



# AAMC PREview™ Professional Readiness Exam

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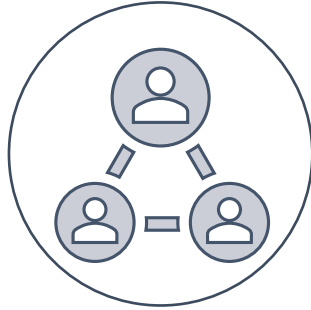
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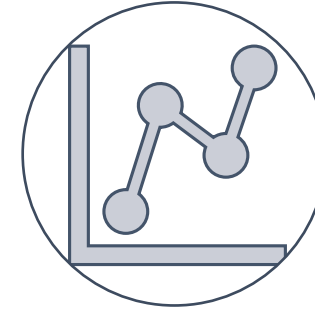
# Driven by the Needs of Our Community



**Community  
Driven**



**Expert  
Developed**



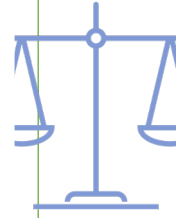
**Evidence  
Based**



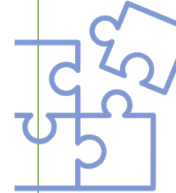
The PREview™ exam is intended to signal that professional competencies are integral to medical education.



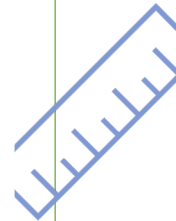
Provides a tool for schools to evaluate professional readiness earlier in the application process.



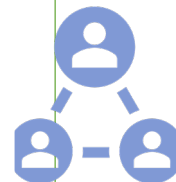
Offer a balance to academic metrics.



Introduce holistic review in a high-volume context.



Support consistent evaluation and comparison of applicants' pre-professional competencies.



Broaden the diversity of applicants considered.



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# Development and Evaluation Engages the Community

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Competency Modeling

Critical Incident Writing

Item Writing

Content Review

Scoring Key Development

Testing

# Extensively Researched and Evaluated



## Study findings built a body of evidence:

- The PREview exam is reliable.
- The PREview exam is valid.
- The PREview exam predicts performance.
- The PREview exam adds unique information to the admissions process.



# Students Are Top of Mind

- Online delivery for flexibility
- Remote proctoring for secure and fair testing
- Multiple-choice format for valid and reliable scores
- Score equating to ensure scores have same meaning across time
- Fee structure designed for unlimited score distribution



# 2022: Moving from Pilot to Fully Operational







# The PREview Program Is Growing.

- Opened to all schools using the AMCAS<sup>®</sup> service.
- Launched registration in Jan.
- Began testing in Mar.
- Seamlessly delivering PREview scores to students, schools, and advisors.

