



KEYSTONE SAT MATH

SAT SCORES AT THE
TOP 25 UNIVERSITIES

What enrolled first-years scored at the U.S. News 2027 top 25 national universities

SCAN TO VIEW
ONLINE

760

TYPICAL SAT MATH
25TH PERCENTILE

780

TYPICAL SAT MATH
MEDIAN

~1530

TYPICAL SAT TOTAL
MEDIAN

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#	UNIVERSITY	SAT TOTAL 25TH–75TH PERCENTILE	TOTAL MEDIAN	SAT MATH 25TH–75TH PERCENTILE	MATH MEDIAN	MATH RANGE 700 750 800	TESTING FOR CURRENT APPLICANTS
1	MIT	1520–1570	1550	780–800	790		Required
2	Princeton	1490–1560	1530	760–800	790		Optional; required 2028
3	Harvard	not reported	—	730–790	770		Required
4	Yale	1480–1560	1540	740–790	780		Required
5 ^T	Caltech	not reported	—	790–800	790		Required
5 ^T	Stanford	1520–1570	1550	770–800	790		Required
7	U Penn	not reported	—	770–800	790		Required
8	Duke	1510–1570	1550	770–790	790		Optional
9 ^T	Johns Hopkins	1530–1565	1550	780–800	790		Required (most programs)
9 ^T	Northwestern	1520–1560	1540	770–790	790		Optional
9 ^T	U Chicago	1500–1560	1540	760–790	780		Optional
12 ^T	Columbia	1510–1560	1540	760–800	780		Optional; required 2028
12 ^T	Dartmouth	1440–1550	1520	720–790	770		Required
14 ^T	Carnegie Mellon	1500–1560	1540	770–800	790		Varies by program
14 ^T	Cornell	1490–1550	1530	770–800	790		Required
16 ^T	Brown	1470–1550	1520	730–790	770		Required
16 ^T	Rice	1510–1560	1540	760–800	790		Recommended
16 ^T	Vanderbilt	1510–1560	1530	770–790	780		Optional; required 2029
16 ^T	Washington U	1500–1550	1530	760–790	780		Optional; 2028 under review
20 ^T	UC Berkeley	—	—	—	—		Not used; 2028 under review
20 ^T	UCLA	—	—	—	—		Not used; 2028 under review
20 ^T	Notre Dame	1460–1540	1500	730–780	760		Optional; required 2028
23 ^T	Emory	1480–1540	1510	740–790	780		Optional
23 ^T	Georgetown	1405–1530	1480	700–780	750		Required
25	U Michigan	1370–1530	1470	680–780	740		Optional

WHAT THIS MEANS

- **Aim for 760+:** the entry point (25th percentile) at most top-25 schools today.
- **Required testing** is coming back: Princeton, Columbia and Notre Dame join for Fall 2028.

PLANNING AHEAD

- Most take the first SAT in **spring junior year**, then retake to raise the score.
- Last test dates: **October senior year** for early deadlines, **December** for regular decision.
- Start prep **3+ months** before the first test for Math gains of **50–200+** points.

Source: each university's Common Data Set 2025–26 (C9). Click on bubbles for links to policies. Ranges cover only students who sent SAT scores. Bars: **gold** = testing required when this class applied, **pink** = optional; dot = median. ^T = tied rank. By Eva Leung, Oct 19, 2026.