

## 280+ “Top Tier” Schools that Deemphasize the ACT/SAT in Admissions Decisions per U.S. News & World Report *Best Colleges Guide* (2017 Edition)

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### National Liberal Arts Colleges

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| 4. Middlebury College (VT) “Test Flexible”  | 65. Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY) | 113. Goucher College (MD)              |
| 6. Bowdoin College (ME)                     | 65. Muhlenberg College (PA)                | 113. Ripon College (WI)                |
| 12. Colby College (ME) “Test Flexible”      | 68. Earlham College (IN)                   | 115. Elizabethtown College (PA)        |
| 12. Hamilton College (NY) “Test Flexible”   | 68. Kalamazoo College (MI)                 | 115. St. Anselm College (NH)           |
| 12. Smith College (MA)                      | 70. Agnes Scott College (GA)               | 119. Presbyterian College (SC)         |
| 21. Wesleyan University (CT)                | 70. University of Puget Sound (WA)         | 122. Hanover College (IN)              |
| 24. Colorado College (CO) “Test Flexible”   | 72. Willamette University (OR)             | 122. Siena College (NY)                |
| 27. Bates College (ME)                      | 77. Allegheny College (PA)                 | 128. Illinois College (IL)             |
| 31. Bryn Mawr College (PA)                  | 77. Gustavus Adolphus (MN)                 | 128. Marlboro College (VT)             |
| 32. College of the Holy Cross (MA)          | 77. Knox College (IL)                      | 128. McDaniel College (MD)             |
| 32. Pitzer College (CA)                     | 77. Wheaton College (MA)                   | 132. Birmingham-Southern College (AL)  |
| 36. Mount Holyoke College (MA)              | 77. Wofford College (SC)                   | 132. Susquehanna University (PA)       |
| 38. Skidmore College (NY)                   | 83. College of the Atlantic (ME)           | 132. Whittier College (CA)             |
| 38. Trinity College (CT)                    | 83. St. John’s College (NM)                | 140. Roanoke College (VA)              |
| 38. Union College (NY)                      | 83. Transylvania University (KY)           | 144. Bard College at Simon’s Rock (MA) |
| 41. Dickinson College (PA)                  | 87. Lewis and Clark (OR)                   | 144. Houghton College (NY)             |
| 41. Whitman College (WA)                    | 90. Bennington College (VT)                | 146. Guilford College (NC)             |
| 47. Franklin and Marshall College (PA)      | 90. Cornell College (IA)                   | 149. Doane University (NB)             |
| 47. Sewanee -- University of the South (TN) | 95. Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)          | 149. Hiram College (OH)                |
| 49. Bard College (NY)                       | 95. Ursinus College (PA)                   | 154. Carthage College (WI)             |
| 50. Connecticut College (CT)                | 99. Augustana College (IL)                 | 154. Lycoming College (PA)             |
| 51. Denison University (OH)                 | 99. St. Michael’s College (VT)             | 154. William Jewell College (MO)       |
| 51. Gettysburg College (PA)                 | 99. Washington College (MD)                | 154. Wittenberg University (OH)        |
| 53. Furman University (SC)                  | 99. Washington & Jefferson College (PA)    | 159. Hartwick College (NY)             |
| 53. St. John’s College (MD)                 | 105. Austin College (TX)                   | 159. Warren Wilson College (NC)        |
| 53. St. Lawrence University (NY)            | 108. Drew University (NJ)                  | 168. College of Idaho (ID)             |
| 59. Sarah Lawrence College (NY)             | 108. Juniata College (PA)                  | 174. Elmira College (NY)               |
| 60. Lawrence University (WI)                | 108. Lake Forest College (IL)              | 174. Northland College (WI)            |
| 62. Beloit College (WI)                     | 108. Stonehill College (MA)                | 174. Wells College (NY)                |

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

### National Universities

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| 27. Wake Forest University (NC)                  | 135. Kansas State University (KS)                 |
| 32. University of Rochester (NY) “Test Flexible” | 135. University of Mississippi (MS)               |
| 34. Brandeis University (MA)                     | 143. George Mason University (VA)                 |
| 36. New York University (NY) “Test Flexible”     | 143. Washington State University (WA) “Top 10%”   |
| 56. Univ. of Texas – Austin (TX) “Top 8%”        | 146. Univ. of Texas – Dallas (TX) “Top 10%”       |
| 56. George Washington University (DC)            | 152. Immaculata University (PA)                   |
| 60. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)         | 152. University of Massachusetts – Lowell (MA)    |
| 74. Texas A & M (TX) “Top 10%”                   | 164. Maryville University of St. Louis (MO)       |
| 74. American University (DC)                     | 164. St. John’s University (NY)                   |
| 74. Clark University (MA)                        | 164. Virginia Commonwealth University (VA)        |
| 79. University of Delaware (DE)                  | 176. Mississippi State University (MS)            |
| 96. Drexel University (PA) “Test Flexible”       | 176. Montclair State University (NJ)              |
| 118. Temple University (PA)                      | 197. University of Nevada – Reno (NV)             |
| 124. DePaul University (IL)                      | 202. California State University – Fullerton (CA) |
| 124. Duquesne University (PA)                    | 202. University of Alaska – Fairbanks (AK)        |
| 124. The Catholic University of America (DC)     | 202. University of South Dakota (SD)              |
| 124. University of Arizona (AZ)                  | 210. Old Dominion University (VA)                 |
| 129. Arizona State University (AZ)               | 220. California State University – Fresno (CA)    |
| 129. New School (NY)                             | 220. University of Southern Mississippi (MS)      |
| 133. Hofstra University (NY)                     |   |

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**Regional Universities – North**

