

635+ “Top Tier” Schools Deemphasizing the ACT/SAT in Admissions Decisions for Fall 2021 per U.S. News & World Report *Best Colleges* Guide (2020 Edition)

from <http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional> -- updated July 11, 2020

National Liberal Arts Colleges

1. Williams College (MA)	38. Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	72. Lewis & Clark (OR)	111. Goucher College (MD)
2. Amherst College (MA)	39. Lafayette College (PA)	72. Muhlenberg College (PA)	111. Hampden-Sydney College (VA)
3. Swarthmore College (PA)	39. Occidental College (CA)	72. St. John’s College (NM)	114. St. Anselm College (NH)
4. Wellesley College (MA)	39. Skidmore College (NY)	72. Transylvania University (KY)	117. Austin College (TX)
5. Pomona College (CA)	43. Denison University (OH)	72. Wofford College (SC)	117. College of Idaho (ID)
6. Bowdoin College (ME)	43. Sewanee – Univ. of the South (TN)	80. Earlham College (IN)	117. Drew University (NJ)
7. Carleton College (MN)	45. Berea College (KY)	80. Illinois Wesleyan (IL)	117. Linfield College (OR)
7. Claremont McKenna College (CA)	45. Union College (NY)	82. Allegheny College (PA)	117. Lycoming College (PA)
7. Middlebury College (VT)	46. Connecticut College (CT)	82. Beloit College (WI)	117. Susquehanna University (PA)
10. Washington & Lee University (VA)	46. DePauw University (IN)	82. College of St. Benedict (MN)	124. Houghton College (NY)
11. Colby College (ME)	46. Dickinson College (PA)	82. College of the Atlantic (ME)	124. Monmouth College (IL)
11. Haverford College (PA)	46. Furman University (SC)	82. Juniata College (PA)	124. Stonehill College (MA)
11. Smith College (MA)	46. Trinity College (CT)	82. Ursinus College (PA)	124. Wells College (NY)
14. Grinnell College (IA)	46. Whitman College (WA)	82. Wheaton College (MA)	129. St. Michael’s College (VT)
14. Hamilton College (NY)	53. Centre College (KY)	89. Bennington College (VT)	132. Concordia College (MN)
14. Vassar College (NY)	53. Gettysburg College (PA)	89. Gustavus Adolphus (MN)	135. Roanoke College (VA)
17. Colgate University (NY)	53. Rhodes College (TN)	89. University of Puget Sound (WA)	136. Illinois College (IL)
17. Davidson College (NC)	53. Wabash College (IN)	92. Augustana College (IL)	136. Marlboro College (VT)
17. Wesleyan University (CT)	58. Agnes Scott College (GA)	92. Hendrix College (AR)	136. Moravian College (PA)
21. Bates College (ME)	58. Lawrence University (WI)	92. Lake Forest College (IL)	136. Simpson College (IA)
23. Harvey Mudd College (CA)	58. St. Lawrence University (NY)	92. Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)	140. Albion College (MI)
23. University of Richmond (VA)	58. Wheaton College (IL)	92. Saint John’s University (MN)	140. Birmingham-Southern College (AL)
25. Barnard College (NY)	62. Bard College (NY)	92. Southwestern University (TX)	140. Eckerd College (FL)
25. Macalester College (MN)	62. St. Olaf College (MN)	92. St. Mary’s College of Maryland (MD)	140. Mass. College of Liberal Arts (MA)
27. Bryn Mawr College (PA)	64. St. John’s College (MD)	92. Washington & Jefferson College (PA)	140. Presbyterian College (SC)
27. College of the Holy Cross (MA)	66. College of Wooster (OH)	102. Hollins University (VA)	148. Meredith College (NC)
27. Colorado College (CO)	66. Knox College (IL)	102. St. Mary’s College (IN)	154. Sweet Briar College (VA)
27. Kenyon College (OH)	68. Cornell College (IA)	105. Elizabethtown College (PA)	154. Guilford College (NC)
32. Mount Holyoke College (MA)	68. Reed College (OR)	105. Hanover College (IN)	157. Georgetown College (KY)
33. Oberlin College (OH)	68. Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	105. Hope College (MI)	160. Hartwick College (NY)
33. Scripps College (CA)	68. Willamette University (OR)	105. Ripon College (WI)	160. Pella College (IA)
35. Bucknell University (PA)	72. Hobart & William Smith Col. (NY)	105. Washington College (MD)	160. Warren Wilson College (NC)
35. Pitzer College (CA)	72. Kalamazoo College (MI)	105. Whittier College (CA)	160. Wittenberg University (OH)

