

STUDENTS MAY ENTER COLLEGE WITHOUT EVER TAKING THE SAT OR ACT

As of fall 2005, the University System of Georgia eliminated the use of SAT and ACT scores to determine an applicant's eligibility of admission to any of the state's nine public two-year colleges and seven state colleges. And for those who are trying to decide whether to take the SAT or ACT (or not), the Houston County School System has created an advising tool to help students and parents make the best decision.

The following 16 colleges/universities do **NOT** require SAT or ACT scores for admission:

State Colleges:

[Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College](#)
[Dalton State College](#)
[Gainesville State College](#)
[Georgia Gwinnett College](#)
[Gordon College](#)
[Macon State College](#)
[Middle Georgia College](#)

Two-Year Colleges:

[Atlanta Metropolitan College](#)
[Bainbridge College](#)
[Coastal Georgia Community College](#)
[Darton College](#)
[East Georgia College](#)
[Georgia Highlands College](#)
[Georgia Perimeter College](#)
[South Georgia College](#)
[Waycross College](#)

Students who begin their college education at one of these institutions may apply for acceptance to research, regional or four-year universities **WITHOUT** the SAT or ACT after successful completion of an associate's degree. What ***is*** required for admission to these 18 colleges or universities?

- ✓ High school diploma or GED
- ✓ Minimum of 2.0 GPA for those who earned a high school college-prep diploma,
- ✓ Minimum of 2.2 GPA for those who earned a high school technology/career-prep diploma

- ✓ Students enrolling in a bachelor's degree program must have completed a minimum of 16 units of college-prep curriculum **or** 13 units of technical/career-preparatory curriculum
- ✓ Placement exams:
 Students who are accepted without SAT or ACT scores will be required to take placement exams in English, reading and/or mathematics. If SAT or ACT scores are submitted, certain score requirements may exempt one from placement testing.

Students who aspire to take the SAT or ACT are advised to track their progress with certain benchmarks to determine their readiness to test:

- ✓ PSAT score (both verbal and math scores);
- ✓ Current GPA (based on college prep or tech prep courses only);
- ✓ Math course(s) beyond Algebra II;
- ✓ At least one semester of 11th grade English, College Preparatory (two semesters if grade is below 85); and
- ✓ Advanced Placement courses.

GAcollege411 provides this profile of the 2004 Freshman Class:

Colleges & Universities	SAT Percentile Range	First Time Freshman HS GPA Range	Freshman Index *
Research Universities	1090-1320	3.35 - 3.88	2820-3195
Regional Universities	950-1120	2.72 – 3.41	2360-2770
State Universities	910-1100	2.62 – 3.39	2280-2750
State Colleges	810-1040	2.50 – 3.28	2220-2710
Two-Year Colleges	790-1000	2.34 – 3.13	2045-2545

***If you took the SAT**

Freshman Index =

$$(500 \times \text{High School GPA}) + \text{SAT I Verbal} + \text{SAT I Math}$$

If you took the ACT

Freshman Index =

$$(500 \times \text{High School GPA}) + (\text{ACT Composite} \times 42) + 88$$

Freshman Index Requirement by Institution

Type of Institution

Research University
 Regional University
 Four-Year University

Freshman Index

Freshman Index 2500
 Freshman Index 2040
 Freshman Index 1940

** Check with the college of your choice for specific requirements. These scores provide guidance for goal-setting, but do not guarantee acceptance. **

Our system is working to increase our students' postsecondary success by:

- ✓ increasing communication with students, teachers and parents regarding the different admission opportunities for higher education;
- ✓ providing access to **SAT On-line** – an on-line study guide to help high school students prepare for the exam;
- ✓ increased rigor of both vocational and college prep courses; and
- ✓ creation and implementation of an individualized student SAT/ACT checklist to help students and parents determine preparedness to achieve academic goals. This **SAT/ACT Checklist** has been provided to our high school counselors.

Encourage students who are debating whether to take the SAT or ACT to use the *SAT On-line* to see how they perform. Any students who take the first round of SATs and feel that the exam is going to be a struggle, may be encouraged to take the ACT. Colleges as a rule will accept the ACT in lieu of both the SAT and SAT Subject Tests, as the ACT is broken down into subject areas.

The ACT is accepted by all Georgia colleges and universities in lieu of the SAT. One may also submit scores for *both* the SAT and ACT. The ACT is a set of four multiple-choice tests which cover English, mathematics, reading, and science. An optional writing test is also offered, which measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses.

For more information regarding the new admission standards and a complete listing of participating colleges, please visit www.usg.edu/PDF/admissionStandards.pdf. For more information on the dates and registration for the SAT or ACT, visit the following web sites:

- ✓ for the SAT: <http://www.collegeboard.com>;
- ✓ for the ACT: <http://www.actstudent.org>.

Another good Web site which identifies college entrance requirements and helps students plan for and apply to college is <http://gacollege411.org/>.

Research universities, regional universities, four-year universities and state universities require either the SAT or ACT for admission. Applicants, however, who successfully complete an associate's degree would *not* need a SAT or ACT score.