

335+ “Top Tier” Schools that Deemphasize the ACT/SAT in Admissions Decisions per U.S. News & World Report *Best Colleges Guide* (2019 Edition)

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National Liberal Arts Colleges

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| 5. Bowdoin College (ME) | 65. Sarah Lawrence College (NY) | 108. Whittier College (CA) |
| 5. Middlebury College (VT) “Test Flexible” | 68. Beloit College (WI) | 113. Elizabethtown College (PA) |
| 11. Smith College (MA) | 68. Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY) | 113. Hanover College (IN) |
| 16. Hamilton College (NY) “Test Flexible” | 68. Knox College (IL) | 116. Drew University (NJ) |
| 18. Colby College (ME) | 68. Lewis & Clark (OR) | 116. Goucher College (MD) |
| 18. Wesleyan University (CT) | 72. St. John’s College (NM) | 116. Marlboro College (VT) |
| 22. Bates College (ME) | 72. University of Puget Sound (WA) | 116. St. Michael’s College (VT) |
| 27. Bryn Mawr College (PA) | 72. Wofford College (SC) | 120. Ripon College (WI) |
| 27. Colorado College (CO) “Test Flexible” | 76. Allegheny College (PA) | 121. McDaniel College (MD) |
| 30. Mount Holyoke College (MA) | 76. Transylvania University (KY) | 124. Stonehill College (MA) |
| 35. College of the Holy Cross (MA) | 76. Willamette University (OR) | 127. Presbyterian College (SC) |
| 36. Bucknell University (PA) | 81. Cornell College (IA) | 127. Sweet Briar College (VA) |
| 36. Franklin and Marshall College (PA) | 81. Earlham College (IN) | 131. Birmingham-Southern College (AL) |
| 39. Union College (NY) | 81. Muhlenberg College (PA) | 131. College of Idaho (ID) |
| 41. Pitzer College (CA) | 86. Juniata College (PA) | 131. Lycoming College (PA) |
| 41. Skidmore College (NY) | 86. Wheaton College (MA) | 135. Roanoke College (VA) |
| 43. Denison University (OH) | 90. Gustavus Adolphus (MN) | 135. Siena College (NY) |
| 43. Whitman College (WA) | 90. Ursinus College (PA) | 135. Simpson College (IA) |
| 46. Connecticut College (CT) | 90. Southwestern University (TX) | 135. Susquehanna University (PA) |
| 46. Trinity College (CT) | 95. Augustana College (IL) | 143. Alma College (MI) |
| 49. Gettysburg College (PA) | 95. Bennington College (VT) | 143. Houghton College (NY) |
| 49. Sewanee – University of the South (TN) | 95. College of the Atlantic (ME) | 143. Illinois College (IL) |
| 51. Agnes Scott College (GA) | 95. Ohio Wesleyan University (OH) | 143. Warren Wilson College (NC) |
| 51. Dickinson College (PA) | 95. St. Anselm College (NH) | 155. Doane University (NB) |
| 51. Furman University (SC) | 95. St. Mary’s College (IN) | 155. Elmira College (NY) |
| 56. Bard College (NY) | 103. Austin College (TX) | 155. Hiram College (OH) |
| 56. DePauw University (IN) | 103. Lake Forest College (IL) | 155. William Jewell College (MO) |
| 56. Lawrence University (WI) | 103. Washington & Jefferson College (PA) | 162. Northland College (WI) |
| 56. St. Lawrence University (NY) | 108. Linfield College (OR) | 168. Guilford College (NC) |
| 61. St. John’s College (MD) | 108. Washington College (MD) | 168. Wittenberg University (OH) |
| 65. Kalamazoo College (MI) | | 172. Purchase College – SUNY (NY) |

