



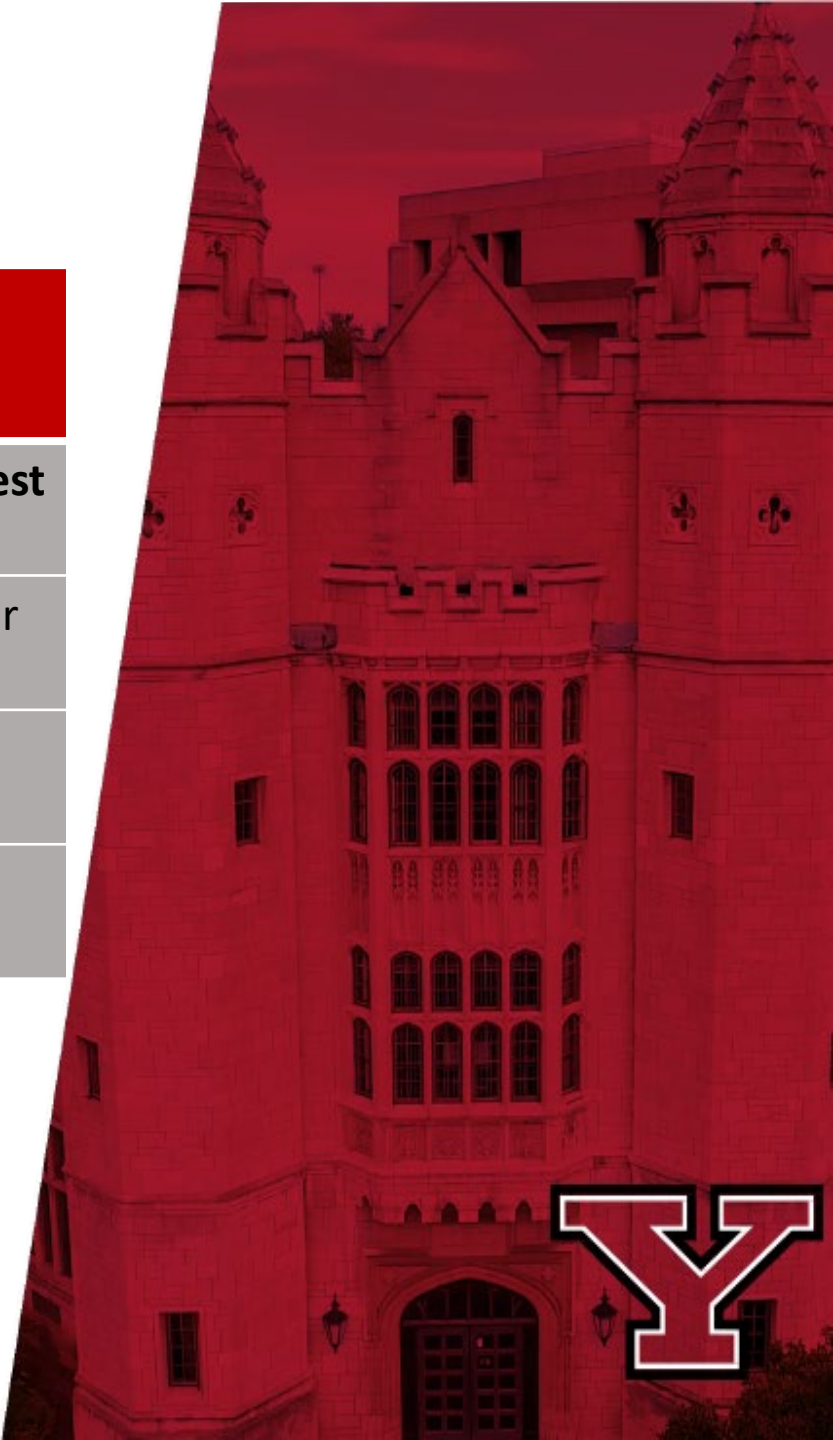
**YOUNGSTOWN  
STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**Test Optional  
Admission  
Proposal  
April 2022**



Current Admission Requirements	Test Optional Admission with or without Test Scores: (Currently approved by Academic Senate through to Spring 2023)	
Regular Admission with Test Scores:	Regular Admission Test Optional:	Strong Start Admission Test Optional:
Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above (weighted) and	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above (weighted) and	Cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or above (weighted) and
Core GPA* of 2.0 or above (unweighted) and	2.7 Core GPA* or above (unweighted)	2.25 – 2.69 Core GPA* (unweighted)
ACT = 17 or SAT = 920		2.24 or below Core GPA* (unweighted) – Denied

\*Unweighted Core GPA – all English, Math, Science, Social Science and Foreign Language (if applicable) grades earned from 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> year

