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PARENT ACADEMY

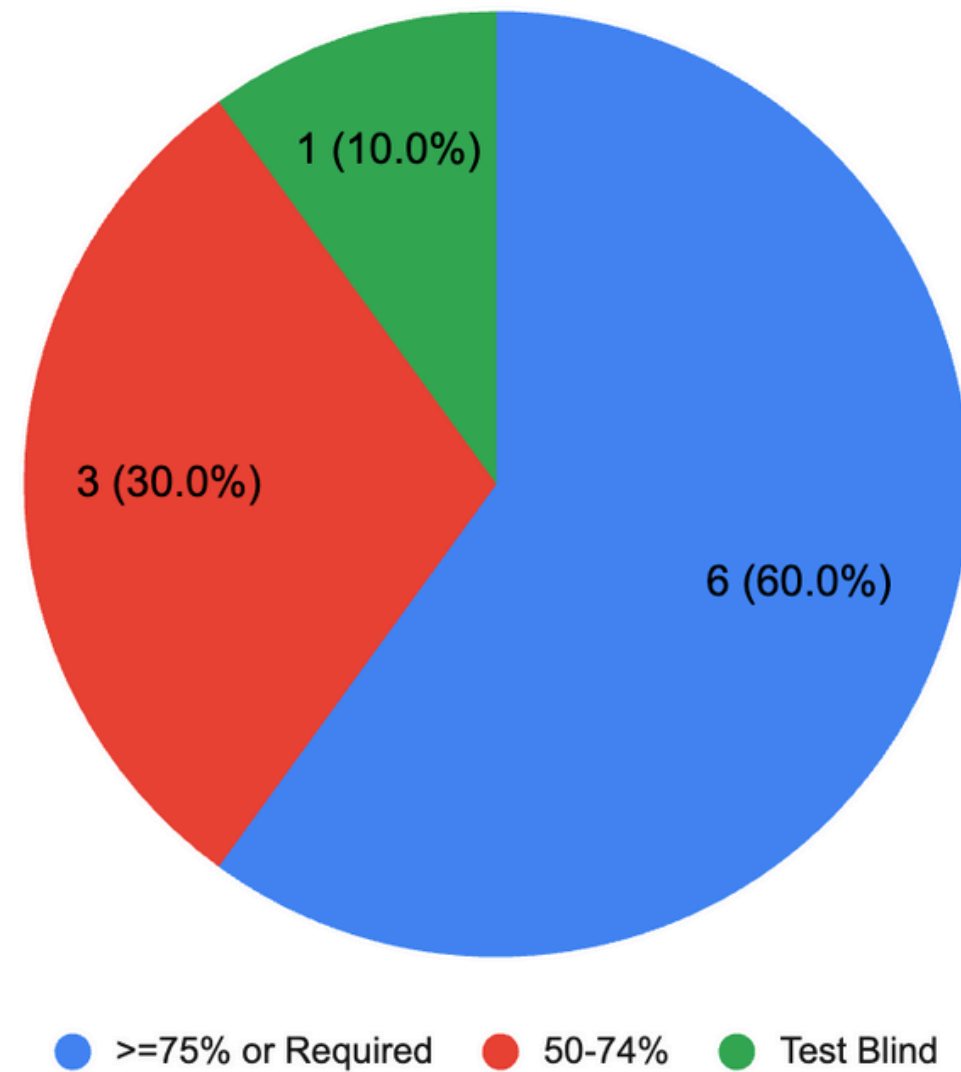
How optional is test-optional for my student based on their college goals?

