

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

National Universities

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| 3. University of Chicago (IL) | 145. Kansas State University (KS) |
| 27. Wake Forest University (NC) | 145. University of Mississippi (MS) |
| 30. New York University (NY) “Test Flexible” | 145. Univ. of Texas – Dallas (TX) “Top 10%” |
| 34. Brandeis University (MA) | 156. University of Massachusetts – Lowell (MA) |
| 34. University of Rochester (NY) “Test Flexible” | 165. Immaculata University (PA) |
| 56. George Washington University (DC) | 165. Maryville University of St. Louis (MO) |
| 56. Univ. of Texas – Austin (TX) “Top 8%” | 165. St. John’s University (NY) |
| 61. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA) | 171. Mississippi State University (MS) |
| 69. American University (DC) | 171. Rowan University (NJ) |
| 69. Texas A & M (TX) “Top 10%” | 171. Virginia Commonwealth University (VA) |
| 81. Clark University (MA) | 176. University of Hartford (CT) |
| 81. University of Delaware (DE) | 176. Texas Tech University (TX) “Top 10%” |
| 94. Drexel University (PA) “Test Flexible” | 187. Azusa Pacific University (CA) |
| 115. Arizona State University (AZ) | 187. Ball State University (IN) |
| 115. Temple University (PA) | 187. Montclair State University (NJ) |
| 120. DePaul University (IL) | 192. University of Houston (TX) “Top 10%” |
| 120. Duquesne University (PA) | 202. University of Nevada – Reno (NV) |
| 120. The Catholic University of America (DC) | 202. California State University – Fullerton (CA) |
| 124. University of Arizona (AZ) | 202. University of Massachusetts – Boston (MA) |
| 132. Hofstra University (NY) | 207. University of Alaska – Fairbanks (AK) |
| 133. New School (NY) | 216. South Dakota State University (SD) |
| 140. George Mason University (VA) | 223. California State University – Fresno (CA) |
| 140. Washington State University (WA) “Top 10%” | 223. University of South Dakota (SD) |

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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)
34. Rider University (NJ)
37. Roger Williams University (RI)
37. Salve Regina University (RI)
37. Wagner College (NY)
41. Sacred Heart University (CT)
41. Stockton University (NJ)
48. Mercyhurst University (PA)
48. Niagara University (NY)
56. Merrimack College (MA)
56. Notre Dame of Maryland University (MD)
56. Seton Hill University (PA)
62. King's College (PA)
64. DeSales University (PA)
64. Johnson & Wales University (RI)
64. Western New England University (MA)
75. Chatham University (PA)
78. Roberts Wesleyan College (PA)
78. Salisbury University (MD)
78. University of New England (ME)
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)
91. Champlain College (VT)
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)
126. Framingham State University (MA)
130. Daemen College (NY)
130. Lasell College (MA)
130. Utica College (NY)
136. St. Joseph's College (ME)
137. College of St. Elizabeth (NJ)
137. Salem State University (MA)

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)
 15. Asbury University (KY)
 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)
 102. Virginia State University (VA)
 104. Arkansas Tech (AR)
 106. Amridge University (AL)
- Regional Universities – Midwest**
3. Drake University (IA)
 9. University of Evansville (IN)
 18. Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
 29. Augsburg University (MN)
 51. Robert Morris University (IL)
 64. Walsh University (OH)
 73. McKendree University (IL)
 75. MidAmerica Nazarene University (KS)
 87. Northwest Missouri State University (MO)
 93. Southeast Missouri State University (MO)
 93. Tiffin University (OH)
 99. Northern State University (SD)
 106. Concordia University (MN)
 106. Ohio Dominican University (OH)
 109. Wayne State College (NE)
 118. Dakota State University (SD)
 118. Sierra Heights University (MI)
 122. Emporia State University (KS)
- Regional Universities – West**
8. Whitworth University (WA)
 9. Mills College (CA)
 16. Pacific Lutheran University (WA)
 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. Alaska Pacific University (AK)
 57. Sonoma State University (CA)
 59. California State U. – Los Angeles (CA)
 59. Hawaii Pacific University (HI)
 63. California State U. – San Bernardino (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. Prescott College (AZ)
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)
33. University of Northern Vt. – Lyndon (VT)
35. University of Valley Forge (PA)
36. Newbury College (MA)

Regional Colleges – South

1. High Point University (NC)
2. Flagler College (FL)
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)
28. Pensacola State College (FL)
28. South Florida State College (FL)
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)
21. Southwestern Christian University (OK)
23. Lewis-Clark State University (ID)
25. University of Hawaii – Oahu (HI)