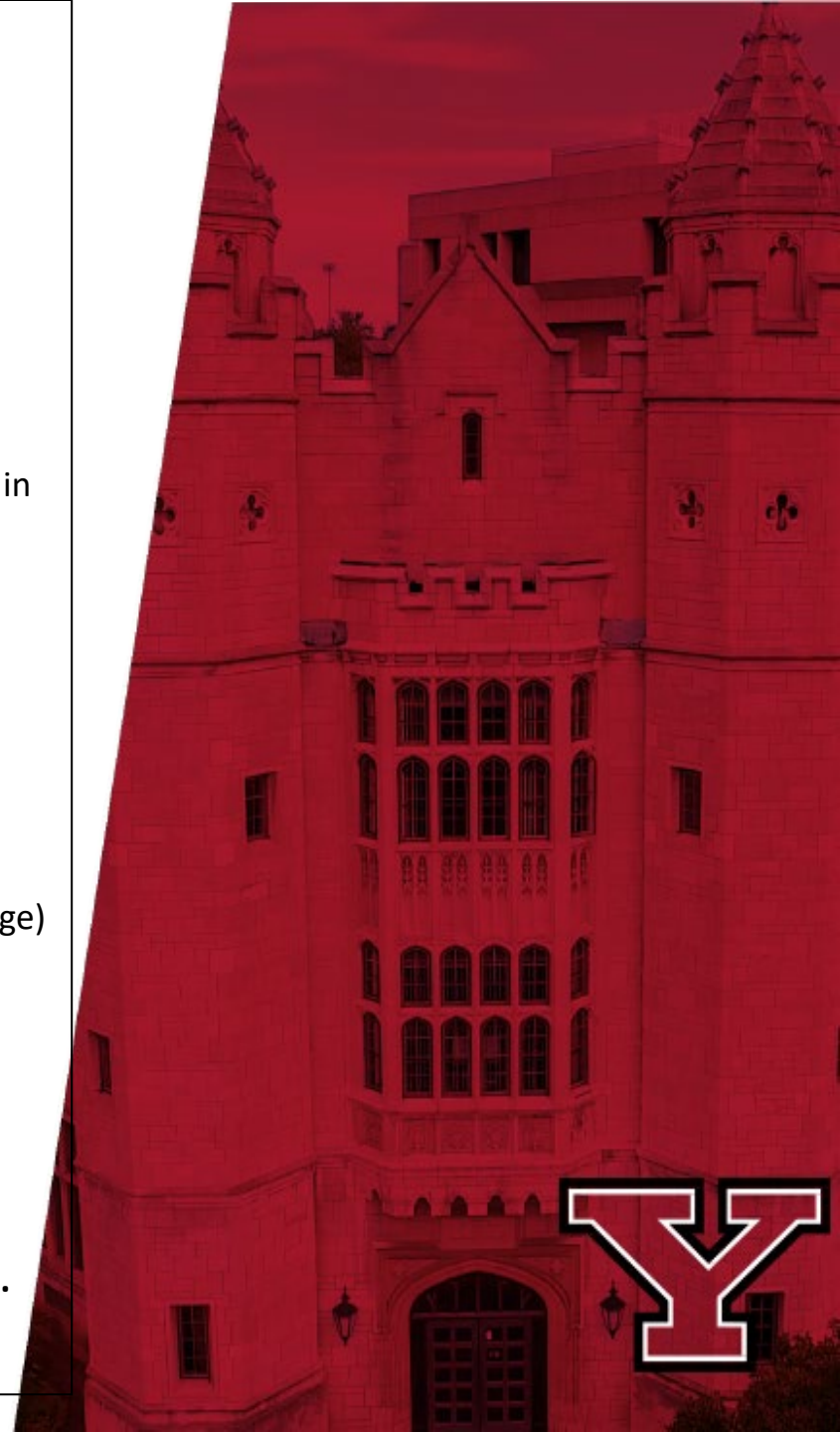


# Seeking Approval for: Permanent Test Optional Admission or 1-year Extension of Test Optional Admission through to Spring Semester 2024