1. Providence College (RI)
2. Fairfield University (CT)
3. Loyola University (MD)
6. Ithaca College (NY)
6. University of Scranton (PA)
8. Emerson College (MA)
9. Marist College (NY)
9. Bryant University (RI)
11. Quinnipiac University (CT)
11. Saint Joseph’s University (PA)
16. Le Moyne College (NY)
20. Rowan University (NJ)
23. Assumption College (MA)
23. Lebanon Valley College (PA)
32. Salve Regina University (RI)
35. La Salle University (PA)
35. Roger Williams University (RI)
35. Wagner College (NY)
38. Hood College (MD)
38. Nazareth College (NY)
44. Niagara University (NY)
44. Sacred Heart University (CT)
51. Endicott College (MA)
51. Notre Dame of Maryland University (MD)
57. King’s College (PA)
57. Merrimack College (MA)
61. DeSales University (PA)
61. Mercyhurst University (PA)
67. College of Saint Rose (NY)
67. Johnson and Wales University (RI)
67. Salisbury University (MD)
67. Western New England University (MA)
72. Chatham University (PA)
80. Norwich University (VT)
85. Eastern Connecticut State University (CT)
85. The Sage Colleges (NY)
85. Wheelock College (MA)
91. University of Saint Joseph (CT)
95. Millersville University of Pennsylvania (PA)
95. SUNY Potsdam (NY)
99. Saint Peter’s University (NJ)
101. Southern New Hampshire University (NH)
104. Plymouth State University (NH)
110. Point Park University (PA)
114. Western Connecticut State University (CT)
118. Bridgewater State University (MA)
118. Worcester State University (MA)
122. Bay Path University (MA)
122. Utica College (NY)
131. Cabrini University (PA)
131. East Stroudsburg University (PA)
131. Keuka College (NY)
131. Lasell College (MA)
137. Rhode Island College (RI)
137. St. Joseph’s College (ME)

**Regional Universities -- South**

2. Rollins College (FL)
5. Stetson University (FL)
8. James Madison University (VA)
12. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)
14. Christopher Newport University (VA)
16. University of Mary Washington (VA)
18. Hampton University (VA)
43. Marymount University (VA)
43. Mississippi University for Women (MS)
47. Radford University (VA)
52. Brenau University (GA)
58. St. Thomas University (FL)
62. Jacksonville University (FL)
62. St. Leo University (FL)
84. Pfeiffer University (NC)
91. King University (TN)
91. Lynn University (FL)

**Regional Universities – Midwest**

3. Drake University (IA)
8. University of Evansville (IN)
15. Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
28. Saint Joseph’s College (IN)
49. Walsh University (OH)
74. Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OK)
94. Northwest Missouri State University (MO)
94. Robert Morris University (IL)
94. Wayne State College (NE)
108. Emporia State University (KS)
115. Lake Erie College (OH)
115. MidAmerica Nazarene University (KS)

**Regional Universities – West**

5. Mills College (CA)
11. Whitworth University (WA)
31. California State Poly. -- Pomona (CA)
33. San Jose State University (CA)
35. California State U. – Long Beach (CA)
37. California State U. – Chico (CA)
41. Sonoma State University (CA)
44. Northwest Nazarene University (ID)
50. La Sierra University (CA)
52. Humboldt State University (CA)
52. Walla Walla University (WA)
58. California State U. – Monterey Bay (CA)
58. Woodbury University (CA)
61. California State U. – Los Angeles (CA)
61. California State U. – San Bernadino (CA)
61. California State U. – Stanislaus (CA)
61. Eastern Washington University (WA)
61. Hawaii Pacific University (HI)
67. Western Oregon University (OR)
68. California State Univ. – Northridge (CA)
73. University of Alaska – Anchorage (AK)
76. Weber State University (UT)
82. California State U. – Channel Islands (CA)
82. California State U. – Sacramento (CA)
82. Midwestern State University (TX)
88. California State U. – San Marcos (CA)
88. University of Texas – Tyler (TX)
91. West Texas A & M University (TX)
93. University of Texas – Permian Basin (TX)

**Regional Colleges – North**

7. University of Maine – Farmington (ME)
8. Cazenovia College (NY)
13. Pennsylvania College of Technology (PA)
13. Wilson College (PA)
15. Vermont Technical College (VT)
15. Unity College (ME)
19. SUNY College of Technology – Delhi (NY)
19. Dean College (MA)
22. Concordia College (NY)
23. University of Maine – Fort Kent (ME)
26. Monroe College (NY)
27. Mount Ida College (MA)
27. University of Maine – Presque Isle (ME)
29. Keystone College (PA)
31. Paul Smith’s College (NY)
33. University of Valley Forge (PA)

**Regional Colleges – South**

1. High Point University (NC)
3. University of the Ozarks (AR)
4. Catawba College (NC)
9. Bennett College (NC)
10. Belmont Abbey College (NC)
22. Brevard College (NC)
23. Florida Memorial University (FL)
23. Keiser University (FL)
23. Lees-McRae College (NC)
31. Welch College (TN)
42. Warner University (FL)
45. Point University (GA)
47. Columbia College (SC)
32. Everglades University (FL)
52. Chipola College (FL)
52. Georgia Gwinnett College (GA)
56. University of Holy Cross (LA)

**Regional Colleges – Midwest**

43. Dickinson State University (ND)
46. Olivet College (MI)
47. Ottawa University (KS)
48. Midland University (NB)
50. Dunwoody College of Technology (MN)
56. Bismarck State College (ND)

**Regional Colleges – West**

3. Oregon Institute of Technology (OR)
10. California Maritime Academy (CA)
10. East Texas Baptist University (TX)
17. St. Gregory’s University (OK)
18. Marymount California University (CA)
22. Southwestern Christian University (OK)
23. Lewis-Clark State University (ID)
31. University of Houston – Downtown (TX)