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## UC president renews his call to dump SAT

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SANTA BARBARA — The head of the University of California system renewed his criticism of the SAT college entrance exams yesterday, calling for better ways of measuring students' academic abilities.

President Richard Atkinson has proposed eliminating the SAT I as an admissions requirement to the University of California's eight undergraduate campuses.

He said he wants to find a better way to screen students. In the meantime, he is recommending that the UC system continue using the SAT II, a less common test more closely tied to subjects studied in high school.

Critics say that high school grades better reflect a student's ability and that the SAT is culturally and class biased. Supporters say the SAT acts as a national yardstick and is a hedge against grade inflation.

Atkinson's proposal to drop the SAT requires approval by the UC Board of Regents and could not take effect before fall 2003.