

Test Optional Frequently Asked Questions

Does Texas A&M require SAT and/or ACT scores?

Students applying for the Spring or Fall 2021 semesters are not required to provide test scores to complete their admission file.

What does it mean to be “Test Optional”?

Test optional means that you are not required to provide SAT and/or ACT scores to the university as part of your admission file.

Does Texas A&M prefer that I provide test scores?

Texas A&M encourages you to send your test scores if you have them. Test scores will only be used to benefit you in the admission process. You will not be penalized for low test scores or no test scores.

Will it benefit me to provide test scores?

Submitting tests scores will provide additional information with respect to your academics.

Will I be penalized if I provide low test scores?

No. Low test scores will not disadvantage you or make you less competitive in the review process.

Will I be penalized if I don’t take the test?

No. You will not be penalized in the admission process if you choose not to take the SAT or ACT.

If I don’t provide test scores, what will you look at?

All academic factors will be considered as part of the holistic review of your admission file.

I’m a home-schooled student, do I have to provide test scores?

No. If you are applying for Spring or Fall 2021, you are not required to submit test scores.

Will this policy stay in place all year?

The current test optional policy is in place for Spring and Fall 2021 semesters only.

Will subject tests be considered now?

No. Subject test scores will not be used in place of traditional SAT or ACT scores for admission purposes.

Do my scores have to be submitted through the testing agency or will you take them off my high school transcript?

Test scores must be provided to us directly from the testing agency.

If test scores are removed from the equation, how will holistic review work?

We will consider all academic and non-academic factors you provide as part of your admission file.