

The LSAT and LSAC: A Proven Record of Supporting Law Schools and Students



The Law School Admission Test, created by the Law School Admission Council, is used to assess reasoning, reading, and writing skills that are essential for law school and legal practice.

Law schools value the LSAT because it:

- ✓ Provides a standardized, objective measure of applicants' skills that are crucial for law school success
- ✓ Predicts first-year law school performance more accurately than any other single factor
- ✓ Puts applicants on equal footing with a common benchmark when undergraduate GPAs can vary in meaning
- ✓ Has consistently shown strong year-over-year correlation with student performance, making it a reliable component of holistic admission decisions
- ✓ Has been fine-tuned over decades and with tightly controlled testing conditions, making results trustworthy

The multiple-choice portion consists of two scored Logical Reasoning sections and one scored Reading Comprehension section, plus one unscored variable section, and is administered eight times each year in person and remotely. The remote-proctored, online writing portion — LSAT Argumentative Writing — is offered on demand.

The LSAT Helps Promote Access, Equity, and Excellence

The LSAT can help expand access and ensure equity in legal education.

- ✓ LSAT scores can help schools identify candidates who might otherwise be overlooked based on undergraduate institutions, GPA, lack of access to extracurricular activities, or other factors.
- ✓ Research consistently shows the LSAT is the best single predictor of law school success, significantly better than undergraduate GPA alone. The predictive validity of the LSAT has increased over time, while the predictive validity of undergraduate GPA alone has decreased over time due to grade inflation and other factors.
- ✓ Schools have decades of experience with LSAT scores, as well as access to extensive data on how students at various score points have performed in their program. Scores on other tests are not backed by this kind of historical data, and there is no process or tool that can convert a score from another assessment into an LSAT score, since different tests assess different skills and have different test taker populations.
- ✓ Studies show that a GPA-focused admission process, without the LSAT, would result in less access, not more, for applicants from historically underrepresented groups. Without standardized test scores, schools rely on factors more readily available to continuing generation and higher income individuals, and less available to minoritized groups.
- ✓ The LSAT not only provides valuable information to admission decision-makers about prospective law students' readiness to succeed in law school, but also insight into potential academic support needs.



The LSAT Is Rigorously Designed and Tested

The LSAT is designed through a rigorous process to ensure its validity, reliability, and fairness.

- ✓ All LSAT questions undergo a lengthy multistep process to ensure they are free from any form of bias and fair to all population groups.
- ✓ LSAT test developers are trained in professional standards of fairness and anti-bias best practices.
- ✓ Every test question is also reviewed for fairness by external experts representing a wide range of backgrounds and experience, applying rigorous professional standards and their external perspectives.
- ✓ Finally, every test question is field tested as part of an unscored section in an actual LSAT administration, then subjected to a detailed statistical analysis; any item that shows any unfair impact at the unscored stage is rejected and never used on a scored test.

LSAC Invests in Outreach and Support

As a not-for-profit organization focused exclusively on advancing legal education, all the Law School Admission Council's resources and energy are devoted to programs and services that benefit law schools and prospective law students. LSAC works to attract people from every background to consider law school and support them at every step of their legal education journeys.

LSAC offers:

- ✓ Robust digital outreach, campaigns, and programming that attract thousands of prospective law students and encourage them to take the next step.
- ✓ LSAC Law School Forums that connect thousands of prospective law students with law school representatives.
- ✓ A comprehensive pathway program — Plus, Guided Journey — that provides guidance and support throughout the application and admission process.
- ✓ Extensive free and low-cost LSAT prep and practice tests, as well as Strategy Booster — a free program designed to help test takers feel more prepared and confident on test day.
- ✓ The most robust fee waiver program of any standardized test provider.
- ✓ A wide range of options for individuals with disabilities who require test accommodations.
- ✓ LSAC Unite, a flexible and customizable enrollment management system designed specifically to meet the requirements of law school admission.
- ✓ Legal Education Consulting services to help individual law schools with their unique goals.
- ✓ Professional development opportunities, and so much more!

To learn more about the LSAT and the vital role it plays in supporting access and opportunity in legal education, visit [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org).



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