

## 365+ “Top Tier” Schools that Deemphasize the ACT/SAT in Admissions Decisions per U.S. News & World Report *Best Colleges Guide* (2020 Edition)

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### National Liberal Arts Colleges

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| 6. Bowdoin College (ME)                    | 66. Knox College (IL)                      | 105. Hanover College (IN)               |
| 7. Middlebury College (VT) “Test Flexible” | 68. Cornell College (IA)                   | 105. Ripon College (WI)                 |
| 11. Colby College (ME)                     | 68. Sarah Lawrence College (NY)            | 105. Washington College (MD)            |
| 11. Smith College (MA)                     | 68. Willamette University (OR)             | 105. Whittier College (CA)              |
| 14. Hamilton College (NY) “Test Flexible”  | 72. Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY) | 111. Goucher College (MD)               |
| 17. Wesleyan University (CT)               | 72. Kalamazoo College (MI)                 | 114. St. Anselm College (NH)            |
| 21. Bates College (ME)                     | 72. Lewis & Clark (OR)                     | 117. Austin College (TX)                |
| 27. Bryn Mawr College (PA)                 | 72. Muhlenberg College (PA)                | 117. College of Idaho (ID)              |
| 27. College of the Holy Cross (MA)         | 72. St. John’s College (NM)                | 117. Drew University (NJ)               |
| 27. Colorado College (CO)                  | 72. Transylvania University (KY)           | 117. Linfield College (OR)              |
| 32. Mount Holyoke College (MA)             | 72. Wofford College (SC)                   | 117. Lycoming College (PA)              |
| 35. Bucknell University (PA)               | 80. Earlham College (IN)                   | 117. Susquehanna University (PA)        |
| 35. Pitzer College (CA)                    | 82. Allegheny College (PA)                 | 124. Houghton College (NY)              |
| 38. Franklin and Marshall College (PA)     | 82. Beloit College (WI)                    | 124. Monmouth College (IL)              |
| 39. Skidmore College (NY)                  | 82. College of the Atlantic (ME)           | 124. Stonehill College (MA)             |
| 43. Denison University (OH)                | 82. Juniata College (PA)                   | 124. Wells College (NY)                 |
| 43. Sewanee – University of the South (TN) | 82. Ursinus College (PA)                   | 129. St. Michael’s College (VT)         |
| 45. Union College (NY)                     | 82. Wheaton College (MA)                   | 135. Roanoke College (VA)               |
| 46. Connecticut College (CT)               | 89. Bennington College (VT)                | 136. Illinois College (IL)              |
| 46. DePauw University (IN)                 | 89. Gustavus Adolphus (MN)                 | 136. Marlboro College (VT)              |
| 46. Dickinson College (PA)                 | 89. University of Puget Sound (WA)         | 136. Simpson College (IA)               |
| 46. Furman University (SC)                 | 92. Augustana College (IL)                 | 140. Birmingham-Southern College (AL)   |
| 46. Trinity College (CT)                   | 92. Hendrix College (AR)                   | 140. Mass. College of Liberal Arts (MA) |
| 46. Whitman College (WA)                   | 92. Lake Forest College (IL)               | 140. Presbyterian College (SC)          |
| 53. Gettysburg College (PA)                | 92. Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)          | 154. Sweet Briar College (VA)           |
| 58. Agnes Scott College (GA)               | 92. Southwestern University (TX)           | 154. Guilford College (NC)              |
| 58. Lawrence University (WI)               | 92. Washington & Jefferson College (PA)    | 160. Hartwick College (NY)              |
| 58. St. Lawrence University (NY)           | 102. St. Mary’s College (IN)               | 160. Warren Wilson College (NC)         |
| 62. Bard College (NY)                      | 105. Elizabethtown College (PA)            | 160. Wittenberg University (OH)         |
| 64. St. John’s College (MD)                |  |   |