National Universities

1. Princeton University (NJ)	57. Pennsylvania State Univ. (PA)	125. Simmons University (MA)	197. Towson University (MD)
2. Harvard College (MA)	57. University of Miami (FL)	125. Univ. of New Hampshire (NH)	202. Maryville Univ. of St. Louis (MO)
3. Columbia University (NY)	62. Rutgers U.– New Brunswick (NJ)	130. Drake University (IA)	202. Pace University (NY)
3. Yale University (CT)	62. University of Washington (WA)	132. Duquesne University (PA)	202. Regis University (CO)
6. Stanford University (CA)	64. Loyola Marymount U. (CA.)	132. Rutgers University – Newark (NJ)	202. University of Maine (ME)
6. University of Chicago (IL)	64. Southern Methodist Univ. (TX)	132. Univ. of Illinois - Chicago (IL)	202. Widener University (PA)
6. Univ. of Pennsylvania (PA)	64. Univ. of Connecticut (CT)	132. University of Dayton (OH)	202. Univ. of St. Francis (IL)
9. Northwestern University (IL)	64. Worcester Polytechnic Inst. (MA)	132. University of LaVerne (CA)	211. California State U. – Fresno (CA)
10. Duke University (NC)	70. George Washington Univ. (DC)	139. The Catholic University (DC)	211. Immaculata University (PA)
10. Johns Hopkins Univ. (MD)	70. Texas A&M University (TX)	139. Oregon State University (OR)	211. Mississippi State U. (MS)
12. Cal. Inst. of Technology (CA)	70. U. of Minnesota Twin Cities (MN)	139. Seattle University (WA)	211. University of Hartford (CT)
12. Dartmouth College (NH)	74. Fordham University (NY)	139. University of Cincinnati (OH)	218. Hampton University (VA)
14. Brown University (RI)	74/ Stevens Inst. of Technology (NJ)	139. Univ. of Nebraska–Lincoln (NE)	218. Sacred Heart Univ. (CT)
15. University of Notre Dame (IN)	74. Virginia Tech (VA)	139. University of St. Thomas (MN)	218. Texas Tech Univ. (TX)
15. Vanderbilt University (TN)	77. American University (DC)	147. Michigan Tech. Univ. (MI)	218. U. Mass. – Dartmouth (MA)
17. Cornell University (NY)	79. Binghamton Univ. SUNY (NY)	147. San Diego State University (CA)	218. University of New Mexico (NM)
17. Rice University (TX)	79. Baylor University (TX)	147. University at Albany SUNY (NY)	218. Western New England Univ. (MA)
19. Washington Univ. (MO)	79. Gonzaga University (WA)	147. Univ. of St. Joseph (CT)	228. Azusa Pacific Univ. (CA)
20. Univ. of California LA (CA)	79. Indiana U.–Bloomington (IN)	147. U. of Texas–Dallas (TX) “Top 10%”	228. Indiana Univ.–Purdue U. (IN)
21. Emory University (GA)	79. University at Buffalo SUNY (NY)	153. George Mason Univ. (VA)	228. Grand Valley State U. (MI)
22. Univ. of California Berkeley (CA)	84. Elon University (NC)	153. Mercer University (GA)	228. The Sage Colleges (NY)
22. Univ. of Southern Cal. (CA)	84. Marquette University (WI)	153. New School (NY)	228. U. of Mass – Boston (MA)
24. Georgetown Univ. (DC)	84. Michigan State University (MI)	153. Quinnipiac University (CT)	240. Central Michigan Univ. (MI)
25. Carnegie Mellon Univ. (PA)	84. U. of California Santa Cruz (CA)	162. Hofstra University (NY)	240. U. of Nevada – Reno (NV)
25. U of Michigan–Ann Arbor)	91. Clark University (MA)	162. Kansas State Univ. (KS)	246. George Fox University (OR)
