

TOPIC Standardized Tests for College Admissions

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What are the main points of this source?

- Hampshire College President Lash defends why Hampshire is not on the latest list for *US News and World Report's* top-ranked colleges and universities: Hampshire College has stopped requiring SAT/ACT scores for admission
- Lash (the school's president) explains that they want to look at a student's entire school experience, not just the test scores.
- Lash explains that the SAT/ACT are biased against students of color and/or students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and he wants Hampshire College to be a place of diversity.

How does this source fit into your plans for your paper?

It shows some of the benefits of eliminating the SAT/ACT requirement. In my exploration of the pros and cons of SAT/ACT testing, this article is very persuasive in explaining a school's justification for getting rid of that requirement.

What aspects of this source will you use in your paper? Cite particular phrases and explain how they will enhance your paper.

- Lash explains, "Not once did we sit in an Admissions committee meeting and 'wish we had a test score.' Without the scores, every other detail of the student's application became more vivid. Their academic record over four years, letters of recommendation, essays, in-person interviews, and the optional creative supplements gave us a more complete portrait than we had seen before. " This is a strong statement against requiring SAT/ACT score and focuses on the bigger picture with the student.
- Lash also boasts that their number of first-generation college students from families rose from 12% to 18%. This is encouraging to those who might have been discouraged from applying because of a specific SAT/ACT cutoff.