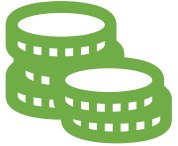
# 2022 Was a Year of Expansion



18 schools participated



17,591 scores delivered



20 percent of all exams completed using FAP



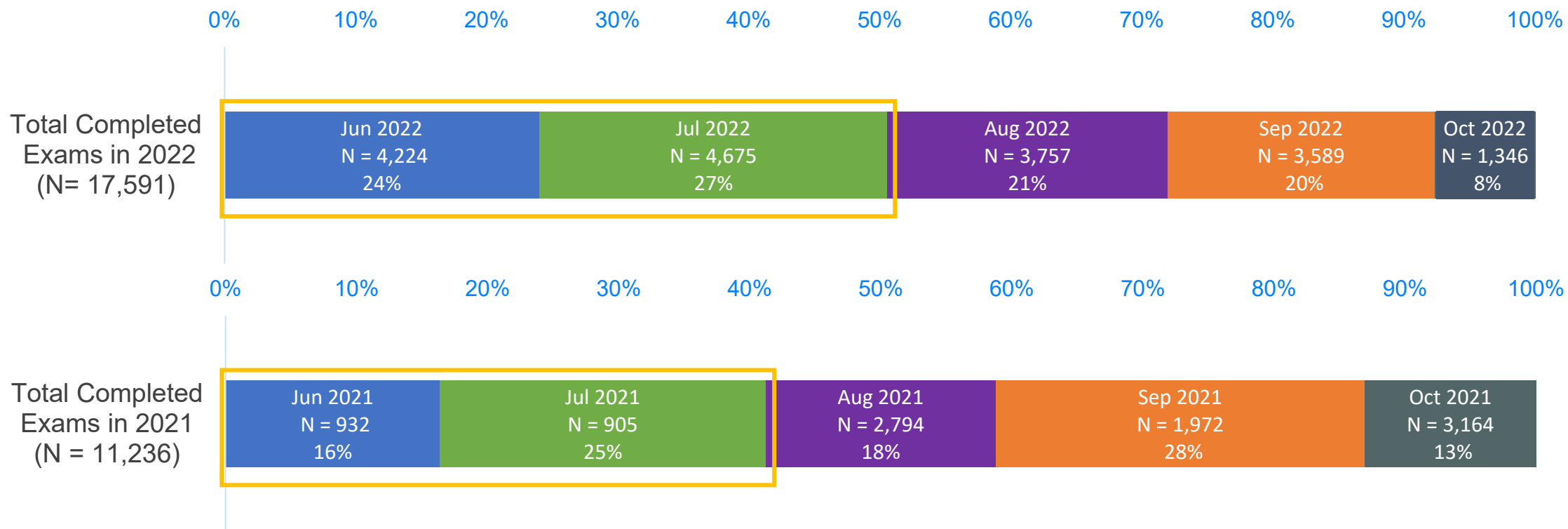
115 exams delivered with accommodations



Scores uploaded into the AMCAS<sup>®</sup> application




# More Examinees Tested Earlier in 2022





# Higher Proportions of Applicants Had PREview Scores if Schools Required Scores

 Schools that Require PREview Scores (5)

Participation Rate Statistics

Minimum	Median	Maximum
50%	74%	77%

 Schools that Recommend PREview Scores (8)

Participation Rate Statistics

Minimum	Median	Maximum
43%	50%	60%

 Schools that Use PREview Scores for Research (4)

