

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING: 2020 COVID IMPACT UPDATE

Brookline High School

TEST-OPTIONAL

More and more colleges are becoming test-optional for the next year and beyond.

For the complete list, go to [fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)

- Some majors still require SAT/ACT, so please check college websites
- def test optional v. test blind

UMASS AMHERST

We have analyzed three years of data and more than 100,000 applicant records to develop a formula for our test-optional assessment that uses the re-calculated high school GPA as the base. For applicants who either have or will submit test scores, we will compare the result of the formula with and without the test score included and give the applicant the highest value of the two.

<u>College</u>	<u>Apply</u>	<u>Accept</u>	<u>Attend</u>
UMass Amherst	274	168	39
Boston University	139	56	18
University of Vermont	89	54	5
UMass Boston	89	47	17
Northeastern University	161	45	21
New York University	85	30	6
UMass Lowell	56	30	6
Brandeis University	63	22	10
George Washington University	64	21	5
American University	47	20	4
Tufts University	84	13	12
Boston College	55	12	4
Clark University	38	12	1

TESTS STILL REQUIRED

From
[https://www.compassprep.com/
college-profiles/](https://www.compassprep.com/college-profiles/)

Howard University
Morehouse College

United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
The Citadel

Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International
Florida State University
New College of Florida
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of South Florida

University of Alabama
Arizona State University, Tempe
Western Kentucky
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
Eastern Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of South Dakota
University of Texas, El Paso
University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
University of Wyoming

TESTING DATES

ACT: almost every Sat in Sept & Oct

SAT: BHS-specific date, 10/14 (BHS seniors only, prioritizing seniors with no tests)

Colleges are aware of the testing situation



GRADES AND GPA

BHS will not report GPA on the transcript

You will see your “working” GPA on Naviance, but it will not be reported to colleges

Colleges will get your transcript & calculate GPA themselves

Our GPA policy for this year will be explained on the School Profile

We are asking you to not report your GPA to colleges

COLLEGES WILL USE
HOLISTIC &
CONTEXTUAL REVIEW
THIS YEAR

COMMON APPLICATION ([HTTP://WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG](http://www.commonapp.org))

Same essay topics as last year (650 word limit). Below are some popular topics:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

COMMON APPLICATION ([HTTP://WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG](http://www.commonapp.org))

New 250 word essay topic: “Community disruptions such as Covid-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.”

Natural disasters and emergency situations like the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted the lives of many students and their families. While entirely **optional**, you may share information here regarding how any of these events have affected you or your family circumstances.

Check all of the following that apply to you:

- I had inconsistent or unreliable access to the Internet and/or a computer, laptop, or tablet.
- I lost my job or was no longer able to work.
- At least one parent/guardian lost their job or was unable to work.
- I was considered an essential worker (e.g. healthcare worker, grocery store employee, public transportation driver, first responder, sanitation worker, etc.) and was required to work.
- At least one parent/guardian was considered an essential worker .
- My community had a curfew affecting the hours I could travel, use electricity, or access the Internet.
- My home responsibilities (e.g. childcare, elder care, etc.) substantially increased or changed.
- My health was affected.
- A member of my household's health was affected.
- None of these apply to me.
- I would like to provide additional information.

Please provide any additional information you would like to share regarding how these events have affected you or your family. (300 words max) *

ACTIVITIES SECTION, MESSAGE FROM ADMISSIONS

Admissions are living it as well. We are in it together. We understand that most of your activities were suspended.

RESEARCHING COLLEGES REMOTELY

COVID-19 has caused campuses to cancel classes, tours and admitted students days. However, there are a lot of online resources available to learn as much as you can in the meantime.

What you can do now from home:

- Sign up for college newsletters and updates
- Open every email from the colleges you are interested in and click on the links
- Reach out to your admissions officers to establish contact and get any questions you have answered
- Attend Upcoming Virtual College Admission Events including tours and information sessions - [Click on this google doc to view a growing list of colleges](#) who have moved their tours and/or information sessions online in the coming weeks.
- Attend NACAC Virtual College Fairs on 10/12, 10/18 and 11/18

BHS COLLEGE VISITS

9/ 21 - 11/ 9

4 pm - 8 pm

BHS Calendars

bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/
calendars.html

College Visits

SEPTEMBER

Mon 21

04:00PM

University of Massachusetts-Lowell

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 21

04:40PM

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 21

05:20PM

University of Southern Maine

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 21

06:00PM

University of Tampa

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 21

06:40PM

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 21

07:20PM

Bryn Mawr College

📍 Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

IMPORTANT THIS YEAR

Grades for senior year (GPA not reported)

Recommendations (Teachers & Counselor)

Personal Essays

Interviews, if available

TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

Available through your Counselor's Canvas page by end of the week

Your counselor has 4 weeks to write the recommendation after you submit the release form

Please submit Self_Description_Form (Naviance: About Me: Surveys) and [Parent Brag Sheet](#)

DIFFERENT TIMELINES...

DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF
SUCCESS...

WE WILL HELP YOU FIND THE
RIGHT FIT!!!!