National Universities

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| 3. University of Chicago (IL) | 147. Kansas State University (KS) |
| 27. Wake Forest University (NC) | 147. New School (NY) |
| 30. New York University (NY) “Test Flexible” | 152. University of Mississippi (MS) |
| 33. University of Rochester (NY) “Test Flexible” | 152. St. John’s University (NY) |
| 35. Brandeis University (MA) | 157. University of Massachusetts – Lowell (MA) |
| 49. Univ. of Texas – Austin (TX) “Top 8%” | 157. Virginia Commonwealth University (VA) |
| 59. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA) | 169. Montclair State University (NJ) |
| 63. George Washington University (DC) | 171. Ball State University (IN) |
| 66. Clark University (MA) | 171. Rowan University (NJ) |
| 66. Texas A & M (TX) “Top 10%” | 171. University of Houston (TX) “Top 10%” |
| 78. American University (DC) | 177. Maryville University of St. Louis (MO) |
| 89. Marquette University | 177. Mississippi State University (MS) |
| 89. University of Delaware (DE) | 183. Immaculata University (PA) |
| 96. University of Denver (CO) | 187. Texas Tech University (TX) ‘Top 10%’ |
| 96. University of San Francisco (CA) | 191. University of Massachusetts – Boston (MA) |
| 102. Drexel University (PA) “Test Flexible” | 194. University of Hartford (CT) |
| 106. Temple University (PA) | 201. University of Nevada – Reno (NV) |
| 106. University of Arizona (AZ) | 205. Azusa Pacific University (CA) |
| 106. University of New Hampshire (NH) | 205. California State University – Fresno (CA) |
| 115. Arizona State University (AZ) | 215. Old Dominion University (VA) |
| 119. DePaul University (IL) | 215. University of Alaska – Fairbanks (AK) |
| 119. Duquesne University (PA) | 215. University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth (MA) |
| 129. The Catholic University of America (DC) | 221. California State University – Fullerton (CA) |
| 129. Univ. of Texas – Dallas (TX) “Top 10%” | 221. University of Texas – Arlington (TX) |
| 136. George Mason University (VA) | 226. South Dakota State University (SD) |
| 140. Hofstra University (NY) | 226. University of South Dakota (SD) |
| 140. Washington State University (WA) “Top 10%” | |

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Regional Universities – North

1. Fairfield University (CT)
2. Providence College (RI)
5. Loyola University (MD)
6. Emerson College (MA)
6. University of Scranton (PA)
8. Marist College (NY)
9. Ithaca College (NY)
10. Bryant University (RI)
12. Saint Joseph's University (PA)
13. Quinnipiac University (CT)
17. Le Moyne College (NY)
24. Lebanon Valley College (PA)
25. Endicott College (MA)
28. Assumption College (MA)
28. Salve Regina University (RI)
28. Springfield College (MA)
35. La Salle University (PA)
35. Nazareth College (NY)
35. Rider University (NJ)
35. Sacred Heart University (CT)
35. Stockton University (NJ)
43. Hood College (MD)
43. Niagara University (NY)
43. Roger Williams University (RI)
43. Wagner College (NY)
50. Merrimack College (MA)
50. Seton Hill University (PA)
55. DeSales University (PA)
55. King's College (PA)
55. University of Saint Joseph (CT)
62. Chatham University (PA)
62. Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ)
68. Mercyhurst University (PA)
68. Western New England University (MA)
74. Eastern University (PA)
74. Johnson & Wales University (RI)
74. Norwich University (VT)
74. University of New England (ME)
81. Champlain College (VT)
81. Keene State College (NH)
81. Notre Dame of Maryland University (MD)
81. Saint Peter's University (NJ)
87. Salisbury University (MD)
87. SUNY Potsdam (NY)
90. Monroe College (NY)
93. Eastern Connecticut State University (CT)
93. Roberts Wesleyan College (NY)
93. The Sage Colleges (NY)
93. William Paterson University (NJ)
99. College of Saint Rose (NY)
99. Manhattanville College (NY)
103. Millersville Univ. of Pennsylvania (PA)
105. Bay Path University (MA)
105. Point Park University (PA)
112. Keuka College (NY)
112. Southern New Hampshire University (NH)
117. Bridgewater State University (MA)
117. Worcester State University (MA)
120. Utica College (NY)
123. Framingham State University (MA)
126. Lasell College (MA)
126. Rosemont College (PA)
132. Cabrini University (PA)
132. Daemen College (NY)
132. Plymouth State University (NH)
137. Fitchburg State University (MA)

Regional Universities – South

2. Rollins College (FL)
5. Stetson University (FL)
6. James Madison University (VA)
10. Christopher Newport University (VA)
14. Asbury University (KY)
15. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. (FL)
19. University of Mary Washington (VA)
27. Hampton University (VA)
46. Radford University (VA)
47. Brenau University (GA)
47. Saint Leo University (FL)
52. Columbia College (SC)
56. Jacksonville University (FL)
56. Keiser University (FL)
58. Marymount University (VA)
58. Mississippi University for Women (MS)
71. King University (TN)
78. Pfeiffer University (NC)
78. Virginia State University (VA)
85. St. Thomas University (FL)
100. Lynn University (FL)
102. Arkansas Tech (AR)

