Sophomores | HSBP task- Career Interest Inventory & Game Plan Survey, Finish 4-year Course Planner College and Career Advisors* & Sophomore teachers |
| Freshmen | SBA English (75 minutes) and Math (60 minutes) |



SAT School Day Thursday, October 28, 2021

- BSD will offer the SAT during the regular school day on Thursday, October 28.
- All Seniors and Juniors will have the opportunity to take the test and there is no cost.
- Scores will be released on the College board website on Nov 19th,

****All 11th & 12th grade students will be automatically registered to take the SAT on October 28.

Other options on that day at Interlake might include: (ASVAB, college essay writing, resume writing workshop, etc.).

Some of the options are student driven (internship, job shadowing, college visit, etc.).



Considerations SAT School Day

- Students typically take the SAT in Spring of their 11th grade year and fall of their 12th grade year.
- Some students choose to take the SAT or ACT earlier.
- Qualifying SAT scores (Math- 430 and English- 410) will meet the Graduation Pathway requirement for graduation.
- BSD will host the **Saturday SAT on behalf of the College Board** at their Bellevue High School testing site on **March 12, May 7 and June 4.**
- BSD families of 11th grade students will get an e-mail notification when these test dates are open for registration on the College Board website.



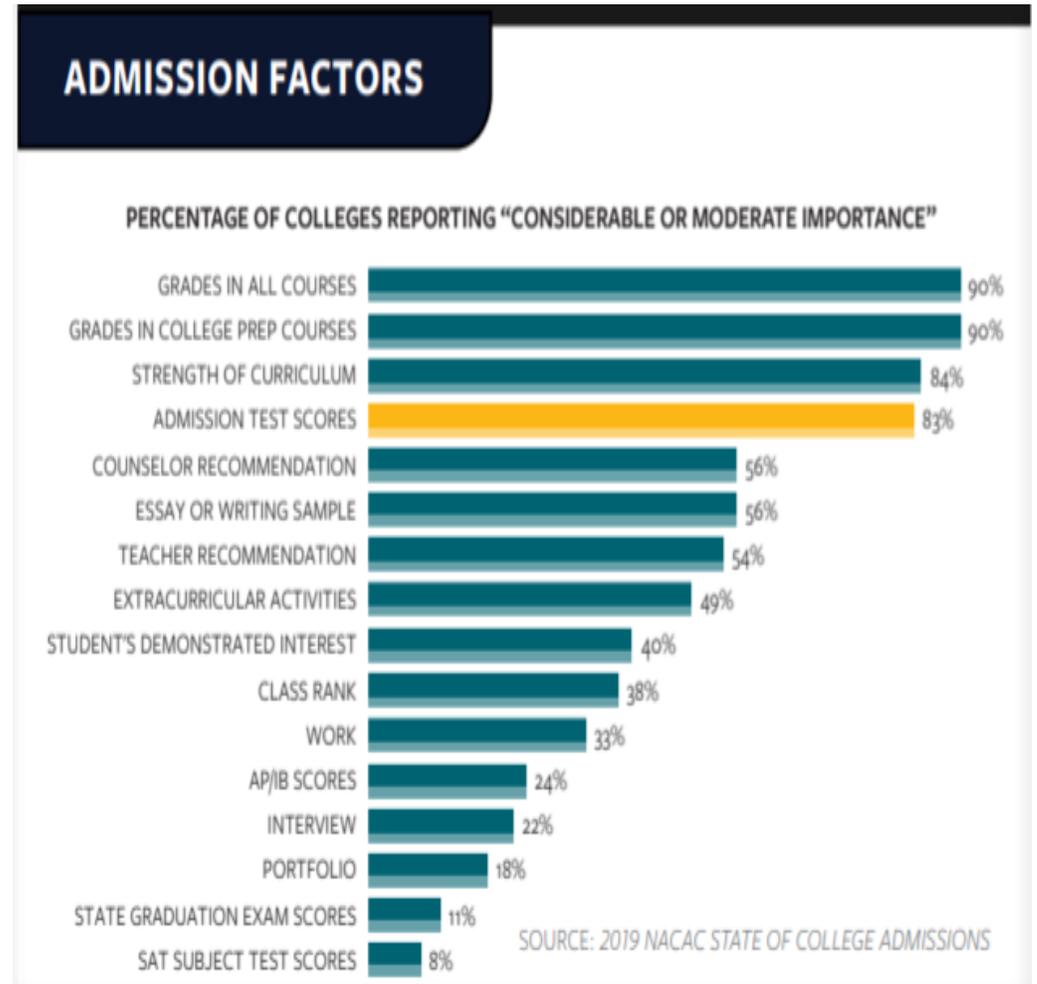
Considerations SAT School Day

- Roughly two-thirds of undergraduate institutions will not require SAT or ACT scores during the Fall 2022 admissions.
- Research shows up to 60% of scholarships require an SAT or ACT score to be submitted as part of the application process.
- While many colleges and universities suspended their SAT and ACT testing requirement for Fall of 2021 and 2022 admissions, some colleges and universities continue to require the SAT or ACT and/or allow students the opportunity to utilize these scores for these scores in the review process.



Do Admission test scores matter?

- There are approximately 2,300 accredited, non-profit, four-year colleges and universities in the United States.
- Their admission protocols have never been uniform, and even prior to the pandemic, applicants faced an increasingly complex range of requirements and expectations.