Testing Policy Fluency

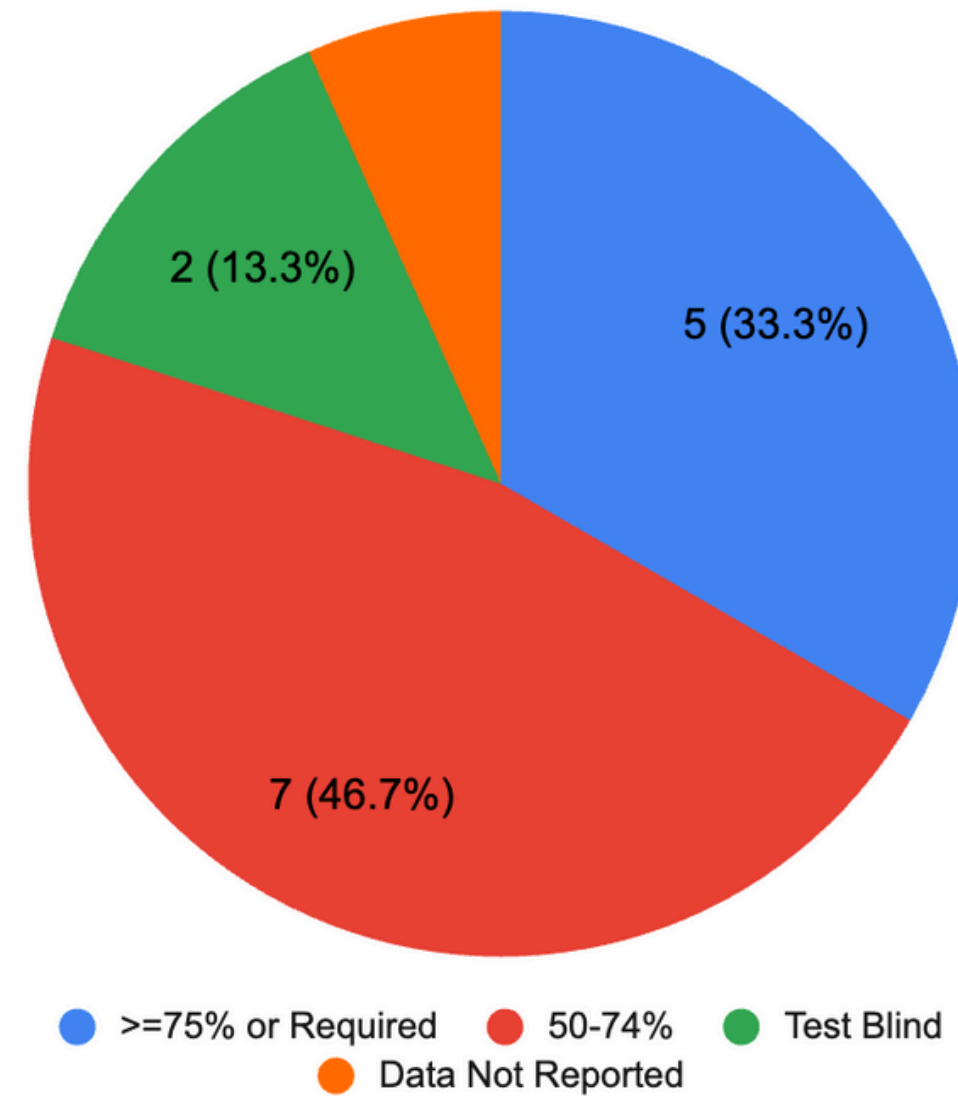
Test Policy	What does it mean?	Should I submit SAT/ACT scores?
Test Blind	Test scores do not hold weight in admissions decisions, even if submitted.	You do not need to submit scores, but consult with your college counselor to make sure you won't need/want a test for certain program or financial aid considerations.
Test Optional	Schools will consider test scores if a student submits them, but will not penalize a student if they do not submit them.	Yes, if your score is above the average score for incoming freshman at the college. No, if your score is below the average, and be aware the other parts of your application might hold more weight.
Test Optional with Caveats	Scores are not required for a school in general , but are required for certain programs and scholarships.	Yes, if your score is above the average score for incoming freshman at the college and/or required for a certain program/scholarship.
Test Optional Based on GPA	Scores are required if students have below a certain GPA.	Yes, if your score is above average for incoming freshman at the college and/or you have below the minimum required GPA.
Test-Flexible	Sometimes used interchangeably with "test-optional", test-flexible also means schools require tests, but will take AP or IB exams instead of an SAT/ACT.	Yes , and you should aim for a competitive score. In the absence of a competitive SAT/ACT score, submit another test score that "shows off" your testing proficiency.
Required	There's no getting out of it.	Yes , and you should aim for a highly competitive score.