## Currently approved Test Optional Standards:

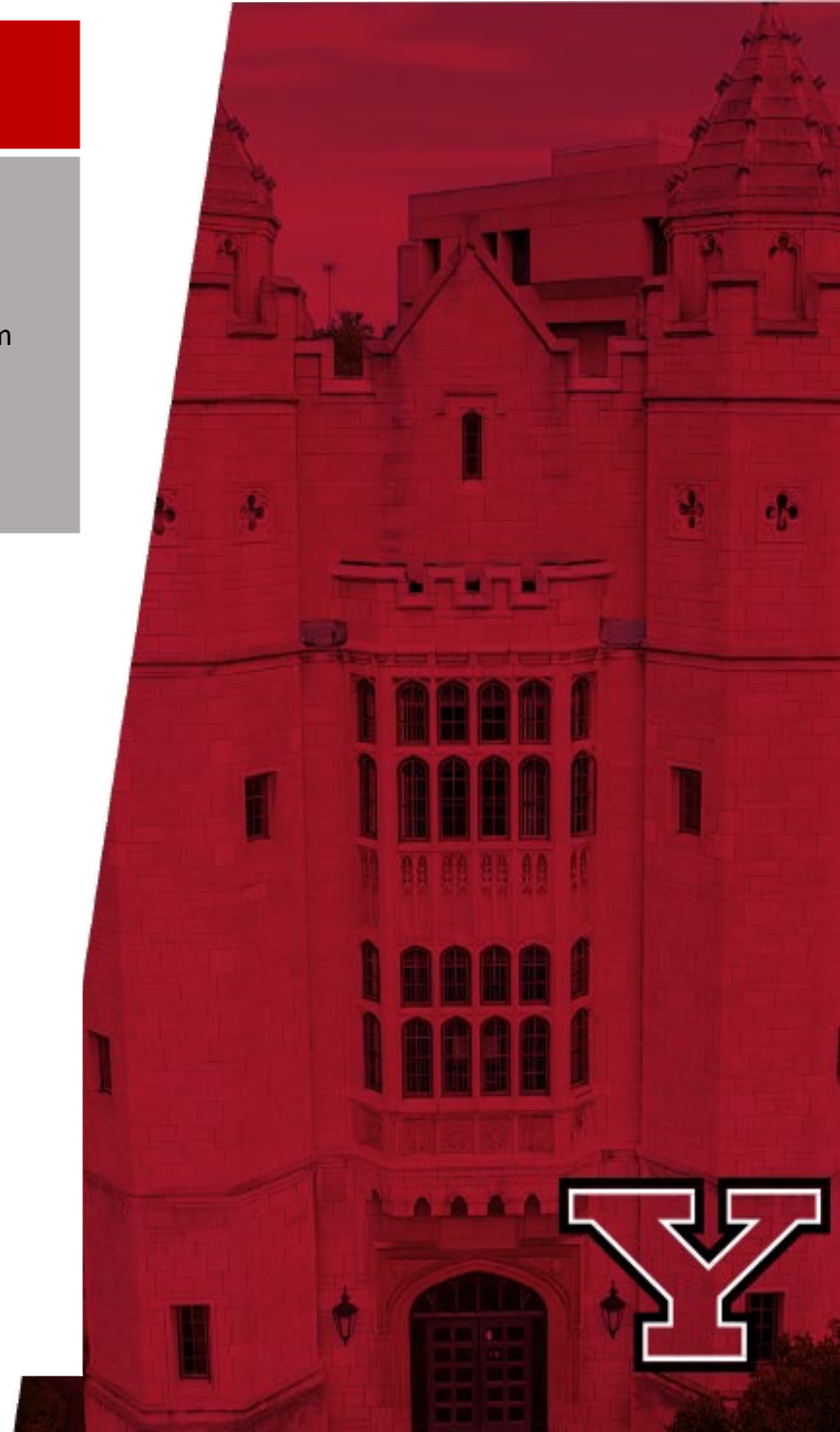
- Contributed to an increase in the number of applications and admits for Fall 2022 despite regional decline in high school graduates
- Created opportunity to admit more students
  - Where YSU is competing for fewer obtainable high school graduates
- Removes barriers for disadvantaged students which can help increase diversity
- Allows admitting students who would have otherwise been denied admission previously\*
- Provides better in-depth review of core classes (English, Math, Science, Social Science, and Foreign Language) taken between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades to calculate core grade point averages for admissions decisions.
- As of 4-11-2022
  - 1,284 students for the upcoming Summer & Fall 2022 semesters **did not** submit test scores with an average GPA of 3.30.
  - 899 students have grade point averages between 3.00 and 5.00. This population has not proven to be academically at risk.
  - YSU continues to attract high achieving students.

**Permanent Test Optional Admission still allows YSU to require test scores for admission to specific programs.**  
Transparency with test score requirements for programs requiring test scores for admission will be necessary.



Test Optional	No Decision as of Fall 2023	Majors/Programs Requiring Test Scores
<p><b>Permanently Test Optional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kent State University</li> <li>Ohio University</li> <li>University of Toledo</li> <li>University of Akron</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wright State University - likely continue for Fall 2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Cincinnati - Nursing and Education</li> <li>Ohio University – DO Early Assurance Program</li> <li>University of Toledo – Bacc2MD Pathway and Dental Pathway program with Case Western Reserve University</li> </ul>
<p><b>Waiting on Final Approval for Test Optional for Fall 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleveland State University</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Approved Test Optional through Fall 2023 or beyond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ohio State University - continuing “Pilot” program</li> <li>Miami University – permanent decision about 2024 &amp; beyond to be made in the “near future”</li> <li>Bowling Green State University</li> <li>University of Cincinnati - through Fall 2024</li> </ul>		

## Ohio Public Schools ~ Test Optional



## Other Prominent Universities who are Test Optional

- Columbia University – through Fall 2024
- Harvard University– through Fall 2026
- Yale University– through Fall 2023 but will decide on-term testing policy next year
- Princeton University– through Fall 2023 but will continue to access test requirements

### Permanently Test Optional

- Bucknell University
- George Washington University
- Mount Holyoke College

**Decisions regarding Test Optional admission are critical to long-term recruitment plans. The application for admission for the Summer & Fall 2023 semesters opens in June 2022. A number of higher education institutions across the country are moving to permanent test optional admission models.**



# Questions?

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