- With the Covid Pandemic- how important are test scores now?





Components of a College Application

Essay

Strength of Curriculum

Extracurricular Activities

Grades in College Prep

Grades in All Courses

Optional Admissions Test Scores (SAT/ACT)

Teacher Recommendation (Private schools)

Counselor Recommendation (Private school)

Student's Demonstrated Interest

AP/IB Test Scores

Interview- (rare)



FAQ's SAT and ACT

The **ACT**[®]



SAT[®]



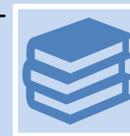
Many students and parents begin the college prep process by comparing the ACT and SAT tests.



The [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) generally cover the same topics.



Both ACT and SAT scores can be used for college admissions decisions and awarding merit-based scholarships.



Important for students to take a practice test to decipher which test is a better fit.



Colleges do not typically prefer one test over the other.



Neither the SAT or ACT is harder than the other.



Different students tend to do better on one test over the other.



FAQ's SAT and ACT

ACT vs NEW SAT

What's the Same?

- No penalties for guessing
- Curriculum-focused content
- Score choice
- ~~Optional essay~~

What's Different?

| | ACT | New SAT |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Duration | 2 Hours 55 Minutes | 3 Hours |
| Top Score | 36 | 1600 |
| Math Section | <p>MATH SECTION</p> <p>1+1= No Formulas given Calculator for ALL sections No Grid-in Answers</p> <p>TOPICS → Geometry Arithmetic Algebra Trigonometry</p> | <p>MATH SECTION</p> <p>Lots of Formulas given Calculator for ONE section Grid-in Answers</p> <p>→ TOPICS Some Geometry & Arithmetic Advanced Algebra Some Trigonometry Interpretation of Data</p> |
| Sections | <p>4 SECTIONS</p> <p>READING SECTION 8% Vocabulary</p> <p>ENGLISH/Writing SECTION 3% Vocabulary</p> <p>SCIENCE SECTION Interpretation of Data Graphs & Charts</p> | <p>2 SECTIONS</p> <p>READING/Writing SECTION 17% Vocabulary (Reading Questions) 7% Vocabulary (Writing Questions) Questions based on Graphs & Charts</p> <p>SCIENCE SECTION (Prohibited)</p> |



Test optional or Test flexible?



Test optional colleges accept scores, but do not require scores. If a student's score is above average, they might choose to submit. If student's score is below average, they might choose to not submit.

