Most Selective Schools

School name	Acceptance rate	Admission test scores	% of entering class submitting tests scores (approximate)	ACT Composite 25th	SAT Composite 25th
Amherst College	7%	Optional	55%	33	1450
Babson College	22%	Optional	36%	30	1370
Barnard College	9%	Optional	54%	32	1430
Bates College	14%	Optional	28%	31	1340
Boston College	17%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	50%	33	1450
Boston University	14%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	40%	31	1370
Bowdoin College	9%	Optional	59%	31	1340
Brown University	5%	Required - There are no minimum standardized test requirements and we consider standardized test scores in the context of all the other information we have about a candidate.	76%	34	1500
California Institute of Technology	3%	Required to be considered for admission			
Carleton College	17%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	60%	32	1430
Carnegie Mellon University	11%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	68%	34	1490
Claremont McKenna College	10%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	45%	33	1450
Colby College	8%	Optional	66%	32	1440
Colgate University	12%	Optional through 2025- 2026 applicatoin cycle	66%	32	1430
College of the Holy Cross	36%	Optional	54%	28	1270
Colorado College	16%	Optional	37%	29	1270
Columbia University in the City of New York	4%	Optional	69%	34	1500
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	22%	Optional	not reported	31.75	1390
Dartmouth College	6%	Required to be considered for admission	100% - Tests Required		1480
Davidson College	17%	Optional	57%	31	1360
Duke University	6%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	86%	34	1510
Emory University	11%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	64%	32	1450
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	19%	Optional through 2025-2026 application cycle	not reported	35	1500
Georgetown University	12%	Required to be considered for admission	Required	32	1410

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Grinnell College	11%	Optional	55%	31	1410
Hamilton College	12%	Optional	51%	33	1440
Harvard University	3%	Required to be considered for admission	74%	34	1490
Harvey Mudd College	13%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	68%	34	1480
Haverford College	14%	Optional	54%	33	1410
Hillsdale College	21%	Optional	58%	30	1370
Johns Hopkins University	7%	Optional through 2025 - Scores required 2026 and beyond-2026 application cycle	55%	34	1520
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4%	Required to be considered for admission	Required	35	1520
Middlebury College	13%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	42%	33	1420
New York University	12%	Optional	39%	33	1470
Northeastern University	7%	Optional	44%	33	1450
Northwestern University	7%	Optional	78%	33	1490
Pitzer College	18%	Optional	not reported		test blind
Pomona College	7%	Optional	44%	33	1480
Princeton University	6%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	85%	34	1500
Rice University	9%	Optional, but Rice recommends submitting scores	75%	34	1500
Smith College	23%	Optional	55%	31	1390
Stanford University	4%	Required to be considered for admission	69%	33	1500
Swarthmore College	7%	Optional	54%	32	1455
Tufts University	10%	Optional through 2025-2026 application cycle	54%	33	1460
Tulane University	11%	Optional	45%	31	1400
University of California-Berkeley	11%	Test Blind	Test Blind	Test Blind	Test Blind
University of California-Los Angeles	9%	Test Blind	Test Blind	Test Blind	Test Blind
University of Chicago	5%	Optional	84%	34	1510
University of Florida	23%	Required to be considered for admission	Required	28	1320
University of Miami	19%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	53%	30	1330
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	18%	Optional	70%	31	1350
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	17%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	75%	28	1350
University of Notre Dame	13%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	58%	32	1420
University of Pennsylvania	7%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	71%	34	1500

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University of Richmond	24%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	40%	32	1425
University of Southern California	14%	Optional	50%	32	1330
University of Virginia-Main Campus	19%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	73%	32	1400
Vanderbilt University	7%	Optional through 2026-2027 application cycle	51%	34	1490
Villanova University	23%	Optional through 2027-2028 application cycle	43%	32	1378
Wake Forest University	21%	Optional	57%	31	1400
Washington and Lee University	17%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	54%	32	1410
Washington University in St Louis	11%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	66%	33	1500
Wellesley College	14%	Optional through 2024-2025 application cycle	59%	33	1440
Wesleyan University	14%	Optional	71%	30.5	1310
Williams College	8%	Optional	60%	34	1490
Yale University	5%	Required to be considered for admission - accepting AP or IB scores in lieu of SAT/ACT scores	82%	33	1470
Cornell University	7%	Applicants seeking to enroll in fall 2025 are "encouraged" to submit SAT/ACT scores to test optional schools and 2026 will require scores, these schools are test blind - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Cornell SC Johnson College of Business - Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management.	56%	33	1470