

The University Academic Affairs Committee discussed a the proposal to modify the policy about required items for undergraduate admission so as to allow students to apply without submitting ACT or SAT scores.

Admissions considers student applications holistically and would like to make the test-optional application an option for more applicants. Test scores are just one item considered in student packages and are thought not to be primary factors when extending admission to many applicants. The admissions office finds other items more compelling when determining the potential for student success.

The following wording allows applicants to submit test scores if desired as an item in their application packet but does not require scores from any student. If an applicant is waitlisted and contacts admissions, staff can advise students of additional items that might strengthen their application including recommendation letters, updated transcripts, test scores, etc. This can be done on a case-by-case basis based on the applicant's package and situation.

The proposed new policy language is:

Students may opt to not provide a standardized test score as part of the packet of material required for consideration for admission ~~if their GPA is a 3.50 or higher.~~

Home-schooled applicants and candidates applying from schools that provide written evaluations rather than grades ~~are required to~~ **must** submit ACT test results or SAT test results.