

Exciting News Regarding the NCSSM Admissions Process

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Dear Counselor,

We would like to thank you for serving as an evaluator during the 2017-2018 NCSSM Admissions cycle. Because of your support of our applicants and prospective students, we would like to share some exciting news concerning our testing requirements for admissions!

Beginning with the Class of 2021, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) will now accept the ACT (American College Testing) in addition to the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). Offering both standardized tests will give applicants more options to satisfy the standardized testing portion of the application process. NCSSM does not have a minimum or maximum SAT or ACT score that prospective applicants must achieve to be competitive in the application process or to be offered enrollment at NCSSM. When viewing standardized test scores, NCSSM compares the applicant's scores in each section of the score report to the average scores of the high school the student currently attends. For students who attend high schools that do not release an average score, a new school, or are home-schooled, NCSSM will compare the applicant's scores to the average test scores for the county in which the applicant resides.

A student who selects to take the ACT will have their Math ACT score converted to an equivalent SAT Math score. ACT scores in Reading and English will be converted to an equivalent SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) score using the new College Board and ACT Official Concordance table.

Below is a link to the Concordance Table used by NCSSM to convert ACT Scores to SAT Scores.

Link: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/guide-2018-act-sat-concordance.pdf>

For applicants who take the SAT and/or ACT more than once within the application process, NCSSM will superscore an applicant's scores and only use the highest converted SAT scores for the selection process. Below is an example of how the SAT and ACT are superscored when a student takes more than one test.

Superscore Example

Applicant's Scores:

October SAT: ERW 500, Math 700

December SAT: **ERW 690**, Math 650

February ACT: Reading 24, English 25, Math 32
February ACT Converted to SAT: 600 ERW, **Math 720**

Your Super Score- ERW 690, Math 720

Test Dates Accepted for 2018-2019 for the NCSSM Class of 2021

- June 2, 2018- SAT
- August 25, 2018- SAT
- September 8, 2018- ACT
- October 6, 2018- SAT
- October 27, 2018- ACT
- November 3, 2018- SAT
- December 1, 2018- SAT
- December 8, 2018- ACT
- February 9, 2019- ACT

As always, these testing requirements only apply to Residential and Online applicants, Summer Ventures Only applicants have no testing requirement.

If you have any questions, please contact us at admissions@ncssm.edu.

Thank you,

Office of Admissions

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