Test waivers and Application waivers

To use either a test wavier or application fee waiver all students must qualify to receive those services. Currently, all students receive free lunch due to COVID-19, that service does not automatically qualify students for test or application waivers. To qualify students must complete the school café application and meet the requirements to receive free/reduced lunch.

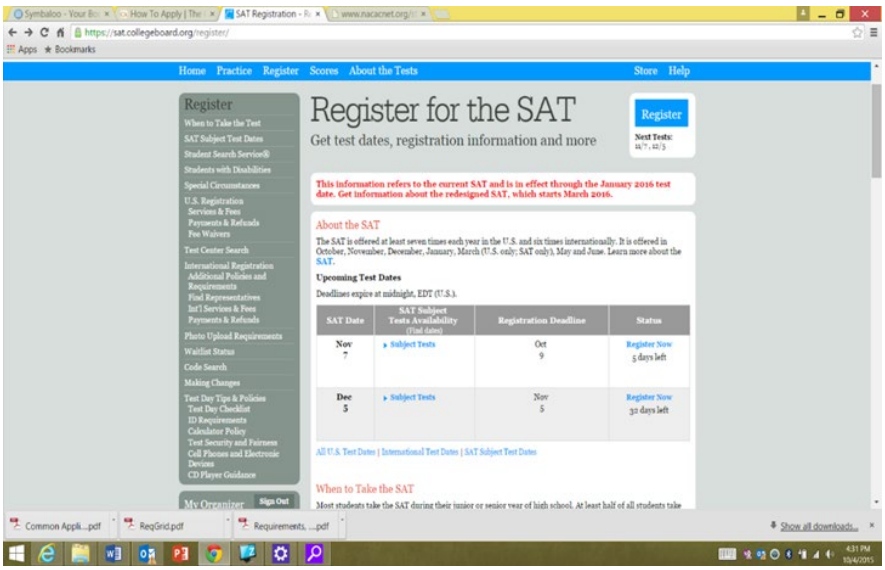
Testing Waivers: SAT/ACT fee waivers
Eligible students can receive up to 2 ACT and 2 SAT fee waivers while in high school. Note: All students also receive an SAT for free as juniors from CFISD. (The school day SAT does not count as a waiver, it is a free test from CFISD) To request a testing waiver email kim.edwards@cfisd.net. Please include student first, last name, and the Cy-Lakes student ID number in the email.