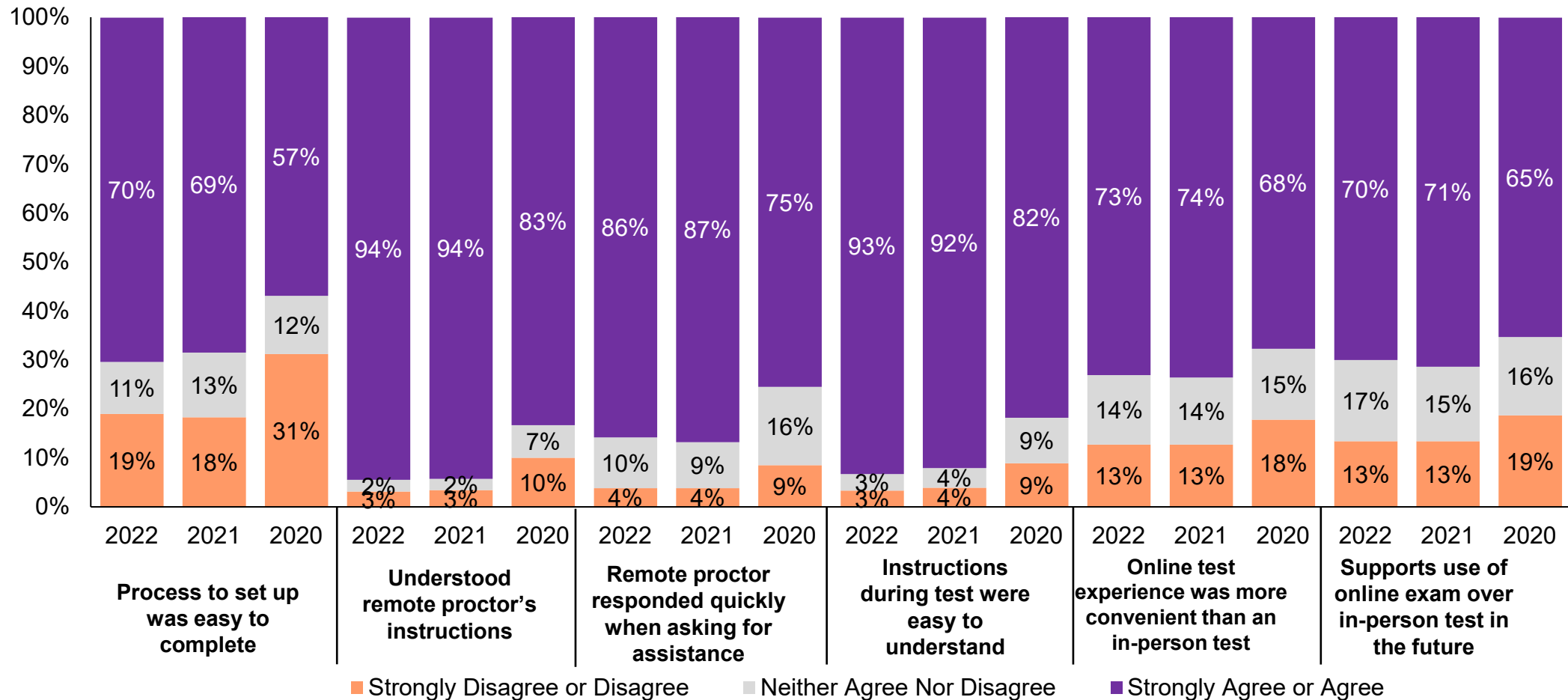
Participation Rate Statistics

Minimum	Median	Maximum
33%	50%	59%

Current 2023 applicant data as of 12/15/2022; Data only includes applicants who took the 2022 PREview exam and excludes DO schools.



