

## Q&A WITH SUA

*Send in your own questions, and we'll share the answers!*

### **Question:**

Why doesn't SUA's brochure/application list any required grade point average or SAT and ACT scores? Does this mean that any grade point average, SAT or ACT score is OK?

### **Answer:**

SUA, Aliso Viejo has chosen not to rely on strict numerical standards (except for TOEFL), because they can easily cut off applicants who may possess other desirable qualities that remain unexplored

SUA seeks strong students, and because we are a new school accepting only 100 students for fall 2001, we are able to build our admission process differently. The opportunity is exhilarating! The admission committee at SUA will use a more holistic approach that is student-centered and allows SUA to evaluate each individual's applicant with care.

Here is a brief example: A candidate, for a variety of reasons, may have had one poor semester or year in an otherwise good high school career. If SUA used numerical cutoffs, this good student would possibly be bypassed. Other factors might make this student an excellent choice for SUA. Such factors might include: language ability, community service, extracurricular or club activities, special talents and personal motivation. This holistic approach frees SUA to more personally evaluate each student.

Aliso Viejo's first 100 students will be expected to undertake a rigorous academic curriculum, learn a foreign language, participate in community service, successfully complete an international internship or study abroad experience and participate in laying the foundation for SUA. If you are or know of a student who might be interested in the adventure of a lifetime, please contact SUA or visit our Web site at [www.soka.edu](http://www.soka.edu)!

*If you have questions of any kind about SUA, please send them to SUA at either [admission@soka.edu](mailto:admission@soka.edu) or [info@soka.edu](mailto:info@soka.edu). We will use this World Tribune column to share our answer with others who might have the same questions.*