Regional Universities – Midwest

1. Creighton University (NB)
3. Drake University (IA)
7. University of Evansville (IN)
13. Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
17. Nebraska Wesleyan (NE)
20. Augsburg University (MN)
32. Robert Morris University (IL)
47. College of St. Scholastica (MN)
58. Walsh University (OH)
65. McKendree University (IL)
86. Northwest Missouri State University (MO)
88. MidAmerica Nazarene University (KS)
90. Ohio Dominican University (OH)
90. Southeast Missouri State University (MO)
90. Wayne State College (NE)
94. Concordia University (MN)
94. Ferris State University (MI)
101. Northern State University (SD)
106. Emporia State University (KS)
115. Siena Heights University (MI)
118. Dakota State University (SD)

Regional Universities – West

7. Mills College (CA)
8. Whitworth University (WA)
23. Pacific Lutheran University (WA)
26. California State U. – Long Beach (CA)
28. California State Poly. -- Pomona (CA)
33. San Jose State University (CA)
34. California State U. – Monterey Bay (CA)
35. Evergreen State College (WA)
41. California State U. – Chico (CA)
44. Walla Walla University (WA)
48. California State U. – Stanislaus (CA)
52. California State U. – Los Angeles (CA)
52. Northwest Nazarene University (ID)
54. California State U. – San Bernardino (CA)
54. Humboldt State University (CA)
54. La Sierra University (CA)
59. Texas A & M Int'l. Univ. (TX) "Top 10%"
59. Woodbury University (CA)
63. Western Oregon University (OR)
64. Alaska Pacific University (AK)
64. Sonoma State University (CA)
69. California State U. – Sacramento (CA)
69. Hawaii Pacific University (HI)

73. California State U. – Channel Islands (CA)
73. California State U. – Northridge (CA)
75. Stephen F. Austin State U. (TX) "Top 10%"
77. Eastern Washington University (WA)
81. University of Alaska – Anchorage (AK)
81. University of Texas – Tyler (TX)
81. West Texas A & M University (TX)
85. California State U. – San Marcos (CA)
85. Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OK)
88. California State U. – Dominguez Hills (CA)
88. University of Texas – Permian Basin (TX)
91. Prescott College (AZ)
94. California State U. – Bakersfield (CA)
94. Midwestern State University (TX)

Regional Colleges – North

7. Colby-Sawyer College (NH)
9. University of Maine – Farmington (ME)
11. Cazenovia College (NY)
12. Pennsylvania College of Technology (PA)
14. Paul Smith's College (NY)
16. Unity College (ME)
16. Wilson College (PA)
18. SUNY College of Technology – Delhi (NY)
19. Vermont Technical College (VT)
22. Concordia College (NY)
23. Dean College (MA)
25. Southern Vermont College (VT)
26. University of Valley Forge (PA)
29. Keystone College (PA)
31. Newbury College (MA)
31. University of Maine – Presque Isle (ME)
34. University of Maine – Fort Kent (ME)

Regional Colleges – South

1. High Point University (NC)
2. Flagler College (FL)
3. University of the Ozarks (AR)
4. Catawba College (NC)
13. Welch College (TN)
18. Belmont Abbey College (NC)
20. Florida Memorial University (FL)
22. University of Holy Cross (LA)
27. Lees-McRae College (NC)
33. South Florida State College (FL)
34. Bennett College (NC)
40. Brevard College (NC)
45. Point University (GA)
52. Everglades University (FL)
52. Georgia Gwinnett College (GA)
55. Warner University (FL)
58. Pensacola State College (FL)

Regional Colleges – Midwest

26. Manchester University (IN)
30. Dunwoody College of Technology (MN)
36. University of Minnesota – Crookston (MN)
44. Ottawa University (KS)
48. Olivet College (MI)
52. Dickinson State University (ND)
56. Midland University (NB)

Regional Colleges – West

3. California State U. -- Maritime (CA)
5. Oregon Institute of Technology (OR)
15. Marymount California University (CA)
17. East Texas Baptist University (TX)
21. University of Hawaii – West Oahu (HI)
22. Cogswell College (CA)
24. Southwestern Christian University (OK)
26. Dixie State University (UT)