

To: DGS Seniors and Parents/Guardians

When it comes to college applications the past year, only one thing is for sure: Every single college/university has created their own admissions criteria and testing policy relative to what they deem necessary for admission. Specific to standardized test score requirements, it is impossible to give a blanket statement on how to proceed with this year's eternal question, "Should I send my SAT (or ACT) score, or not"? However, we want to provide you with some tips and general advice when it comes to sending test scores; in particular we want to address your four free score sends you are allotted on this Wednesday's SAT exam. See below for the information.

Sincerely,
~The DGS College/Career Center

Test-Optional Admissions Policies

Many colleges are "test-optional" for applicants from the graduating class of 2022. Here is a [list of test optional colleges](#). But ALWAYS check the college's website for the most up-to-date information.

Q: Should I send a test score, even if the college is test-optional?

A: Generally, if your test score is an accurate depiction of who you are as a student, yes. If not, or if you're unsure, consider applying test-optional, or ask your counselor.

Q: What about merit-based institutional scholarships?

A: Check the college website. Some colleges do want a test score to be considered for scholarships, others do not.

Q: If I apply test-optional can I change my selection after I see my score?

A: It depends on the college. Some colleges will let you change from test-optional to test-score considered after you have applied, but many will not. Plan ahead and know what you want to do before 10/14.

Using the four free score sends on the SAT

Do your research ahead of time. Know the colleges to which you are applying and what they require.

Q: Should I utilize my four free score sends on this Wednesday's SAT?

A: If you know you want to (or have to) send a test score, regardless of score, yes utilize your score sends. It is free and otherwise costs \$12 per send if you send after the test.

A: If you are worried about your score and don't want colleges to see it before you do then don't utilize your score sends. However, note how you complete your application; some colleges lock you in to your test-optional choice, so however you submit your application you must abide by that choice.

A: If a college requires test scores, but you will not be utilizing the free score sends, make sure you abide by deadlines to give yourself enough time to send your score once it arrives.

A: Consider sending your score to College of DuPage if you are thinking of attending. COD will waive you from reading/writing placement tests with an SAT score of 950+.

Q: What if I want to send my scores after I know what my score is?

A: Log into your CollegeBoard account and send your scores electronically. There is a \$12 charge per college to which you send. If you qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch contact Ms. Lichaj for a fee waiver. Make sure all scores arrive by the college's deadline.

Q: Do I need to send my test score if I am self-reporting my score?

A: You may not need to submit it for admission; check the college's website first. Many colleges may require you to send an official score from SAT or ACT as proof, if you choose to attend before mid July.

Preparation for test day

Memorize or write down your college codes if you are planning on utilizing score sends.

[List of SAT college codes](#)

[Other COVID-related admissions and testing Q&A](#)