27. Wake Forest Univ. (NC)	91. Miami University (OH)	162. Univ. of Mississippi (MS)	246. Lesley University (MA)
28. University of Virginia (VA)	91. Stony Brook Univ. SUNY (NY)	162. Virginia Commonwealth U. (VA)	246. Montana State Univ. (MT)
29. New York University (NY)	91. Univ. of California Riverside (CA)	166. Adelphi University (NY)	246. Wayne State Univ (MI)
29. Tufts University (MA)	91. University of Delaware (DE)	166. Belmont University (TN)	246. Western Michigan U. (MI)
29. Univ. of Rochester (NY)	91. University of San Diego (CA)	166. Colorado State University (CO)	246. Univ. of New England (MA)
34. Univ. of Cal. Santa Barbara (CA)	97. Drexel University (PA)	166. Montclair State Univ. (NJ)	254. Col. of St. Scholastica (MN)
36. Univ. of Cal. Irvine (CA)	97. New Jersey Inst. of Tech. (NJ)	166. Rowan University (NJ)	254. D’Youville College (NY)
37. Boston College (MA)	97. Saint Louis University (MO)	166. Rutgers Univ. – Camden (NJ)	254. Stern. Illinois U.- Carbondale (IL)
37. Univ. of Cal. San Diego (CA)	97. Texas Christian University (TX)	166. St. John Fisher College (NY)	254. University of Montana (MT)
39. Univ. of California Davis (CA)	97. University of Denver (CO)	166. Univ. of Hawaii – Manoa (HI)	263. Daemen College (NY)
40. Boston University (MA)	97. University of San Francisco (CA)	166. U. Maryland–Baltimore Co (MD)	263. New Mexico State U. (NM)
40. Brandeis University (MA)	104. Creighton University (NE)	166. Univ. of Rhode Island (RI)	263. Old Dominion Univ. (VA)
40. Case Western Reserve (OH)	104. Rochester Inst. of Technology (NY)	166. Washington State (WA) “Top 10%”	263. Shenandoah Univ.(VA)
40. College of William & Mary (VA)	104. Temple University (PA)	179. St. John’s University (NY)	263. U. of Alaska – Fairbanks (AK)
40. Northeastern Univ. (MA)	104. Univ. of California Merced (CA)	179. U. of Mass.– Lowell (MA)	263. U. of Missouri Kansas City (MO)
40. Tulane University (LA)	104. University of Oregon (OR)	185. Biola University (CA)	263. U. of North Dakota (ND)
46. U. Illinois Urbana Champaign (IL)	104. University of South Carolina (SC)	185. Chatham University (PA)	263. Univ. of South Dakota (SD)
46. Villanova University (PA)	104. University of Utah (UT)	185. Ohio University (OH)	272. Kaiser University (FL)
48. U. of Texas–Austin (TX) “Top 6%”	117. Arizona State University (AZ)	185. Univ. of Houston (TX) “Top 10%”	272. South Dakota State U. (SD)
50. Lehigh University (PA)	117. Postdam University (NY)	192. Ball State University (IN)	272. University of Memphis (TN)
50. Pepperdine University (PA)	117. University of Arizona (AZ)	192. Misericordia University (PA)	273. Tennessee Tech. Univ. (TN)
50. Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (NY)	121. University of Tulsa (OK)	192. Univ. of Louisville (KY)	281. Concordia U. Wisconsin (WI)
54. Ohio State University (OH)	123. SUNY Col. Env.& Forestry (NY)	197. Bellarmine University (KY)	281. North Dakota State (ND)
54. Santa Clara University (CA)	125. Chapman University (CA)	197. Bethel University (MN)	281. Sam Houston State U. (TX)
54. Syracuse University (NY)	125.. DePaul University (IL)	197. Loyola U. New Orleans (LA)	281. Univ. of North Texas (TX)

