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Use of Standardized Testing in the Selection Process

Holistic Review: Consistent with Dartmouth's commitment to a holistic review of each application for admission, the Admissions Committee includes standardized testing as one of many factors considered during the application review process. Using the Common Application, each applicant to Dartmouth submits personal statements, information about their engagements beyond the classroom, a Secondary School Report which includes a high school transcript and information about their school, and recommendations from two teachers and a school counselor. Many applicants also participate in an optional interview with a member of Dartmouth's alumni body. Committee members carefully review all of these application materials, keeping in mind the unique context of each applicant's family, school, community, and background.

Testing Requirements: All applicants to Dartmouth are required to submit either the SAT 1 examination administered by the College Board or the ACT (with writing) offered by ACT, Inc. In addition, applicants must submit the results from any two SAT II subject examinations. Dartmouth has no minimum test score required for admission, nor a maximum above which admission is guaranteed. The Admissions Committee does not apply a formulaic approach to determine the value of testing results for all applicants but instead incorporates an individual's test scores into a broad consideration of the candidacy for admission.

If standardized testing is repeated, the Admissions Committee considers the highest components from the SAT 1, even if these results are from different test administration dates. For the ACT, the Committee considers the highest composite score and does not combine sub-scores from multiple test administrations. If an applicant submits more than two SAT 2 Subject examinations, the Committee will use the two highest scores submitted.

Score Choice Policy and Deadlines: Applicants to Dartmouth may elect to use the College Board's or the ACT's "score choice" options when deciding which test scores to submit for review. **However**, applicants must request submission of test results from the testing agency to the Dartmouth Office of Admissions by the application deadline. Applicants for Early Decision should submit College Board test results for any tests taken prior to the November test administration by November 1st. Test results from the College Board's November test administrations will be included in the Early Decision review process if submitted after the application deadline, but candidates should be sure that earlier test results are requested prior to the application deadline.

Regular Decision applicants should request submission of test results from the College Board or the ACT prior to January 1. Results from the College Board's January test administration will be included in the application review process but results from other test administrations must be submitted prior to January 1.