

290+ “Top Tier” Schools that Deemphasize the ACT/SAT in Admissions Decisions per U.S. News & World Report *Best Colleges Guide* (2018 Edition)

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National Liberal Arts Colleges

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| 3. Bowdoin College (ME) | 65. Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY) | 112. Drew University (NJ) |
| 6. Middlebury College (VT) “Test Flexible” | 68. Earlham College (IN) | 112. Goucher College (MD) |
| 12. Colby College (ME) “Test Flexible” | 68. University of Puget Sound (WA) | 112. Hanover College (IN) |
| 12. Smith College (MA) | 71. Knox College (IL) | 117. Ripon College (WI) |
| 18. Hamilton College (NY) “Test Flexible” | 71. Muhlenberg College (PA) | 117. Elizabethtown College (PA) |
| 21. Wesleyan University (CT) | 71. Wofford College (SC) | 117. Marlboro College (VT) |
| 23. Colorado College (CO) “Test Flexible” | 76. Beloit College (WI) | 123. Birmingham-Southern College (AL) |
| 23. Bates College (ME) | 76. Kalamazoo College (MI) | 123. Presbyterian College (SC) |
| 32. Bryn Mawr College (PA) | 76. Lewis and Clark (OR) | 128. Whittier College (CA) |
| 33. College of the Holy Cross (MA) | 76. St. John’s College (NM) | 134. McDaniel College (MD) |
| 33. Pitzer College (CA) | 76. Wheaton College (MA) | 134. Siena College (NY) |
| 36. Mount Holyoke College (MA) | 82. Allegheny College (PA) | 138. Illinois College (IL) |
| 36. Union College (NY) | 82. Willamette University (OR) | 138. Roanoke College (VA) |
| 39. Franklin and Marshall College (PA) | 85. Gustavus Adolphus (MN) | 141. Hiram College (OH) |
| 41. Sewanee -- University of the South (TN) | 87. Bennington College (VT) | 141. Susquehanna University (PA) |
| 41. Skidmore College (NY) | 87. Cornell College (IA) | 147. Bard College at Simon’s Rock (MA) |
| 41. Whitman College (WA) | 87. Transylvania University (KY) | 147. Houghton College (NY) |
| 44. Trinity College (CT) | 93. Austin College (TX) | 147. Lycoming College (PA) |
| 46. Bard College (NY) | 93. College of the Atlantic (ME) | 147. William Jewell College (MO) |
| 46. Connecticut College (CT) | 93. Ursinus College (PA) | 158. Doane University (NB) |
| 46. Denison University (OH) | 96. Washington College (MD) | 158. Wittenberg University (OH) |
| 46. Gettysburg College (PA) | 101. Augustana College (IL) | 160. Guilford College (NC) |
| 51. Dickinson College (PA) | 101. Lake Forest College (IL) | 160. Warren Wilson College (NC) |
| 53. Furman University (SC) | 101. Ohio Wesleyan University (OH) | 163. Carthage College (WI) |
| 53. St. John’s College (MD) | 106. Juniata College (PA) | 165. Elmira College (NY) |
| 53. Sarah Lawrence College (NY) | 106. St. Anselm College (NH) | 165. Hartwick College (NY) |
| 58. St. Lawrence University (NY) | 106. St. Michael’s College (VT) | 168. College of Idaho (ID) |
| 58. Lawrence University (WI) | 106. Washington & Jefferson College (PA) | 168. Wells College (NY) |
| 61. Agnes Scott College (GA) | 111. Stonehill College (MA) | |

