



## The New SAT Score Choice Policy: What Does This Mean For Your Child?

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The [College Board](http://www.collegeboard.com/) (<http://www.collegeboard.com/>) has adopted a [Score Choice](http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/sat-reasoning/scores/policy)<sup>TM</sup> (<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/sat-reasoning/scores/policy>) policy for the SAT that, according to the College Board website, will give students the option to choose, by test date, which SAT scores that they will send to colleges and thereby **“allow students to put their best foot forward on test day by giving them more flexibility and control over their scores.”** Articles in [U.S. News and World Report](http://www.usnews.com/articles/education/2008/06/24/kids-can-pick-which-sat-scores-a-college-sees.html) (<http://www.usnews.com/articles/education/2008/06/24/kids-can-pick-which-sat-scores-a-college-sees.html>) and [Newsweek](http://www.newsweek.com) covering the College Board’s new test-reporting option raise a number of questions about the motivation for and benefits of the policy. **Newsweek also reports that some colleges, Stanford, Cornell, Pomona, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Southern California are named, have decided to opt out of the score choice policy and, instead, require applicants to submit all scores.** The overzealous test-taker who sits for ten administrations of the SAT will be sorely disappointed to find that he must display all the fruits of his obsessive labors when applying to these schools. Such a test-taker would more wisely spend all of those testing hours on intelligent, academic study that builds a better G.P.A. as well as better test scores? An Excellent Organization dedicated to successfully preparing Student Athletes for the SAT / ACT tests: [Academic Approach](http://www.academicapproach.com/)<sup>®</sup> (<http://www.academicapproach.com/>), they have helped thousands of students prepare for both standardized exams and high school core curriculum. [Academic Approach](http://www.academicapproach.com/)<sup>®</sup> practices are in accord with those of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) as articulated in its recent [study of the place of standardized testing in college admissions](#) (**FIND pdf document in Recruiting Section of Top Select Volleyball Academy Website**). In that report, NACAC stated that, “the best form of test preparation is focused on core knowledge content and on skills that will help prepare students for their academic future.”

What is the best way to achieve this effect?

- Take diagnostic tests to determine which test features your skills best-the SAT or ACT.
- Develop an academic, skill-building program around the test that is best for you, focusing in to save time and money.
- Take a maximum of three official SATs or ACTs (4 in extraordinary cases).



**What really matters is early assessment, determining which test to take, designing an intelligent plan, and following up by moving through the appropriate course work. Choosing such an approach is the best, most reasonable path towards success on standardized exams.**

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