

Score Choice Q&A with Laurence Bunin

The following Q&A with Laurence Bunin, senior vice president for operations and the general manager of the SAT Program, is intended to offer answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about Score Choice and to address some misperceptions in the media.

Is Score Choice mandatory for students to use?

Score Choice is optional, and if students do not actively choose to use it, all scores are sent automatically.

Does Score Choice allow students to choose individual section scores to send?

Students are only able to select which scores they send by test date for the SAT and by individual test for SAT Subject Tests™. Scores from an entire SAT test are sent. Students can choose, by test date (test sitting), which scores appear on the score report sent to colleges, universities or scholarship programs.

Does Score Choice disadvantage students who don't take the test multiple times?

Research shows that students generally see modest score increases upon taking the test a second time. If there are gains from further testing, they tend to be even smaller.

Is the College Board imposing specific test-use practices on colleges and universities?

Colleges and universities set their own admissions policies. Different colleges and universities use test scores in different ways. The College Board recognizes that a "one size fits all" approach to college admissions does not reflect the diverse needs of colleges and universities.

The College Board enables participating colleges to display their SAT score-use practices directly to students on collegeboard.com. This information is presented at the time that students are asked to send scores. The College Board will also post a comprehensive list of these colleges and universities' score-use practices on collegeboard.com for counselors, students, teachers and parents.

In order to collect these score-use practices, the College Board asked institutions to select a score-use practice from a set of the most frequently used score-use practices that colleges and universities apply to college admissions decisions. The list of most frequently used SAT score-use practices was developed in conjunction with a special task force of College Board members who advised staff.

What if students do not abide by a college's or university's score-use practice?

As a matter of integrity, students are expected to follow college admissions policies, and the same is true with respect to a student's sending of test scores to colleges. Students are responsible for complying with the admissions requirements of the colleges, universities and scholarship programs to which they apply.

Is there a loophole that allows colleges to "opt out" of Score Choice?

Colleges cannot "opt out of" or "reject" Score Choice. Score Choice is a feature available to students. Colleges set their own policies and practices regarding the use of test scores. The College Board does not release SAT test scores without student consent. This will continue under Score Choice. Colleges, universities and scholarship programs will receive the scores applicants send to them.

For more information, please visit the [Score Choice professional page](#), where you will find a Score Choice presentation geared to high school juniors, as well as other materials. You can also access the newly launched [Score Choice student page](#).