-- Not ranked due to “Test-Blind” policy – Hampshire College (MA) --

National Universities

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| 27. Wake Forest University (NC) | 145. Kansas State University (KS) |
| 30. New York University (NY) “Test Flexible” | 145. University of Mississippi (MS) |
| 34. Brandeis University (MA) | 145. Univ. of Texas – Dallas (TX) “Top 10%” |
| 34. University of Rochester (NY) “Test Flexible” | 156. University of Massachusetts – Lowell (MA) |
| 56. George Washington University (DC) | 165. Immaculata University (PA) |
| 56. Univ. of Texas – Austin (TX) “Top 8%” | 165. Maryville University of St. Louis (MO) |
| 61. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA) | 165. St. John’s University (NY) |
| 69. American University (DC) | 171. Mississippi State University (MS) |
| 69. Texas A & M (TX) “Top 10%” | 171. Rowan University (NJ) |
| 81. Clark University (MA) | 171. Virginia Commonwealth University (VA) |
| 81. University of Delaware (DE) | 176. University of Hartford (CT) |
| 94. Drexel University (PA) “Test Flexible” | 176. Texas Tech University (TX) “Top 10%” |
| 115. Arizona State University (AZ) | 187. Montclair State University (NJ) |
| 115. Temple University (PA) | 192. University of Houston (TX) “Top 10%” |
| 120. DePaul University (IL) | 202. University of Nevada – Reno (NV) |
| 120. Duquesne University (PA) | 202. California State University – Fullerton (CA) |
| 120. The Catholic University of America (DC) | 202. University of Massachusetts – Boston (MA) |
| 124. University of Arizona (AZ) | 207. University of Alaska – Fairbanks (AK) |
| 132. Hofstra University (NY) | 216. South Dakota State University (SD) |
| 133. New School (NY) | 223. California State University – Fresno (CA) |
| 140. George Mason University (VA) | 223. University of South Dakota (SD) |
| 140. Washington State University (WA) “Top 10%” | |

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Regional Universities – North

1. Providence College (RI)
3. Fairfield University (CT)
4. Loyola University (MD)
6. University of Scranton (PA)
7. Emerson College (MA)
8. Ithaca College (NY)
9. Marist College (NY)
10. Bryant University (RI)
11. Saint Joseph’s University (PA)
13. Quinnipiac University (CT)
17. Le Moyne College (NY)
24. Lebanon Valley College (PA)
28. Assumption College (MA)
28. Hood College (MD)
28. Nazareth College (NY)
34. Endicott College (MA)
34. La Salle University (PA)
37. Roger Williams University (RI)
37. Salve Regina University (RI)
37. Wagner College (NY)
41. Sacred Heart University (CT)
48. Mercyhurst University (PA)
48. Niagara University (NY)
56. Merrimack College (MA)
56. Notre Dame of Maryland University (MD)
62. King’s College (PA)
64. DeSales University (PA)
64. Johnson and Wales University (RI)
64. Western New England University (MA)
75. Chatham University (PA)
78. Salisbury University (MD)
78. University of Saint Joseph (CT)
86. Eastern Connecticut State University (CT)
86. Norwich University (VT)
86. Southern New Hampshire University (NH)
91. College of Saint Rose (NY)
91. SUNY Potsdam (NY)
94. Millersville Univ. of Pennsylvania (PA)
97. Saint Peter’s University (NJ)
97. The Sage Colleges (NY)
97. Wheelock College (MA)
102. Bay Path University (MA)
102. Bridgewater State University (MA)
102. Manhattanville College (NY)
102. Point Park University (PA)
115. Plymouth State University (NH)
116. Worcester State University (MA)
120. Cabrini University (PA)
120. Keuka College (NY)
120. Western Connecticut State University (CT)
130. Daemen College (NY)
130. Lasell College (MA)
130. Utica College (NY)
136. St. Joseph’s College (ME)

