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265+ "Top Tier" Schools which Deemphasize the ACT/SAT in Admissions Decisions per U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Guide (2017 Edition) from <http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

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National Liberal Arts Colleges

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| 4. Middlebury College (VT) "Test Flexible" | 62. Beloit College (WI) | 108. Stonehill College (MA) |
| 6. Bowdoin College (ME) | 65. Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY) | 113. Goucher College (MD) |
| 12. Colby College (ME) "Test Flexible" | 65. Muhlenberg College (PA) | 113. Ripon College (WI) |
| 12. Hamilton College (NY) "Test Flexible" | 68. Earlham College (IN) | 115. Elizabethtown College (PA) |
| 12. Smith College (MA) | 68. Kalamazoo College (MI) | 115. St. Anselm College (NH) |
| 21. Wesleyan University (CT) | 70. Agnes Scott College (GA) | 119. Presbyterian College (SC) |
| 24. Colorado College (CO) "Test Flexible" | 70. University of Puget Sound (WA) | 122. Siena College (NY) |
| 27. Bates College (ME) | 72. Willamette University (OR) | 128. Illinois College (IL) |
| 31. Bryn Mawr College (PA) | 77. Allegheny College (PA) | 128. Marlboro College (VT) |
| 32. College of the Holy Cross (MA) | 77. Gustavus Adolphus (MN) | 128. McDaniel College (MD) |
| 32. Pitzer College (CA) | 77. Knox College (IL) | 132. Birmingham-Southern College (AL) |
| 36. Mount Holyoke College (MA) | 77. Wheaton College (MA) | 132. Susquehanna University (PA) |
| 38. Skidmore College (NY) | 83. College of the Atlantic (ME) | 132. Whittier College (CA) |
| 38. Trinity College (CT) | 83. St. John's College (NM) | 140. Roanoke College (VA) |
| 38. Union College (NY) | 83. Transylvania University (KY) | 144. Bard College at Simon's Rock (MA) |
| 41. Dickinson College (PA) | 87. Lewis and Clark (OR) | 146. Guilford College (NC) |
| 41. Whitman College (WA) | 90. Bennington College (VT) | 149. Doane University (NB) |
| 47. Franklin and Marshall College (PA) | 90. Cornell College (IA) | 149. Hiram College (OH) |
| 47. Sewanee -- University of the South (TN) | 95. Ohio Wesleyan University (OH) | 154. Carthage College (WI) |
| 49. Bard College (NY) | 95. Ursinus College (PA) | 154. Lycoming College (PA) |
| 50. Connecticut College (CT) | 99. Augustana College (IL) | 154. William Jewell College (MO) |
| 51. Denison University (OH) | 99. St. Michael's College (VT) | 154. Wittenberg University (OH) |
| 51. Gettysburg College (PA) | 99. Washington College (MD) | 159. Hartwick College (NY) |
| 53. Furman University (SC) | 99. Washington & Jefferson College (PA) | 159. Warren Wilson College (NC) |
| 53. St. John's College (MD) | 105. Austin College (TX) | 168. College of Idaho (ID) |
| 53. St. Lawrence University (NY) | 108. Drew University (NJ) | 174. Elmira College (NY) |
| 59. Sarah Lawrence College (NY) | 108. Juniata College (PA) | 174. Northland College (WI) |
| 60. Lawrence University (WI) | 108. Lake Forest College (IL) | 174. Wells College (NY) |

-- Not ranked due to "Test-Blind" policy -- Hampshire College (MA) --

National Universities

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| 27. Wake Forest University (NC) | 133. Hofstra University (NY) |
| 32. University of Rochester (NY) "Test Flexible" | 135. Kansas State University (KS) |
| 34. Brandeis University (MA) | 135. University of Mississippi (MS) |
| 36. New York University (NY) "Test Flexible" | 143. George Mason University (VA) |
| 56. Univ. of Texas -- Austin (TX) "Top 8%" | 143. Washington State University (WA) "Top 10%" |
| 56. George Washington University (DC) | 146. Univ. of Texas -- Dallas (TX) "Top 15%" |
| 60. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA) | 152. University of Massachusetts -- Lowell (MA) |
| 74. Texas A & M (TX) "Top 10%" | 164. Maryville University of St. Louis (MO) |
| 74. American University (DC) | 164. St. John's University (NY) |
| 74. Clark University (MA) | 164. Virginia Commonwealth University (VA) |
| 79. University of Delaware (DE) | 176. Mississippi State University (MS) |
| 96. Drexel University (PA) "Test Flexible" | 176. Montclair State University (NJ) |
| 118. Temple University (PA) | 197. University of Nevada -- Reno (NV) |
| 124. DePaul University (IL) | 202. California State University -- Fullerton (CA) |
| 124. Duquesne University (PA) | 202. University of Alaska -- Fairbanks (AK) |
| 124. The Catholic University of America (DC) | 202. University of South Dakota (SD) |
| 124. University of Arizona (AZ) | 210. Old Dominion University (VA) |
| 129. Arizona State University (AZ) | 220. California State University -- Fresno (CA) |
| 129. New School (NY) | 220. University of Southern Mississippi (MS) |

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Regional Universities – North

