



Unigo: How Important Are Standardized Test Scores?

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A: Scores Count, But Not As Much as Your Grades

Standardized test scores are an important part of your application but they are less important than your grades. Strong grades in a rigorous curriculum are the most important factor that colleges will use to decide admissibility. In fact, how you perform in high school is a much better predictor of how you will fare in college. High test scores and lower grades may sometimes be interpreted as “not performing to ability”. However, high test scores can be important in determining merit scholarships. And for those students who are not testers—those whose scores are not in line with their GPA—test optional colleges may be a great place to start.