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Everything CollegeBoard – Ready, Set Go!

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Q: Just to clarify students have the option of taking the ACT/SAT, submitting those scores, but do not have to take the ACT/SAT, if they choose not, correct?

A: Yes that is correct but the recent court ruling is stating that UC needs to move to test blind for all admissions. Article on recent court ruling <https://edsources.org/2020/university-of-california-must-stop-all-use-of-sat-and-act-in-admissions-judge-orders/639499>. Website to research colleges and universities latest test optional/test blind admissions decisions: <http://fairtest.org/university/optional>

Q: The article reads, “students with disabilities,” does this apply to our students who are not on an IEP and/or 504 Plan?

A: The lawsuit was brought on behalf of all students and indicates it would include all students for admissions purposes.

Q: How can I learn more about the AP Readiness Program at UCR?

A: Please visit <http://www.rcec.us/race-to-rigor/> to watch the AP Readiness onboarding video and download the PPT for this upcoming 2020-2021 school year. The link to register can be found at <https://apreadiness.ucr.edu/ap-readiness-registration> for students and teachers. Gil Compton is also available to assist with any program or data questions - gcompton@rcoe.us.

Q: It seems the UC's will end SAT/ACT submissions & I did read they are creating a new test that aligns with the content UC expect students to have mastered for CA freshmen; however, can we assume they will continue to utilize AP exams or slowly exit out AP exams as a source for admissions?

A: To date the UC and CSU systems have made no statement on not using AP exams and these exams have not been included in any of their recent policy changes. They have both stated they will continue to use AP exams for placement, college credit, etc. We will continue to monitor these conversations and send you information as soon as we hear it.

Q: It is unfortunate that not all subject areas are represented in the AP Readiness program. Why aren't other courses offered?

A: Courses selected for the program represent both STEM and Humanities courses, as well as provide access to all grade levels. The program is 100% funded by the Riverside County Office of Education and course offerings are influenced by the limits of the program budget. We are always looking to expand and improve the program so if you have any suggestions or requests, please contact Gil Compton at gcompton@rcoe.us. Currently, the most often requested courses to add are AP Spanish and AP Psychology.

Q: Do we know if the CSU's will eliminate SAT/ACT's & possibly the AP exams to create their own test to align with the CSU content for CA freshmen looking to enroll @ a CSU?

A: The CSU have made the decision to not use SAT/ACT scores for this fall application but they along with the UC system will continue to accept AP test scores. There are conversations taking place on creating a new test but no official decisions have been made. One of the first barriers is cost to create a new test.

Q: Will College Board provide an online SAT or PSAT similar to the online AP exam?

A: At this time, no they will not. It is only through paper and pencil but if that changes, they will send out updates.

Q: Can you provide this data to AP/AVID teachers? I know they are a major factor in promoting and supporting the program on high school campuses.

A: Yes we can provide data to AP and AVID teachers. We can provide you site level data. Please email gcompton@rcoe.us for all your data requests. If they would like to be added to our list serv for all updates, please contact Cherrie Cunningham at ccunningham@rcoe.us.

Q: Is the UCR AP Readiness Program virtual?

A: Yes the UCR AP Readiness program is virtual this 2020-2021 school year.

Q: What is the protocol if we want to test multiple days (October) to decrease the number of students on campus?

A: If you go into the PSAT test ordering site, you will have the option to choose different dates to order materials. Please email kprice@collegeboard.org for guidance on testing options. She is here to help support your efforts.

Q: As you just share the SAT test day during school day March 3, 24 etc. is the expectation for 11th only, class of 2022 and possibly 10th grade class of 2023?

A: The grade level that takes the SAT is a decision of the school campus but it is recommended that all 9th and 10th grade students take the PSAT and 11th grade students take the SAT.

Q: We are talking a lot about the UC and test scores, which uses holistic review. How will not having test scores impact the CSU admission process which does not use holistic review?

A: Please refer to the latest CSU updates below and the CSU office is encouraging all educators to attend their FREE counselor conference this year to hear the latest information.

Q: Can students participate in AP Readiness without a participating AP Teacher?

A: Absolutely! That is often the case but we strongly encourage the teachers to join their students because there is a stronger correlation in better scores when the teacher is involved in the program with their students and modeling lifelong learning.

Q: Will tomorrow's College Board counselor workshop be recorded and available later as it conflicts with a UC counselor session?

A: Yes a slide deck will be sent out after the webinar.

California State University Admissions Updates

<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/Pages/first-time-freshman-faq.aspx>

Test Scores – ACT and SAT

Do the admission changes mean it will be easier for students to get into the CSU?

The temporary changes to the admission policy do not lower the preparation needed to be admitted to or successful at the CSU. It responds to the challenges and barriers students have faced as classes have moved to on-line instruction and the cancellation of preparation and exam dates for SAT and ACT. Students should still continue to take a complete array of challenging courses in their senior year in order to prepare themselves for college.

The SAT or ACT test I was planning to take has been cancelled. If I am applying for fall 2021 admission, do I still need to take the test?

The California State University understands the challenges that students are facing in their current high school courses due to COVID-19. In response, the CSU has temporarily suspended the SAT or ACT test requirements only for students applying for admission in fall 2021 as freshman. This means that SAT and ACT scores will not be used for determining who gets admitted into the CSU.

What if I already took the SAT or ACT test and submitted my scores?

If you have already taken and submitted your ACT or SAT scores, CSU campuses will not use them in the admission evaluation process to determine who gets admitted. If you are accepted to a CSU campus the scores will be used as one of the measures to place you in the proper mathematics and English courses. You can visit the [CSU Student Success](#) site for further information on course placement.

How will no test score impact my ability to compete for admission at impacted CSU campuses?

Impacted CSU campuses will use your “a-g” GPA and supplemental factors to inform campus admission decisions. Factors may include number of courses exceeding minimum “a-g” requirements, household income, extracurricular involvement, and other available information. Be sure to check the admissions webpage for the CSU campuses in which you are interested in attending to know which specific factors the campus will be using.

Tips and Tricks:

Flyer: <https://apreadiness.ucr.edu/sites/g/files/rcwecm2081/files/2020-08/AP%20Readiness%2020-21%20Flyer.pdf>

Registration: <https://apreadiness.ucr.edu/ap-readiness-registration>