

The HS Counselors have been in contact with universities from around the world and the College Board to gain information about the impact of the current situation on testing and university admissions. Please see most recent Information from the College Board shared with counselors on March 30, 2020:

We know that students are anxious about how the coronavirus crisis will affect the college application process, including taking the SAT. We're committed to being flexible and innovative to give all students opportunities to test as soon as the situation allows. We'll share more details as soon as possible, but today we can tell you the following:

- *Currently, the next SAT is scheduled for the first weekend of June. We'll make a decision about whether we can safely hold that administration as soon as it is feasible, given the evolving public health situation.*
- *We'll add U.S. and international test administrations in response to canceled administrations. We'll be flexible in making the SAT available in school and out of school as soon as the public health situation allows. We're looking at a range of creative solutions to address increased demand and are in direct conversations with states and districts about School Day administrations. Throughout, we'll continue to place a special focus on students with fee waivers and those with accommodations.*
- *Students can stay sharp and get personalized practice support online for free with Khan Academy.*
- *If, unfortunately, schools cannot reopen this fall, we're pursuing innovative means to ensure all students can still take the SAT this fall. We'll provide updates about those plans if they become necessary.*

From the research that AISC HS Counselors have done so far, it appears that universities all around the world are considering approaches to future admissions with greater flexibility, specifically regarding standardized testing requirements and transcripts marks for the 2nd Semester of the 2019-2020 school year. Although this is a time of great uncertainty, we are hopeful that the empathetic, positive, and flexible responses from universities will help to decrease anxiety around future university admissions.

Remember that the high school counselors are here to support you with any questions or concerns that you might have. Please let us know, and we would be happy to set up a time to meet with you virtually.

Best regards,
Susannah and Josiah