### National Universities

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| 6. University of Chicago (IL)            | 132. Duquesne University (PA)             | 211. Mississippi State University (MS)     |
| 27. Wake Forest University (NC)          | 132. University of LaVerne (CA)           | 211. University of Hartford (CT)           |
| 29. New York Univ. (NY) “Test Flexible”  | 139. The Catholic Univ. of America (DC)   | 218. Hampton University (VA)               |
| 29. University of Rochester (NY)         | 147. University of St. Joseph (CT)        | 218. Sacred Heart University (CT)          |
| 40. Brandeis University (MA)             | 147. U. of Texas – Dallas (TX) “Top 10%”  | 218. Texas Tech Univ. (TX) “Top 10%”       |
| 48. U. of Texas – Austin (TX) “Top 6%”   | 153. George Mason University (VA)         | 218. U. Massachusetts – Dartmouth (MA)     |
| 64. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA) | 153. New School (NY)                      | 218. Western New England Univ. (MA)        |
| 70. George Washington University (DC)    | 153. Quinnipiac University (CT)           | 228. Azusa Pacific University (CA)         |
| 70. Texas A & M (TX) “Top 10%”           | 162. Hofstra University (NY)              | 228. The Sage Colleges (NY)                |
| 77. American University (DC)             | 162. Kansas State University (KS)         | 228. U. of Massachusetts – Boston (MA)     |
| 84. Marquette University                 | 162. University of Mississippi (MS)       | 240. University of Nevada – Reno (NV)      |
| 91. Clark University (MA)                | 162. Virginia Commonwealth Univ. (VA)     | 246. Lesley University (MA)                |
| 91. University of Delaware (DE)          | 166. Montclair State University (NJ)      | 246. University of New England (MA)        |
| 97. Drexel Univ. (PA) “Test Flexible”    | 166. Rowan University (NJ)                | 254. College of St. Scholastica (MN)       |
| 97. University of Denver (CO)            | 166. Washington State U. (WA) “Top 10%”   | 263. Daemen College (NY)                   |
| 97. University of San Francisco (CA)     | 179. St. John’s University (NY)           | 263. Old Dominion University (VA)          |
| 104. Creighton University (NE)           | 179. U. of Massachusetts – Lowell (MA)    | 263. University of Alaska – Fairbanks (AK) |
| 104. Temple University (PA)              | 185. Chatham University (PA)              | 263. University of South Dakota (SD)       |
| 117. Arizona State University (AZ)       | 185. Univ. of Houston (TX) “Top 10%”      | 272. Kaiser University (FL)                |
| 117. University of Arizona (AZ)          | 192. Ball State University (IN)           | 272. South Dakota State University (SD)    |
| 125. DePaul University (IL)              | 202. Maryville Univ. of St. Louis (MO)    | 281. Sam Houston State University (TX)     |
| 125. Simmons University (MA)             | 202. Pace University (NY)                 | 281. University of North Texas (TX)        |
| 125. University of New Hampshire (NH)    | 211. California State Univ. – Fresno (CA) |  |
| 130. Drake University (IA)               | 211. Immaculata University (PA)           |  |

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**Regional Universities – North**

1. Providence College (RI)
3. Fairfield University (CT)
4. Loyola University (MD)
7. Bryant University (RI)
8. Emerson College (MA)
8. Ithaca College (NY)
9. University of Scranton (PA)
10. Marist College (NY)
10. Saint Joseph's University (PA)
14. Le Moyne College (NY)
16. Siena College (NY)
19. Springfield College (MA)
22. McDaniel College (MD)
23. Endicott College (MA)
23. Salve Regina University (RI)
28. Lebanon Valley College (PA)
28. Roger Williams University (RI)
32. Assumption College (MA)
32. Nazareth College (NY)
32. Niagara University (NY)
32. Stockton University (NJ)
32. Wagner College (NY)
38. La Salle University (PA)
38. Rider University (NJ)
42. Mount St. Mary's Univ. (MD)
46. Merrimack College (MA)
46. Wentworth Institute of Technology (MA)
48. Hood College (MD)
48. King's College (PA)
48. Mercyhurst University (PA)
48. Seton Hill University (PA)
56. Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ)
59. DeSales University (PA)
59. Notre Dame of Maryland Univ. (MD)
63. Eastern University (PA)
66. Albertus Magnus College (CT)
66. Champlain College (VT)
66. Norwich University (VT)
66. SUNY Potsdam (NY)
66. University of New Haven (CT)
73. Manhattanville College (NY)co
73. Roberts Wesleyan College (NY)
75. Salisbury University (MD)
80. Johnson & Wales University (RI)
80. Monroe College (NY)
80. Point Park University (PA)
86. College of Saint Rose (NY)
86. Elms College (MA)
86. Saint Peter's University (NJ)
86. Utica College (NY)
90. Eastern Connecticut State U. (CT)
92. Southern New Hampshire U. (NH)
94. Bay Path University (MA)
94. Millersville Univ. of Pennsylvania (PA)
94. William Paterson University (NJ)
100. Worcester State University (MA)
104. Framingham State University (MA)
108. Bridgewater State University (MA)
108. Fitchburg State University (MA)
116. Daemen College (NY)
116. Lasell College (MA)
119. Delaware Valley University (PA)
119. Keuka College (NY)
119. Plymouth State University (NH)
119. Salem State University (MA)
132. Cabrini University (PA)

**Regional Universities – South**

1. Rollins College (FL)
3. James Madison University (VA)
5. Stetson University (FL)
6. Christopher Newport University (VA)
9. Asbury University (KY)
11. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. (FL)
13. Queens University of Charlotte (NC)
16. University of Mary Washington (VA)
22. Converse College (SC)
25. Saint Leo University (FL)
28. Jacksonville University (FL)
28. Radford University (VA)
37. Marymount University (VA)
38. Brenau University (GA)
42. Mississippi University for Women (MS)
58. Columbia College (SC)
58. Pfeiffer University (NC)
61. Virginia State University (VA)
65. King University (TN)
65. Lynn University (FL)
69. University of Holy Cross (LA)
73. St. Thomas University (FL)
75. Arkansas Tech (AR)

