



HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

SAT SCORE CHOICE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

How have student SAT Scores been reported to colleges in the past?

- All scores from every test session were sent to the colleges.
- Students could not select which scores could be forwarded.

Why are colleges using Score Choice?

- Designed to reduce student stress and improve the test-day experience, the College Board has approved Score Choice, an important change to the current SAT score-reporting policy. This new policy will give students the option to choose the SAT scores by sitting (test date) and SAT Subject Test scores by individual test that they send to colleges, at no additional cost. This will allow students to put their best foot forward on test day by giving them more flexibility and control over their scores. Score Choice is optional, and if students choose not to use it, all scores will be sent automatically. The new score-reporting feature will launch in spring 2009, and will be first available to students in the class of 2010 participating in the March 2009 test administration.

How did colleges use the score reports?

- According to the admissions representatives, the vast majority of colleges took the highest scores for each test section (critical reading, math and writing if used) even if they were from different exam dates. They "mixed and matched" scores to get the best total for the student.

What is Score Choice?

- As of the March 2009 exam, students will have the option to choose which scores (by test date) will be sent to the colleges. The student will be able to send scores from one, several or all SAT test dates.
- The student can select scores only by the test date for the SAT and by individual tests for the SAT Subject exams.
- The student cannot "mix and match" scores. If a student chooses to use Score Choice, they need to decide which test date(s) they want to forward.

Does a student have to use Score Choice?

- No. If a student does not opt for Score Choice, all scores from all test sessions will be forwarded.

Do colleges have to agree to accept the Score Choice option?

- NO!!!!
- Colleges can require that students send all the scores and the reason they offer is that they want to "mix and match" to pick the highest scores from multiple tests.
- Some colleges have already indicated they will not accept the Score Choice option: Stanford, Cornell, Pomona, U of Penn, and U of Southern California are among the first to indicate this.

How will students know whether a college will accept Score Choice or not?

- Student will have to check with each college to which they are applying to determine the Score Choice policy.