Score Submissions at Top 50 Schools

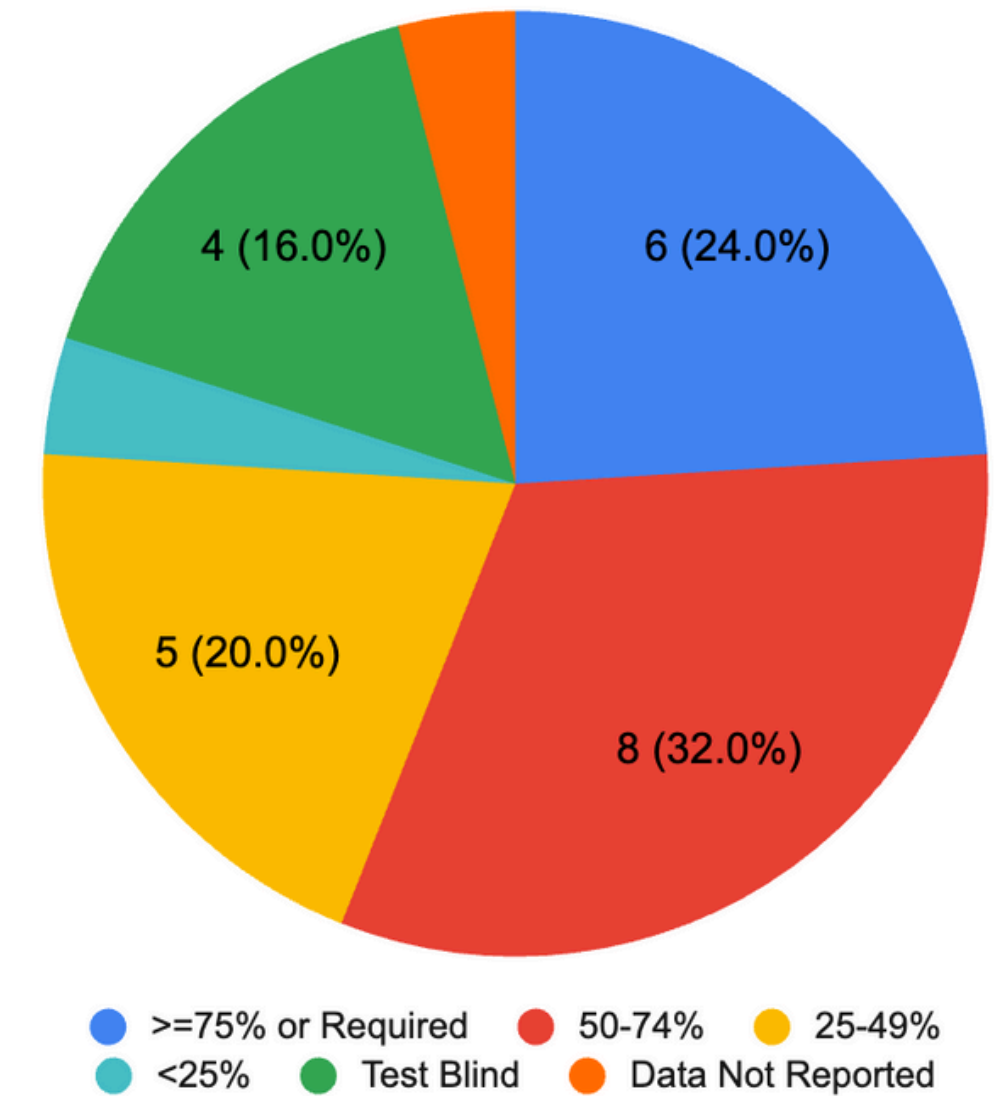
Top 10 - Average 82%



Top 11-25 - Average 72%



Top 26-50 - Average 63%



Boston College, Test Optional until at least 2025: *Internal research has shown that test scores, when used alongside other factors such as grades, curriculum rigor, writing, co-curricular involvement, and recommendations, **add measurable value in predicting academic success**. For this reason, students who complete the SAT or ACT are encouraged to submit their scores.*

Oberlin College, Test Optional until at least 2025: *Test-optional truly means test-optional: the **absence of scores will not count against a student's** application in any way.*

Colorado College, Test Optional until further notice: *We do not penalize those who submit test scores and will only use them if they enhance your chances for admission. If you apply test-optional or submit scores that do not strengthen your application, **we will place greater emphasis on your academic performance**.*

Emerson College, Test Optional until further notice: *Students **who feel that their standardized test scores do not effectively represent their skills and talents** or effectively demonstrate their ability to succeed within the college environment may opt to forgo submitting them for review.*