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California told to end use of 'discriminatory' SAT and ACT

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A California school district and advocates are calling on the University of California system to stop using SAT (scholastic aptitude test) and ACT (American college testing) scores as requirements for admission, saying the exams illegally discriminate against under-represented minority students, multilingual learners and students with disabilities, writes Valerie Strauss for *The Washington Post*.

Attorneys representing several parties – including the nearly 26,000-student Compton Unified School District, three students and the Community Coalition, a non-profit that addresses pressing issues in South Central Los Angeles – sent a letter to the governing board of the nine-campus system demanding it "immediately stop this discriminatory practice" or face a lawsuit.

The value of SAT and ACT scores has long been debated, with research showing that family income, race and the mother's education level strongly influence outcomes. The University of California system is already examining its use of test scores in admissions, and many in higher education believe its decision could influence other institutions to stick with the tests or abandon them.

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