

**Washington's Public Baccalaureate Universities and College
Implement Permanent Test (SAT/ACT) Optional Policies**

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We are proud to announce all Washington public baccalaureate institutions will be permanently SAT and ACT test optional beginning fall 2021.

We affirm that students will not be penalized during the admissions process nor will student eligibility for institutional supported scholarships, course placement or admissions to Honors programs be impacted due to the absence of a SAT or ACT standardized test score.

Together, we strongly support a holistic approach to admissions focused on the whole student and will not disadvantage any student without a test score. We hope that students will continue to seek challenges in high school, stay engaged in their schools and local communities, reach out to our institutions and explore the array of academic programs on our campuses.

The decision to move to permanent test optional policies reaffirm our sector's commitment to reduce barriers for students. Further, as we enter a period of post-COVID-19 recovery, we continue our commitment to learn from this historic challenge and embrace long-term changes that best serve our students and state.



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