Text flexible colleges place limitations on who can apply without test scores. (like a minimum GPA) Or, they might accept AP or IB scores in place of your SAT/ACT.

The ACT and SAT are now optional at a majority of US colleges and will likely remain so.

The trend at selective colleges is toward more flexible testing requirements even as the competition to gain admission to these schools continues to intensify.

SAT Subject Tests and the SAT Essay have been discontinued by College Board. ACT does offer an essay but colleges do not use it in admissions.

Check out the list of test optional schools here: <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>



Test blind?



University of Washington (Seattle) will not use SAT or ACT scores for admission decisions. If scores are submitted, they might be used for wait list decisions. Washington State University is test blind.



The University of California system- which includes Berkeley, LA, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Irvine, Davis, Merced & Riverside are test blind



Cal State Campuses (23)- including Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and San Diego are test blind.



Fees & Fee waivers

- I'VE HEARD ABOUT FEE WAIVERS. WHAT ARE THEY, AND HOW DO I GET THEM?
- A student who receives a fee waiver from College Board can sign up for two SATs for free. They can also send those scores to an unlimited number of colleges at no cost.
- A student who receives a fee waiver from ACT can take two ACTs and send scores to four schools as part of registration and up to 20 additional schools later.
- Fee waivers cover basic registration costs and include the writing, but they do not cover late or change fees.
- Fee waivers come from Interlake. Students must qualify for free or reduced lunch to access a waiver.



POLICIES AND FEES

The following chart lists the basic fees and policies for SAT and ACT.

| Policy or Fee | SAT | ACT |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Standard fee | \$55 | \$60 + \$20 for Essay |
| Late Registration Fee | add \$30 | add \$35 |
| Change test date | add \$25 | add \$35 |
| Change test center | add \$25 | add \$35 |
| Standby / Waitlist | add \$53 | add \$56 |



Test Dates and Score Requests

TEST DATES

You can register for the SAT at collegeboard.org and the ACT at actstudent.org.

| SAT | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| 2021–22 Test Dates | Registration | Late Registration | Anticipated Multiple Choice Score Release ⁺ |
| August 28, 2021 | July 30, 2021 | August 17, 2021 | September 20, 2021 |
| October 2, 2021 | September 3, 2021 | September 21, 2021 | October 15, 2021 |
| November 6, 2021 | October 8, 2021 | October 26, 2021 | November 19, 2021 |
| December 4, 2021 | November 4, 2021 | November 23, 2021 | December 17, 2021 |
| March 12, 2022 | February 11, 2022 | March 1, 2022 | March 25, 2022 |
| May 7, 2022 | April 8, 2022 | April 26, 2022 | May 20, 2022 |
| June 4, 2022 | May 5, 2022 | May 25, 2022 | July 13, 2022 |

| ACT | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2021 Test Dates | Registration | Late Registration | Anticipated Multiple Choice Score Release ⁺ |
| September 11, 2021 | August 6, 2021 | August 20, 2021 | September 24–October 8, 2021 |
| October 23, 2021 | September 17, 2021 | October 1, 2021 | November 5–November 19, 2021 |
| December 11, 2021 | November 5, 2021 | November 19, 2021 | December 21, 2021–January 4, 2022 |
| February 12, 2022 | January 7, 2022 | January 21, 2022 | February 25–March 11, 2022 |
| April 2, 2022 | March 11, 2022 | March 25, 2022 | April 15–April 29, 2022 |
| June 11, 2022 | May 6, 2022 | May 20, 2022 | June 24–July 8, 2022 |
| July 16, 2022 (Not offered in NY) | June 17, 2022 | June 24, 2022 | July 29–August 12, 2022 |

⁺ Dates are not yet official.



Self Reported Scores?