# Examinees Report Positive Experiences with the Exam



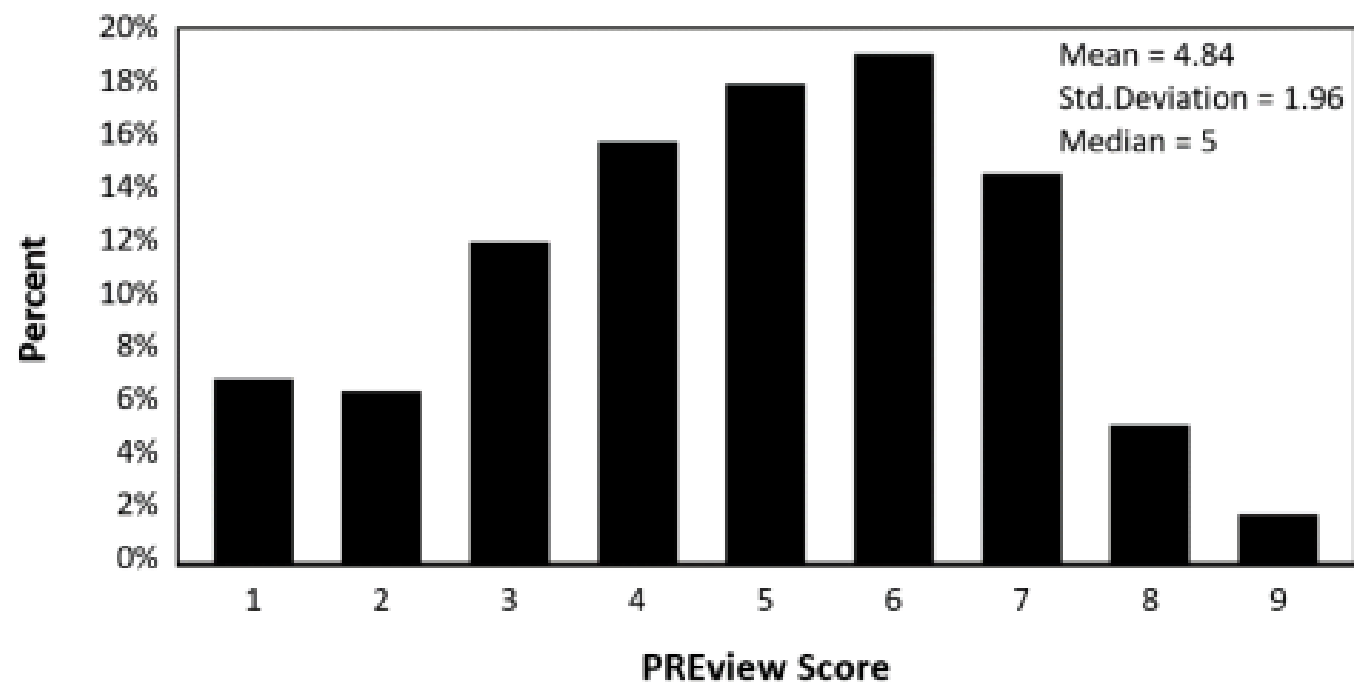


# Slight Increase in Mean PREview Score

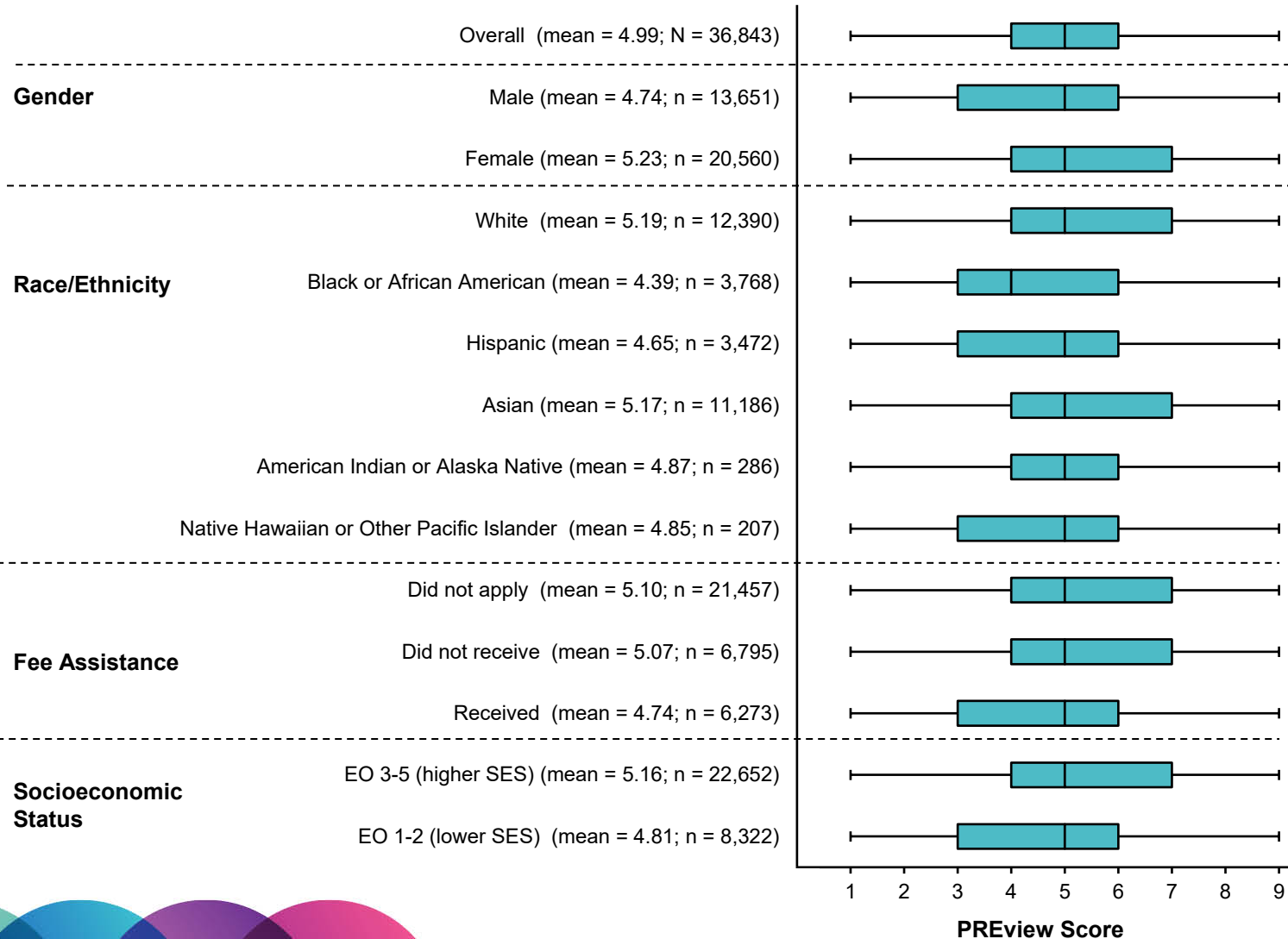
## Summary of AAMC® PREview™ Professional Readiness Exam Scores (Formerly Situational Judgment Test)

