

# The Effectiveness of Standardized Testing as an Analytical Tool for Various Purposes

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## Intelligence Levels

- Standardized testing accounts for linguistic and logical intelligences even though there are eight total intelligences.
- There has been evidence found that shows that the SAT does not measure minority students' intelligence levels.
- Pressure from standardized testing on teachers, "discourages schools from broadly implementing experiential learning opportunities."



<https://www.teachthought.com/pedagogy/6-reasons-standardized-testing-is-at-best-problematic/>

## College Admissions

- Every college in the United States has an average ACT or SAT score range that their admitted students' scores fall in.
- Standardized testing causes heightened stress levels, starting as early as in kindergarten, and they continue taking standardized tests until they get to college.
- Some of the other factors are written supplements, commonly essays and short answer questions, and high school GPAs/grades and high school attendance.
- Some schools have implemented a test-optional option for their applications.

## Merit Pay

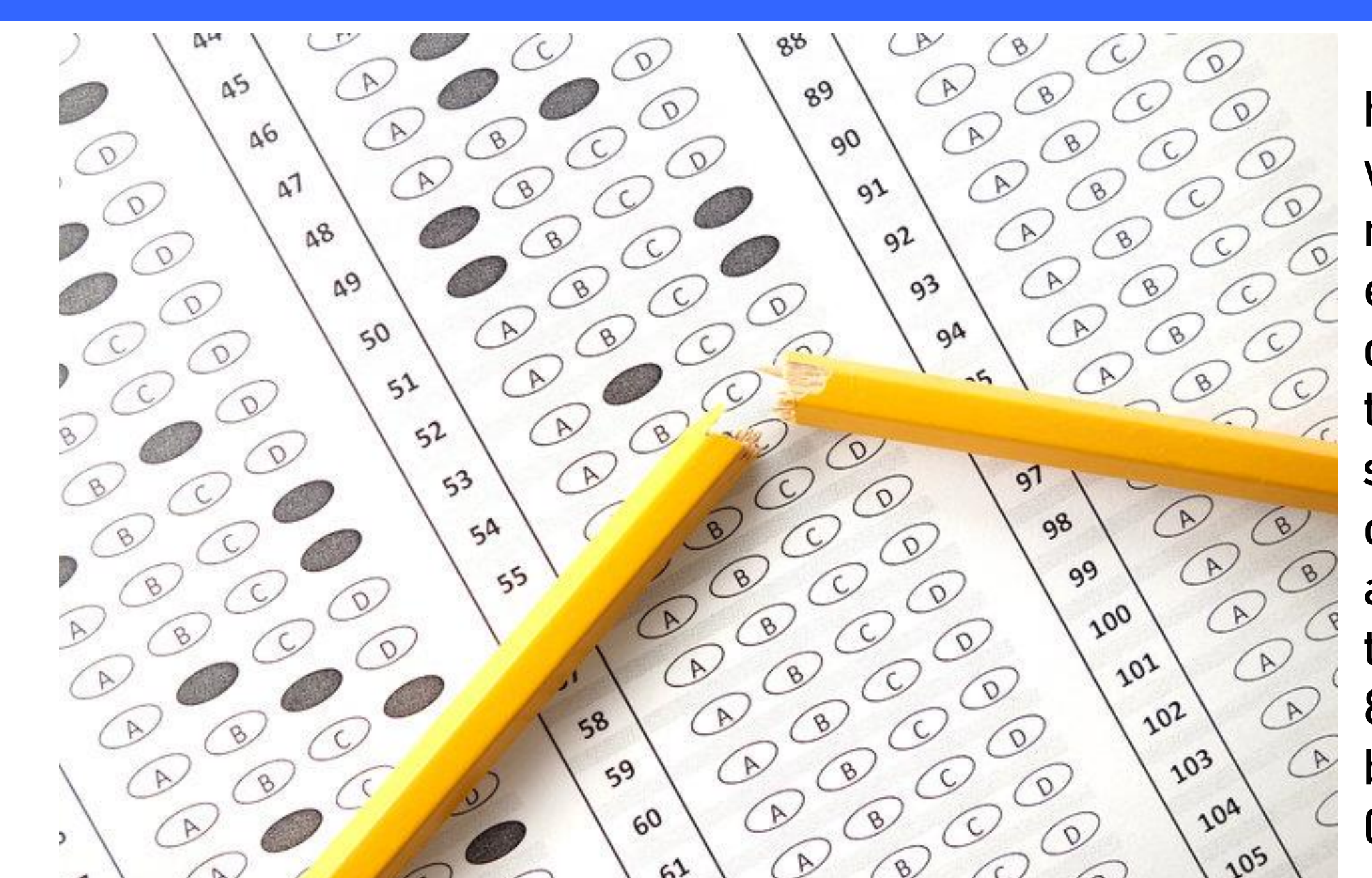
- Merit pay is defined as the act of paying teachers based on student performance.
- The performance measure most often used to award merit pay is standardized tests.
- Standardized tests can lead to a drill and practice method of teaching.
- Standardized tests and merit pay performance can also lead to cheating scandals.
- Many teachers do not believe standardized tests to be fair.
- A study conducted found that around 90% of don't believe standardized tests to be fair.
- Alternative methods have been used to award merit pay that may be more reliable than standardized tests.

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