**Regional Universities – Midwest**

5. Xavier University (OH)
6. University of Evansville (IN)
9. Augustana University (SD)
10. Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
11. Nebraska Wesleyan (NE)
13. Augsburg University (MN)
13. Rockhurst University (MO)
33. Robert Morris University (IL)
46. Walsh University (OH)
53. McKendree University (IL)
61. Western Illinois University (IL)
76. Concordia University (MN)
78. Southeast Missouri State U. (MO)
84. Dakota State University (SD)
84. Northern State University (SD)
84. Ohio Dominican University (OH)
92. MidAmerica Nazarene U. (KS)
95. Emporia State University (KS)
95. Northwest Missouri State U. (MO)
95. Wayne State College (NE)
105. Columbia College Chicago (IL)
111. Siena Heights University (MI)
114. Lake Erie College (OH)
114. Tiffin University (OH)

**Regional Universities – West**

3. Whitworth University (WA)
5. Mills College (CA)
14. Cal. State Poly. -- Pomona (CA)
17. Cal. State U. -- Fullerton (CA)
19. University of St. Thomas (TX)
20. Cal. State U. -- Long Beach (CA)
20. Pacific Lutheran University (WA)
23. Dominican U. of California (CA)
24. San Jose State University (CA)
26. Cal. State U. -- Monterey Bay (CA)
27. Cal.State U. -- Chico (CA)
30. Cal. State U. -- Stanislaus (CA)
31. Cal.State U. -- Los Angeles (CA)
37. Evergreen State College (WA)
37. Humboldt State University (CA)
37. Sonoma State University (CA)
41. Cal. State U. -- San Bernardino (CA)
41. Hardin-Simmons University (TX)
43. Northwest Nazarene University (ID)
43. Cal. State U. -- Channel Islands (CA)
49. Cal. State U. -- Northridge (CA)
49. Walla Walla University (WA)
53. La Sierra University (CA)
53. Woodbury University (CA)
55. Cal. State U. -- Sacramento (CA)
58. Cal. State U. -- San Marcos (CA)
58. Texas A&M Int'l. Univ. (TX) "Top 10%"
60. Hawaii Pacific University (HI)
62. Eastern Washington University (WA)
62. University of Alaska -- Anchorage (AK)
66. California State U. -- Bakersfield (CA)
66. Western Oregon University (OR)
70. Midwestern State University (TX)
70. Tarleton State University (TX)
72. Cal. State U. -- Dominguez Hills (CA)
75. Texas A & M U. -- Texarkana (TX)
75. West Texas A & M University (TX)
77. U. North Texas -- Dallas (TX)
80. Weber State University (UT)
82. Alaska Pacific University (AK)
82. Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OK)
82. U. Texas -- Permian Basin (TX)

**Regional Colleges – North**

6. Elmira College (NY)
7. Bard College at Simon's Rock (MA)
8. Colby-Sawyer College (NH)
8. University of Maine -- Farmington (ME)
10. Keene State College (NH)
13. St. Francis College (NY)
14. Pennsylvania College of Technology (PA)
15. Cazenovia College (NY)
15. SUNY College of Technology -- Delhi (NY)
17. Unity College (ME)
20. Paul Smith's College (NY)
23. Vermont Technical College (VT)
25. Dean College (MA)
25. Landmark College (VT)
25. University of Maine -- Fort Kent (ME)
28. University of Maine -- Presque Isle (ME)
32. University of Valley Forge (PA)
32. Keystone College (PA)
34. Mount Aloysius College (PA)
35. CUNY- New York City Col. of Tech (NY)

**Regional Colleges – South**

1. High Point University (NC)
4. Flagler College (FL)
7. University of the Ozarks (AR)
8. Catawba College (NC)
15. Averett University (VA)
16. Welch College (TN)
22. Belmont Abbey College (NC)
24. Brevard College (NC)
26. Pensacola State College (FL)
31. Florida Memorial University (FL)
33. Lees-McRae College (NC)
36. South Florida State College (FL)
49. Point University (GA)
53. Georgia Gwinnett College (GA)
55. Vorhees College (SC)
58. Warner University (FL)
63. Atlanta Metropolitan State Col. (GA)
63. St. Petersburg College (FL)

**Regional Colleges – Midwest**

8. Alma College (MI)
9. William Jewell College (MO)
14. Hiram College (OH)
22. Northland College (WI)por
24. Dunwoody College of Technology (MN)
39. University of Minnesota -- Crookston (MN)
43. Ottawa University (KS)
42. Olivet College (MI)
48. Dickinson State University (ND)

**Regional Colleges – West**

1. Carroll College (MT)
2. California State U. -- Maritime (CA)
6. Oregon Institute of Technology (OR)
19. East Texas Baptist University (TX)
21. University of Hawaii -- West Oahu (HI)
23. Southwestern Christian University (OK)
25. Dixie State University (UT)