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Should I take the SAT or ACT this year?

Many parents and students are asking us, “should I take the SAT or ACT this year?”

- In response to the challenges of Coronavirus, many colleges have gone test optional at least for the next year.
- Other colleges have decided to go permanently test optional.
- The University of California has chosen to go test optional for the next two years, and then to go test blind for the following years, no longer using SATs and ACTs to make admissions decisions.

So, should you take a test this year?

- **Overall, the answer is “it depends,” but for many the answer is yes.**

Some admissions officers have suggested that grades from the spring semester of 2020 will likely have less weight in admissions because many schools transitioned online so quickly. Colleges may have more questions about the rigor of those quickly planned online courses which may temper expectations as to how successfully students excelled under the unusual circumstances. They will be looking for more meaningful data on applicants, and a strong SAT or ACT score can fill in many of those gaps.

Colleges that have gone test optional in the past have traditionally had more students apply. This theoretically has increased the competitiveness of those test optional schools. We’re unsure how this will exactly play out in the coming year with so many schools newly becoming test optional, but it is safe to say some schools will experience an increased applicant pool.

Merit scholarships, athletic scholarships, and the UC system’s State Guaranteed Admissions, where the top 9% of each high school’s graduating class is guaranteed admissions to a UC, to date have not altered policies and are still requiring SAT or ACT scores.

Based on these factors, a strong SAT or ACT score can serve students well in the admissions process this year.

So how do students know if their scores are strong?

First, it is important to understand that schools look at a student’s scores in the context of his or her peers, school, and community. Knowing exactly what is strong can be challenging, but knowing what a college’s typical score range is for incoming freshmen can help give you some context.

Second, we believe every student owes it to him or herself to make at least one well-prepared attempt at the SAT or ACT to then make an informed decision as to whether their scores should be submitted. That preparation can be done on one’s own, or with the guidance of others experienced and up-to-date with these tests.



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