

## College Application Process – Step 5 Submitting Test Scores (if applicable)

1. If your college requires OFFICIAL TEST SCORES for admission, then you must send your scores from [College Board \(SAT\)](#) or [ACT Student \(ACT\)](#).
  - a. If you have completed all testing, then log into your SAT or ACT accounts, and follow directions to send scores. There is typically a fee to send your score report to each college. This score report will contain all past scores.
    - i. Don't worry about sending all scores. Even if some scores are low, colleges typically "Superscore," which means they take your highest Math and Reading scores, and combine them to give you your highest score. (Some schools, like Penn State, don't Superscore, but they take your highest "sitting.")
  - b. If you plan to take the SAT/ACT this fall, you may send your score report to up to 4 schools for free at the time of registration. If you registered (for an upcoming test) but forgot to indicate schools, go back into your account, and follow links to send your free score reports. If you add a college to this list, and end up NOT applying there after all, don't worry – nothing happens! But if you DO apply, then the college will have your score report which contains all scores up to and including the test you registered for.
2. Many colleges are Test Optional, which means you have the option of submitting your scores – or not.
  - a. If you're not sure if you should send your scores, look at the college's mid-range SAT/ACT scores, and see how your scores compare.
  - b. Feel free to discuss this with your counselor.
3. The Common App allows you to SELF-REPORT your test scores. *This is not considered an "official score report,"* and if the college requires Official Reports, you'll still need to order your score report and have it sent.
  - a. If you self-report your scores on Common App, then be aware that all colleges will see them. If you plan to apply Test Optional to any of your schools, you might consider NOT self-reporting your test scores through Common App, and then just sending in score reports to the schools you want to receive your scores.