Testing Preview

▼ Tests Taken

In addition to sending official score reports as required by colleges, **do you wish** to self-report scores or future test dates for any of the following standardized tests: ACT, SAT/SAT Subject, AP, IB, TOEFL, PTE Academic, and IELTS? *

Yes

No

[Clear](#)

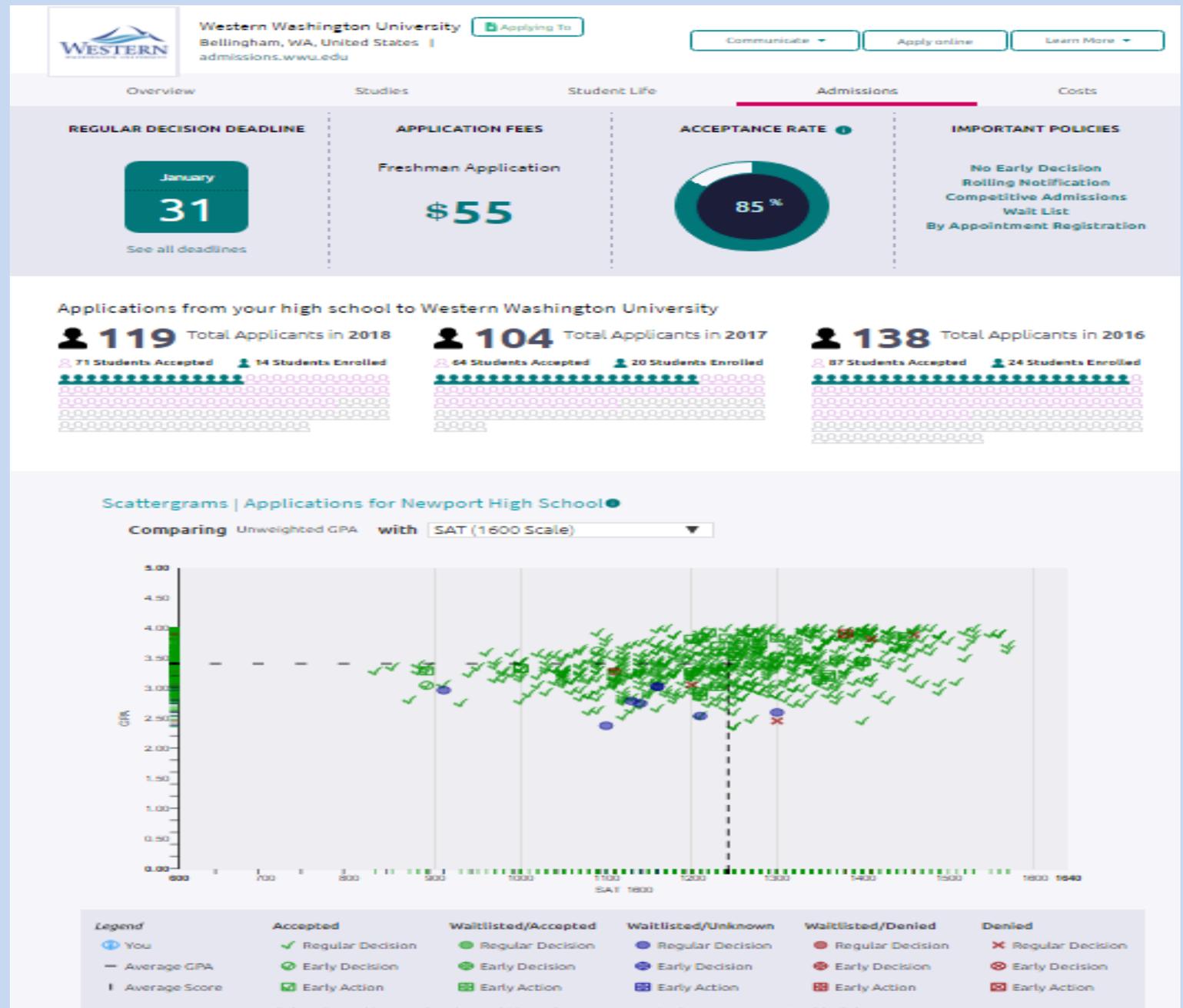
WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN A COLLEGE ACCEPTS SELF-REPORTED SCORES? Over the past few years, efforts have been made to encourage more colleges to accept self-reported SAT and ACT scores from students during the application process and only require official reports when a student actually enrolls.