Percentile Ranks in Effect May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

N = 19,253



# Some Variability in Scores Across Groups



**Note**

The total number of exams administered from 2020 to 2022 was 36,843. These results include scores from 1,736 examinees who tested more than once in the 3 years of administration. Data reflect examinees who applied to at least one MD-granting school and reported information in their AMCAS® or TMDSAS® application. Data are unavailable for examinees who applied to a DO-granting school only.

# Schools Used PREview Scores at Different Stages



**Prescreening**, as a complement to academic metrics (MCAT, GPA).



**Screening**, alongside other application information to select applicants for interview.

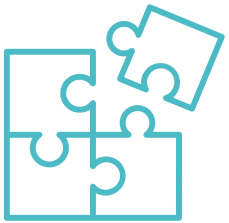


**Selecting applicants for admission**, alongside application information and interview scores.





# Schools Used PREview Scores Holistically



Considered alongside other application information



Viewed as a “plus factor” or opportunity to strengthen the application



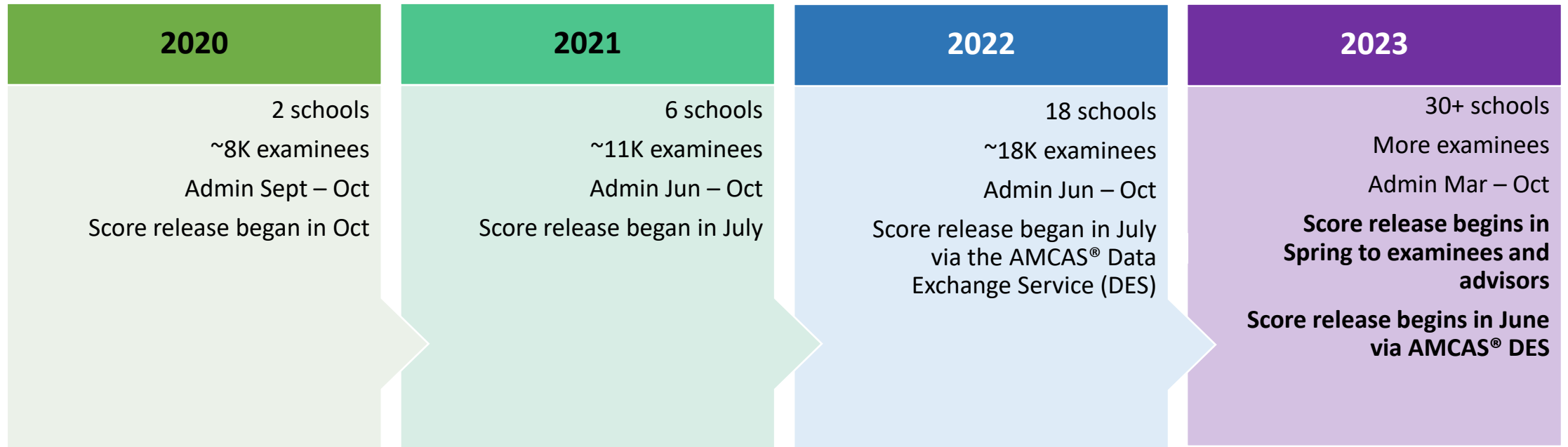
Given low weight relatively to other pieces of the application



