American colleges and universities use standardized tests as one part of the evaluation of applicants for admission. To be considered for admission you must take the following tests: SAT or ACT, as well as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

While the TOEFL can be waived depending on your SAT or ACT scores, the reverse is not true (i.e. The SAT/ACT exam is not waived based on high TOEFL/IELTS scores. There is no waiver option from the SAT/ACT requirement). If you haven't taken these exams and submitted the results by the application deadline, you will not be considered for admission.

The TOEFL or IELTS is required if you do not qualify under one of the following two waiver options:

TOEFL/IELTS waiver through SAT or ACT score
The TOEFL or IELTS can be waived if you have a score of 600 or higher on the SAT Critical Reading or Writing Section OR a score of 26 or higher on both the English and Reading sections of the ACT. Applicants receiving the described scores will automatically qualify for a waiver from the TOEFL/IELTS. There is no need to initiate a request for waiver through the Office of Admission, as you will automatically qualify when your application is reviewed.

TOEFL/IELTS waiver through Primary & Native Language confirmation
The TOEFL or IELTS can also be waived if English is the main/primary language used at home with parents AND the language of instruction at your school. Applicants who are requesting a waiver under this option must receive official approval from the Office of Admission.

Applicants should write an email to the Office of Admission describing in detail the language background of the applicant, including languages used at home with parents, as well as the language of instruction in your schooling from years K - 12. All waiver requests must receive approval from the Director of Admission. Applicants should provide information accurately, as it will likely be verified with officials from your secondary school.