Among the many expenses that add up in the college admission process are application fees, test registration fees, and official score report fees.

Many students are eligible to have these fees waived, but students who don't qualify for waivers may still find the costs to be a burden.



Naviance Scattergrams





Naviance Scattergrams



Stanford University
Stanford, CA, United States |
admission.stanford.edu

Communicate

Overview
Studies
Student Life
Admissions
Costs

RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION DEADLINE

November

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[See all deadlines](#)

APPLICATION FEES

Freshman Application

\$90

ACCEPTANCE RATE

5%

IMPORTANT POLICIES

Wait List
Competitive Admissions
By Date Notification

Applications from your high school to Stanford University

66 Total Applicants in 2018

0 Students Accepted 0 Students Enrolled

53 Total Applicants in 2017

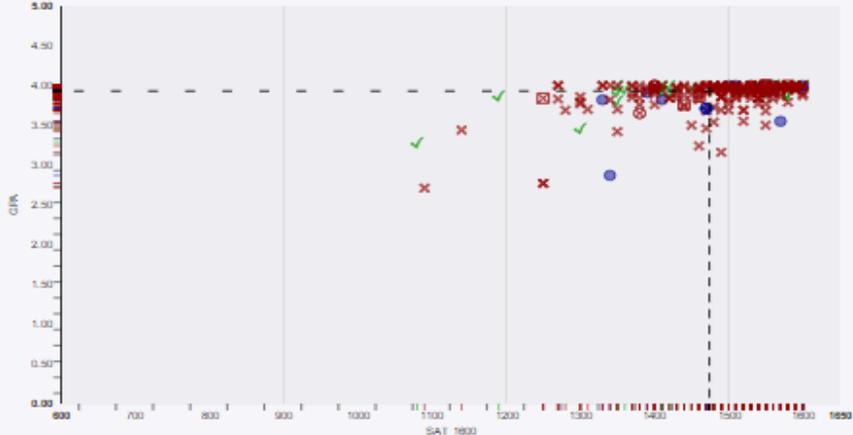
2 Students Accepted 2 Students Enrolled

51 Total Applicants in 2016

3 Students Accepted 3 Students Enrolled

Scattergrams | Applications for Newport High School

Comparing Unweighted GPA with SAT (1600 Scale)



| Legend | Accepted | Waitlisted/Accepted | Waitlisted/Unknown | Waitlisted/Denied | Denied |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| ● You | ✓ Regular Decision | ● Regular Decision | ● Regular Decision | ● Regular Decision | ✗ Regular Decision |
| — Average GPA | ✓ Early Decision | ● Early Decision | ● Early Decision | ● Early Decision | ✗ Early Decision |
| Average Score | ✓ Early Action | ■ Early Action | ■ Early Action | ■ Early Action | ■ Early Action |

Click on legend icons or headers to hide each type or group in the scattergram. Doubleclick to reset zoom.



IHS Class of 2021: College Destinations

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|---|-----|
| University of Washington- Seattle & Bothell | 108 |
| Bellevue College | 50 |
| University of California system | 18 |
| Washington State University | 16 |
| Western Washington University | 8 |
| Seattle University | 8 |
| Northeastern University | 6 |
| San Diego State University | 5 |
| Gonzaga University | 5 |
| Indiana University-Bloomington | 3 |
| Central Washington University | 4 |
| Duke University | 3 |
| University of Arizona | 4 |
| University of British Columbia | 4 |
| University of Oregon | 5 |
| University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | 5 |
| Montana State University | 3 |
| Stanford University | 4 |
| Carnegie Mellon University | 3 |