1. Providence College (RI)
2. Fairfield University (CT)
3. Loyola University (MD)
6. Ithaca College (NY)
6. University of Scranton (PA)
9. Marist College (NY)
9. Bryant University (RI)
11. Quinnipiac University (CT)
11. Saint Joseph's University (PA)
16. Le Moyne College (NY)
20. Rowan University (NJ)
23. Assumption College (MA)
23. Lebanon Valley College (PA)
32. Salve Regina University (RI)
35. Roger Williams University (RI)
35. Wagner College (NY)
38. Hood College (MD)
38. Nazareth College (NY)
44. Sacred Heart University (CT)
51. Endicott College (MA)
51. Notre Dame of Maryland University (MD)
57. King's College (PA)
57. Merrimack College (MA)
61. DeSales University (PA)
61. Mercyhurst University (PA)
67. College of Saint Rose (NY)
67. Johnson and Wales University (RI)
67. Salisbury University (MD)
67. Western New England University (MA)
72. Chatham University (PA)
80. Norwich University (VT)
85. Eastern Connecticut State University (CT)
85. The Sage Colleges (NY)
85. Wheelock College (MA)
91. University of Saint Joseph (CT)
95. SUNY Potsdam (NY)
99. Saint Peter's University (NJ)
101. Southern New Hampshire University (NH)
104. Plymouth State University (NH)
110. Point Park University (PA)
114. Western Connecticut State University (CT)
118. Bridgewater State University (MA)
122. Bay Path University (MA)
122. Utica College (NY)
131. Cabrini University (PA)
131. East Stroudsburg University (PA)
131. Keuka College (NY)
131. Lasell College (MA)
137. Rhode Island College (RI)
137. St. Joseph's College (ME)

Regional Universities – South

2. Rollins College (FL)
5. Stetson University (FL)
12. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)
14. Christopher Newport University (VA)
16. University of Mary Washington (VA)
18. Hampton University (VA)
43. Marymount University (VA)
43. Mississippi University for Women (MS)
47. Radford University (VA)
52. Brenau University (GA)
58. St. Thomas University (FL)
62. Jacksonville University (FL)
62. St. Leo University (FL)
91. King University (TN)
91. Lynn University (FL)

Regional Universities – Midwest

3. Drake University (IA)
15. Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
28. Saint Joseph's College (IN)
49. Walsh University (OH)
74. Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OK)
94. Northwest Missouri State University (MO)
94. Robert Morris University (IL)
94. Wayne State College (NE)
108. Emporia State University (KS)
115. Lake Erie College (OH)
115. MidAmerica Nazarene University (KS)

Regional Universities – West

5. Mills College (CA)
11. Whitworth University (WA)
31. California State Polytechnic -- Pomona (CA)
33. San Jose State University (CA)
35. California State Univ. -- Long Beach (CA)
37. California State Univ. -- Chico (CA)
41. Sonoma State University (CA)
44. Northwest Nazarene University (ID)
50. La Sierra University (CA)
52. Humboldt State University (CA)
52. Walla Walla University (WA)
58. California State Univ. -- Monterey Bay (CA)
61. California State Univ. -- Los Angeles (CA)
61. California State Univ. -- San Bernardino (CA)
61. California State Univ. -- Stanislaus (CA)
61. Eastern Washington University (WA)
61. Hawaii Pacific University (HI)
67. Western Oregon University (OR)
68. California State Univ. -- Northridge (CA)
73. University of Alaska -- Anchorage (AK)
76. Weber State University (UT)
82. California State Univ. -- Channel Islands (CA)
82. California State Univ. -- Sacramento (CA)
82. Midwestern State University (TX)
88. California State Univ. -- San Marcos (CA)
88. University of Texas -- Tyler (TX)
91. West Texas A & M University (TX)
93. University of Texas -- Permian Basin (TX)

Regional Colleges – North

7. University of Maine -- Farmington (ME)
8. Cazenovia College (NY)
13. Pennsylvania College of Technology (PA)
13. Wilson College (PA)
15. Vermont Technical College (VT)
15. Unity College (ME)
19. SUNY College of Technology -- Delhi (NY)
19. Dean College (MA)
22. Concordia College (NY)
23. University of Maine -- Fort Kent (ME)
26. Monroe College (NY)
27. Mount Ida College (MA)
27. University of Maine -- Presque Isle (ME)
29. Keystone College (PA)
31. Paul Smith's College (NY)
33. University of Valley Forge (PA)

Regional Colleges – South

4. Catawba College (NC)
9. Bennett College (NC)
10. Belmont Abbey College (NC)
22. Brevard College (NC)
23. Florida Memorial University (FL)
23. Keiser University (FL)
23. Lees-McRae College (NC)
32. Everglades University (FL)
52. Chipola College (FL)
52. Georgia Gwinnett College (GA)
56. University of Holy Cross (LA)

Regional Colleges – Midwest

43. Dickinson State University (ND)
46. Olivet College (MI)
47. Ottawa University (KS)
48. Midland University (NB)
50. Dunwoody College of Technology (MN)
56. Bismarck State College (ND)

Regional Colleges – West

3. Oregon Institute of Technology (OR)
10. California Maritime Academy (CA)
10. East Texas Baptist University (TX)
17. St. Gregory's University (OK)
18. Marymount California University (CA)
22. Southwestern Christian University (OK)
23. Lewis-Clark State University (ID)
31. University of Houston -- Downtown (TX)