Regional Universities – North

1. Providence College (RI)
2. Bentley University (MA)
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)
12. SUNY Polytechnic Inst. (NY)
14. Le Moyne College (NY)
14. Canisius College (NY)
14. SUNY Geneseo (NY)
16. Siena College (NY)
19. Springfield College (MA)
19. St. Bonaventure University (NY)
22. McDaniel College (MD)
23. Endicott College (MA)
23. Salve Regina University (RI)
28. Lebanon Valley College (PA)
28. Roger Williams University (RI)
28. SUNY New Paltz (NY)
32. Assumption College (MA)
32. Nazareth College (NY)
32. Niagara University (NY)
32. Stockton University (NJ)
32. Wagner College (NY)
38. Alfred University (NY)
38. La Salle University (PA)
38. Rider University (NJ)
38. Suffolk University (MA)
42. Arcadia University (PA)
42. Mount St. Mary's Univ. (MD)
42. New York Inst. of Technology (NY)
46. Merrimack College (MA)
46. Wentworth Inst. of Technology (MA)
48. Hood College (MD)
48. King's College (PA)
48. Mercyhurst University (PA)
48. Seton Hill University (PA)
52. SUNY Oneonta (NY)
52. SUNY Oswego (NY)
56. Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ)
56. Iona College (NY)
56. SUNY Fredonia (NY)
59. DeSales University (PA)
59. Notre Dame of Maryland Univ. (MD)
59. St. Joseph's College (NY)
63. Eastern University (PA)
63. SUNY Cortland
63. SUNY Plattsburg (NY)
66. Albertus Magnus College (CT)
66. Champlain College (VT)
66. Norwich University (VT)
66. SUNY Maritime College (NY)
66. SUNY Potsdam (NY)
66. University of New Haven (CT)
73. Manhattanville College (NY)
73. Roberts Wesleyan College (NY)
75. Caldwell University (NJ)
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. Lock Haven Univ. of Penn. (PA)
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)
4. Berry College (GA)
5. Stetson University (FL)
6. Christopher Newport University (VA)
8. College of Charleston (SC)
9. Asbury University (KY)
10. Florida Southern College (FL)
11. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. (FL)
13. Queens University of Charlotte (NC)
16. University of Mary Washington (VA)
20. University of Lynchburg (VA)
22. Converse College (SC)
24. Murray State University (KY)
25. Saint Leo University (FL)
28. Jacksonville University (FL)
28. Radford University (VA)
28. University of Tennessee – Martin (TN)
37. Marymount University (VA)
38. Brenau University (GA)
41. Coastal Carolina University (SC)
42. Mississippi University for Women (MS)
43. University of North Alabama (AL)
47. Belhaven University (MS)
54. Eastern Kentucky Univ. (KY)
54. West Virginia Wesleyan College (WV)
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)
71. Methodist University (NC)
73. St. Thomas University (FL)
75. Arkansas Tech (AR)

