

**Request for extension of the special exception for test-optional applications
for specific applicant populations**

We appreciated the opportunity to discuss the continued challenges prospective students are facing, specifically related to standardized testing. To acknowledge that access to testing continues to be inconsistent and uncertain, we are asking for a continuation of the policy exception that was granted for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 terms to allow **homeschool students, students attending high schools who do not assign traditional alpha or numerical grades, and recruited athletes to apply test-optional** to be extended **through the Fall 2022 term**. Through our experience in reviewing applications from these student populations, we found that we had enough information on a student's academic performance in college preparatory courses and insight from other factors considered in the holistic admissions process to make sound decisions on their readiness to be successful at IU.

To further support the student experience in these uncertain times, we would like to continue to allow students who wish to apply for the November 1 early action (non-binding) deadline for fall 2022, and who are either not able to take the ACT or SAT or are uncertain of their test performance, to apply test-optional at the point of application and if they choose, have their scores considered later. While only a little more than 1,000 students exercised this opportunity, the flexibility was appreciated by families and counselors when attempting to negotiate an already stressful process.

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