# 2023: Continuing to Grow and Enhancing Our Services



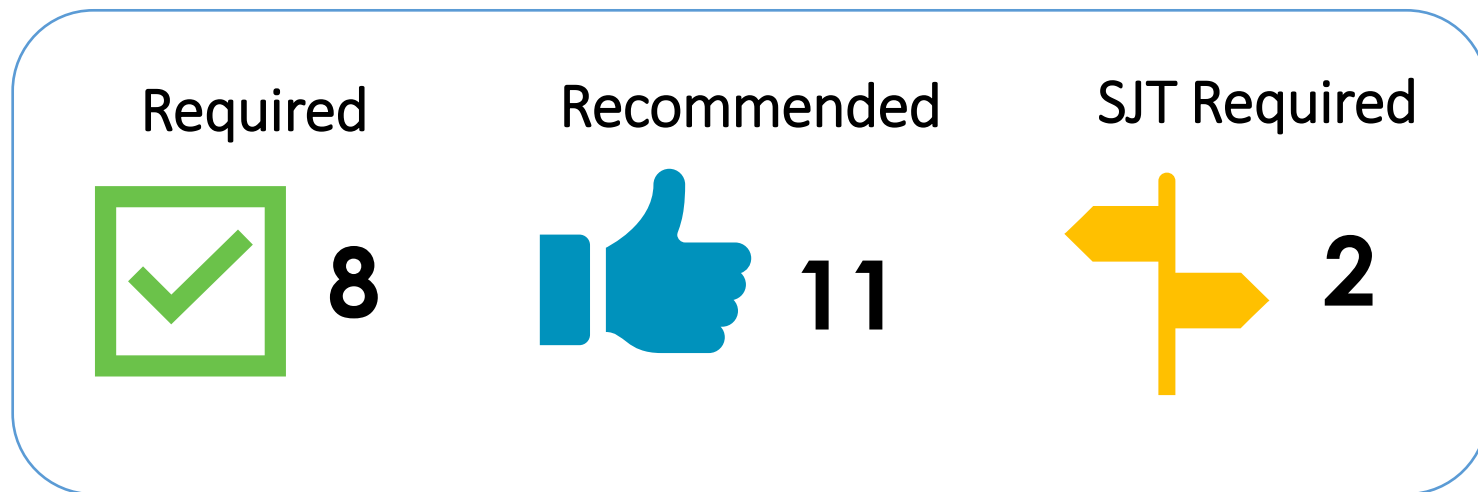
# Continuous Growth to Support Schools, Students, and Advisors



Free preparation resources for examinees + Guidance and training for schools  
Expanding outreach to applicants



# More Schools Are Requiring PREview Scores in 2023

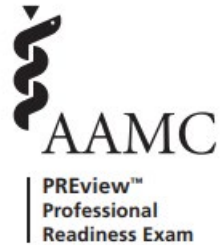


Numbers reflect participating schools as of 4/24. Additional schools may decide to participate.

# Earlier Testing and Score Delivery

Window	Test Dates	Score Release
1	March 16 & 17	April 18
2	May 10 & 11	June 13
3	June 14 & 15	July 18
4	July 12 & 13	August 15
5	August 16 & 17	September 19
6	September 13 & 14	October 17
7	October 11 & 12	November 9

- Flat fee of \$100 including unlimited score delivery; Free with AAMC Fee Assistance Program (FAP) approval
- PREview score data is delivered to examinees, advisors, and schools.
- Score data includes
  - PREview scale score
  - Percentile rank
  - Confidence band
- PREview scores are comparable year over year.



The AAMC **PREview™** Exam  
Examinee Preparation  
Guide



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# Free Preparation Resources

- Practice Exam Booklet
- Test Day Experience Video
- Tutorial of Online Testing System
- *AAMC PREview Exam Essentials*
- Webinars

[aamc.org/PREview](https://www.aamc.org/PREview)



# Resources to Support Schools Using PREview Scores



### Using AAMC PREview Data in 2023 Medical Student Selection

Access the Using AAMC PREview Data in 2023 Medical Student Selection guide, which includes information about the design, interpretation, and use of the PREview exam.



### Tools for Schools Using the PREview Exam

Access resources, data, and tools to help admissions officers and their committees use PREview scores in medical student selection. (Sign-In Required)



### PREview Research

Explore data and research studies that evaluate the validity, psychometrics, fairness, and use of the PREview exam.



### PREview Presentations

Explore recorded webinars and presentation slides that cover PREview administration updates and results from the ongoing research and evaluation on the PREview exam.



## New Resources for Conducting PREview Research at Your School

- Practical and methodological considerations
- Studying admissions data
- Studying existing outcomes
- Studying outcomes collected for research only
- Considerations for data analysis and interpretation of results





We need you! Volunteer to support PREview test development!