Regional Universities -- South

2. Rollins College (FL)
 6. Stetson University (FL)
 7. James Madison University (VA)
 11. Christopher Newport University (VA)
 12. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. (FL)
 17. University of Mary Washington (VA)
 21. Hampton University (VA)
 43. Radford University (VA)
 52. Jacksonville University (FL)
 52. Keiser University (FL)
 52. Marymount University (VA)
 52. Mississippi University for Women (MS)
 57. Brenau University (GA)
 57. Columbia College (SC)
 61. St. Leo University (FL)
 80. St. Thomas University (FL)
 87. Pfeiffer University (NC)
 89. King University (TN)
 95. Lynn University (FL)
 106. Amridge University (AL)
- Regional Universities – Midwest**
3. Drake University (IA)
 9. University of Evansville (IN)
 18. Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
 51. Robert Morris University (IL)
 64. Walsh University (OH)
 75. MidAmerica Nazarene University (KS)
 87. Northwest Missouri State University (MO)
 93. Tiffin University (OH)
 99. Northern State University (SD)
 109. Wayne State College (NE)
 118. Dakota State University (SD)
 122. Emporia State University (KS)
- Regional Universities – West**
8. Whitworth University (WA)
 9. Mills College (CA)
 31. California State Poly. -- Pomona (CA)
 35. San Jose State University (CA)
 37. California State U. – Chico (CA)
 39. California State U. – Long Beach (CA)
 44. La Sierra University (CA)
 47. California State U. – Monterey Bay (CA)
 47. Humboldt State University (CA)
 47. Northwest Nazarene University (ID)
 47. Walla Walla University (WA)
 55. California State U. – Stanislaus (CA)
 57. Sonoma State University (CA)
 59. California State U. – Los Angeles (CA)
 59. Hawaii Pacific University (HI)
 63. California State U. – San Bernadino (CA)
 66. California State U. – Channel Islands (CA)
 66. Woodbury University (CA)
 70. California State U. – Sacramento (CA)
 70. Texas A & M Int’l. Univ. (TX) “Top 10%”
 73. California State Univ. – Northridge (CA)
 73. Stephen F. Austin State U. (TX) “Top 10%”
 73. Western Oregon University (OR)
 76. California State U. – San Marcos (CA)
 76. University of Alaska – Anchorage (AK)
 81. Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OK)

81. West Texas A & M University (TX)
86. Eastern Washington University (WA)
86. Weber State University (UT)
90. University of Texas – Tyler (TX)
91. Midwestern State University (TX)
91. University of Texas – Permian Basin (TX)
94. California State U. – Bakersfield (CA)
95. University of North Texas (TX) “Top 10%”

Regional Colleges – North

7. Colby-Sawyer College (NH)
8. University of Maine – Farmington (ME)
11. Wilson College (PA)
12. Cazenovia College (NY)
13. Pennsylvania College of Technology (PA)
16. Unity College (ME)
17. SUNY College of Technology – Delhi (NY)
19. Vermont Technical College (VT)
19. Concordia College (NY)
22. Dean College (MA)
22. Paul Smith’s College (NY)
26. Keystone College (PA)
26. Mount Ida College (MA)
29. University of Maine – Presque Isle (ME)
31. University of Maine – Fort Kent (ME)
35. University of Valley Forge (PA)
36. Newbury College (MA)

Regional Colleges – South

1. High Point University (NC)
3. University of the Ozarks (AR)
4. Catawba College (NC)
8. Belmont Abbey College (NC)
19. Lees-McRae College (NC)
21. Brevard College (NC)
21. Florida Memorial University (FL)
25. Bennett College (NC)
26. Welch College (TN)
36. Everglades University (FL)
41. Point University (GA)
45. Warner University (FL)
50. Georgia Gwinnett College (GA)
55. University of Holy Cross (LA)

Regional Colleges – Midwest

25. Manchester University (IN)
42. Ottawa University (KS)
44. Olivet College (MI)
51. Dickinson State University (ND)
54. Midland University (NB)
56. Dunwoody College of Technology (MN)

Regional Colleges – West

3. California State U. -- Maritime (CA)
6. Oregon Institute of Technology (OR)
15. Marymount California University (CA)
16. East Texas Baptist University (TX)
19. St. Gregory’s University (OK)
21. Southwestern Christian University (OK)
23. Lewis-Clark State University (ID)
25. University of Hawaii – Oahu (HI)