Regional Universities – Midwest

1. Butler University (IN)
4. Bradley University (IL)
5. Xavier University (OH)
6. University of Evansville (IN)
9. Augustana University (SD)
10. Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
10. Marietta College (OH)
11. Dominican University (IL)
11. Nebraska Wesleyan (NE)
13. Augsburg University (MN)
13. Rockhurst University (MO)
17. Hamline University (MN)
20. Drury University (MO)
20. Lewis University (IL)
25. Indiana Wesleyan University (IN)
28. Univ. of Wisconsin-La Crosse (WI)
32. Buena Vista University (IA)
33. Concordia University (NE)
33. Univ. of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (WI)
33. Robert Morris University (IL)
33. University of Illinois – Springfield (IL)
39. Univ. of Minnesota – Duluth (MN)
40. Eastern Illinois University (IL)
40. Mount Mercy University (IA)
43. Lawrence Technological Univ. (MI)
43. Valley City State Univ. (ND)
46. St. Mary-of-the-Woods College (IN)
46. Trine University (IN)
46. Univ. of Nebraska – Kearney (NE)
46. Walsh University (OH)
50. Mayville State Univ. (ND)
53. McKendree University (IL)
53. Univ. of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (WI)
61. North Park University (IL)
61. Western Illinois University (IL)
66. Carroll University (WI)
66. Mount Vernon Nazarene Univ. (OH)
72. Univ of Wisconsin-Stout (WI)
75. Grace College and Seminary (IN)
76. Northern Michigan Univ (MI)
76. Concordia University (MN)
78. Southeast Missouri State U. (MO)
78. University of Central Missouri (MO)
84. Anderson University (IN)
84. Dakota State University (SD)
84. Northern State University (SD)

84. Ohio Dominican University (OH)
84. Univ of Wisconsin-River Falls (WI)
92. MidAmerica Nazarene U. (KS)
92. Minnesota State U. Moorhead (MN)
95. Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay (WI)
95. Emporia State University (KS)
95. Northwest Missouri State U. (MO)
95. Univ. of Wisconsin-Platteville (WI)
95. Wayne State College (NE)
102. Greenville University (IL)
105. Columbia College Chicago (IL)
111. Siena Heights University (MI)
111. Minot State University (ND)
114. Lake Erie College (OH)
114. Tiffin University (OH)

Regional Universities – West

1. Trinity University (TX)
3. Whitworth University (WA)
4. Cal. Poly. State U. San Luis Obispo (CA)
5. Mills College (CA)
7. University of Dallas (TX)
8. St. Edwards University (TX)
9. California Lutheran University (CA)
10. St. Mary's Univ. San Antonio (TX)
12. Abilene Christian University (TX)
14. Cal. State Poly. -- Pomona (CA)
16. University of Redlands (CA)
17. Cal. State U. – Fullerton (CA)
17. Western Washington U. (WA)
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)
31. San Francisco State University (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. Hawai'i 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. Cal. State U. – East Bay (CA)
80. Weber State University (UT)
82. Alaska Pacific University (AK)
82. Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OK)
82. U. Texas – Permian Basin (TX)

Regional Colleges – North

1. The Cooper Union (NY)
4. Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MA)
4. The College of New Jersey (NJ)
6. Elmira College (NY)
7. Bard College at Simon's Rock (MA)
8. Colby-Sawyer College (NH)
8. University of Maine – Farmington (ME)
10. Alfred State College (NY)
10. Keene State College (NH)
10. SUNY College of Tech.—Alfred (NY)
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)
19. SUNY Cobleskill (NY)
20. Paul Smith's College (NY)
21. Farmingdale State College (NY)
23. SUNY College of Technology- Canton (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)
29. SUNY Morrisville (NY)
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)
2. Ouachita State University (AR)
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

5. Ohio Northern University (OH)
8. Alma College (MI)
9. William Jewell College (MO)
14. Hiram College (OH)
22. Northland College (WI)
24. Dunwoody College of Technology (MN)
26. Bluffton University (OH)
36. Quincy University (IL)
39. University of Minnesota – Crookston (MN)
43. Ottawa University (KS)
42. Olivet College (MI)
45. Lake Superior State Univ. (MI)
48. Dickinson State University (ND)

Regional Colleges – West

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