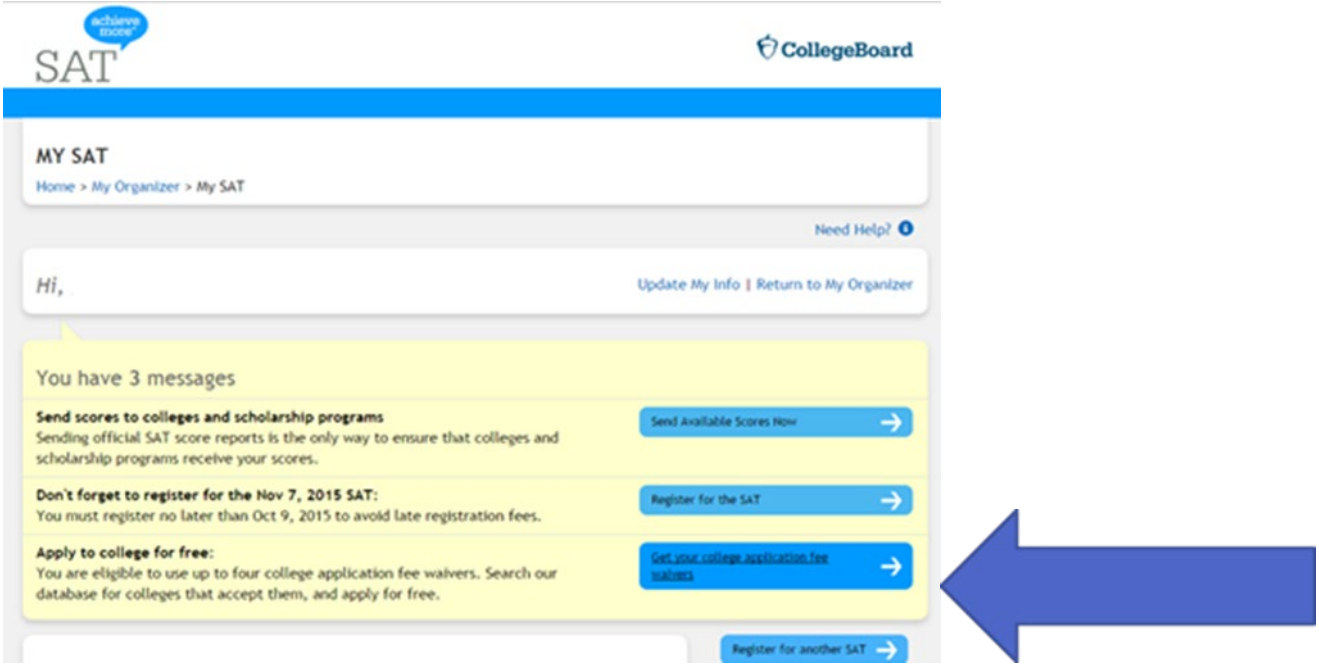
Do all colleges/universities accept SAT, ACT, and NACAC Application Fee Waivers?
Many do, but not all. The student will need to visit the college/university's admissions page or contact the admissions office to determine what type of fee waiver is accepted. Some colleges/universities have their application fee waiver forms and some will require income tax information. Some colleges/universities accept the SAT, ACT, and NACAC fee waiver forms but also require additional documentation.
Tip: To find the application fee waiver instructions for your college/university, in the Internet search program of your choice type, "*school name* college application fee waiver"

Types of Application waivers:

1. College Board SAT (4) waivers: (waivers become available when the test score is loaded in the account)

If you've previously used a College Board SAT fee waiver to take an SAT for free, you will qualify for four fee waivers from College Board.
To print fee waivers, go to www.collegeboard.org
Log in
Then click "Register" (the blue button in upper right corner; see screenshot below)
You may be prompted to re-enter your password again. On the following page, click the blue box that says "Get your college application fee waivers." (See screenshot below)





2. ACT (4) waivers:
If you've previously used an ACT fee waiver to take the ACT for free, you will qualify for four fee waivers from ACT. To request an ACT application waiver please email kim.edwards@cfisd.net. Please include student first, last name, and the Cy-Lakes student ID number in the email.
When you receive the waiver complete the top portion plus the Student Statement section. Then send the waiver to the college that you are applying.

3. Common Application waivers:
On the Common App, students can check a box to indicate that they are eligible to receive a college application waiver. The student's grade level counselor will be notified that you have made this indication and will verify your request for a fee waiver.

4. NACAC Waivers: A total of 4 can be used for students that qualify.
Click NACAC Waiver and complete the top portion of the waiver then submit the form to your counselor. Your grade level counselor will verify that you receive free/reduced lunch. The student then sends the waiver to the university.

Quartiles, GPA and Class Rank

Often, colleges will ask you what quartile you are in, or you may need it to see if you qualify for automatic admission into that university. See the information below for a quick and easy way to understand and calculate what quarter you fall in.
Quartiles are 25% segments (think quarters)

1-25% - 1st quartile
26-50% - 2nd quartile
51-75% - 3rd quartile
76-100% - 4th quartile

How to Determine Your Quartile
Example
A student is number 322 out of 552,
Divide 322/552 = .58 or 58%
The student is in the 3rd quartile

Class rank and GPA were given to students by the counselor and are posted in HAC under transcript. The GPA that you receive is on the CFISD 6.0 weighted scale, if you need the GPA on a 4.0 scale your counselor will help with that information