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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.— Ouachita Baptist University is waiving its usual admissions requirements for ACT and SAT standardized test scores for the 2020-2021 recruitment cycle. This will apply to students enrolling as freshmen for the fall 2021 semester, with their acceptance to the university dependent, instead, on their high school grade point average (GPA).

The temporary policy change was approved by university administrators as well as Ouachita's Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee due to nationwide standardized testing cancellations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has left members of the high school Class of 2021 concerned about their college applications.

"Ouachita understands the challenges, stresses and pressures high school students and their families are facing in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dr. Keldon Henley, Ouachita's vice president for institutional advancement and chief of staff. "We want to be considerate of students and their families at this time."

For students who may benefit from submitting an ACT or SAT score in addition to their high school GPA, scores will be accepted. Additional details about the adjusted policy and scholarship information for students accepted for fall 2021 will be available later this summer.

Ouachita Baptist University, a private liberal arts university in Arkadelphia, Ark., is in its 134<sup>th</sup> year as a Christ-centered learning community. It is ranked the No. 1 "Best Value College" in Arkansas by Niche.com and the No. 2 Regional College in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*. The university has an average student/faculty ratio of 13:1 and has a 99% career outcomes rate for its graduates. Its seven academic schools include business, Christian studies, education, fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Learn more at [www.obu.edu](http://www.obu.edu).

For more information about the test-optional policy, contact Ouachita's Office of Admissions Counseling at 870-245-5110.