Georgia State University Policy

2.20.11 Writing Portion of the ACT

Policy Summary

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Full Policy Text

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Administration of Policy

Mandating Authority:
University Senate

Responsible Office(s):
Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 200 Sparks Hall, 3-2500
Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards

Responsible Executive(s):

Policy History

Approving Body: Senate

Rationale or Purpose

Beginning the spring of 2005, the SAT will be revised and require that all students complete a writing section of the exam. The ACT, however, has decided to make their writing test optional. Many research universities (including UGA and Tech) are requiring that students who choose to take the ACT complete the writing test. We should follow this practice to discourage weaker applicants who wish to avoid the SAT's writing requirement. In addition, it appears that a sufficiently high score on the SAT/ACT writing exam may exempt students from the essay portion of the Regent's Test. Finally, we may want to use the SAT/ACT writing test as an English placement test.

Additional Information
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Additional Helpful Resources