



Overview for New Users

PharmCAS Participation

**5th Cycle launched on
June 1 for the 2008 entering class**

58 PharmCAS Institutions

**12 – Partial Participating
46 – Full Participating**

**27 – Private Institutions
31 – Public Institutions**



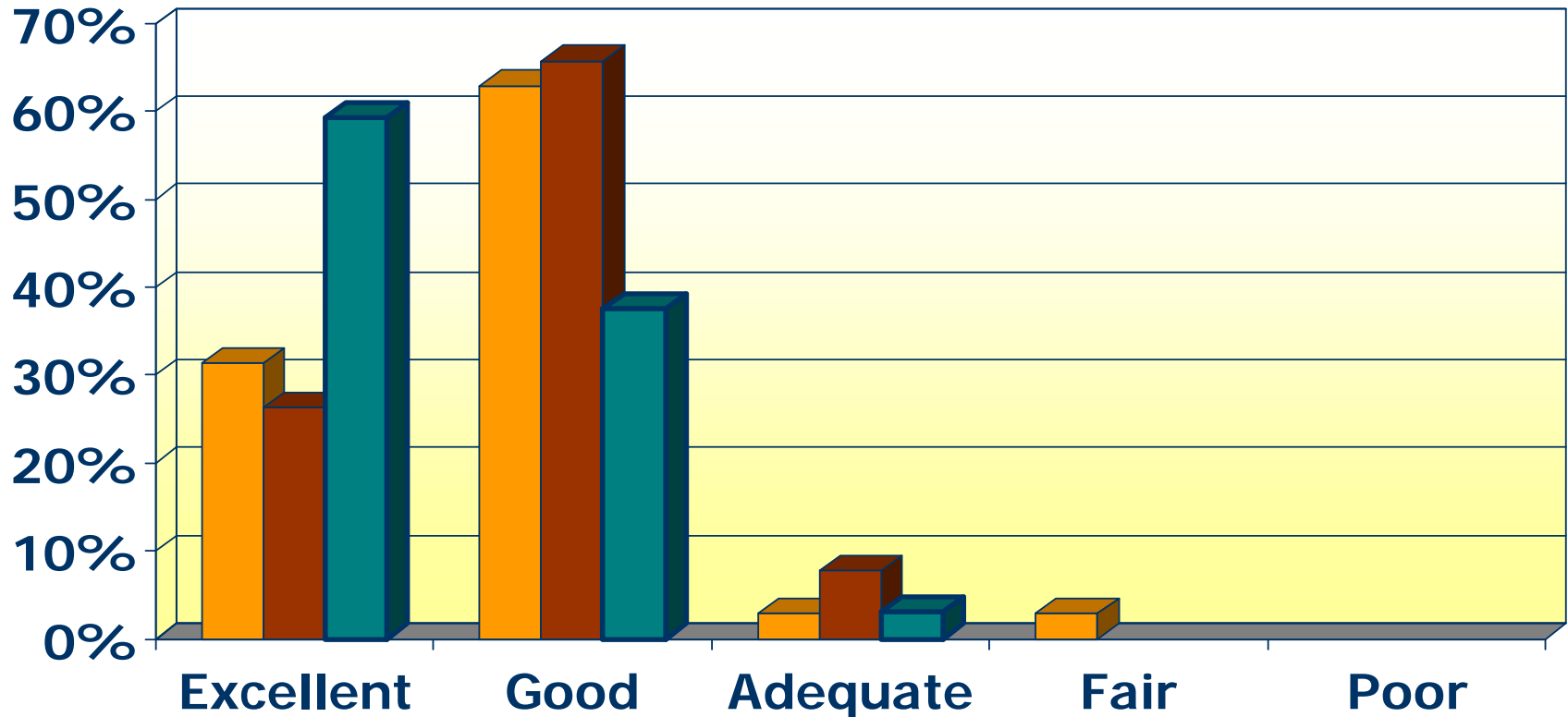
Benefits of PharmCAS to Admissions

- **Its FREE!**
- **One application & one set of materials for multiple schools.**
- **PharmAdMIT.**
- **Allows admissions staff to spend less time on clerical tasks and more time.**
 - Recruiting and communicating with applicants
 - Reviewing files
 - Analyzing application trends
- **Automatic set of reports, GPAs.**
- **Rich database of applicant information.**



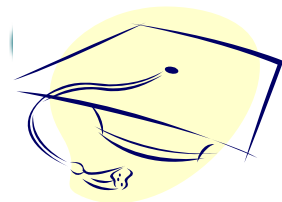
2007 School Survey Results

How do you rate your overall experience with PharmCAS?



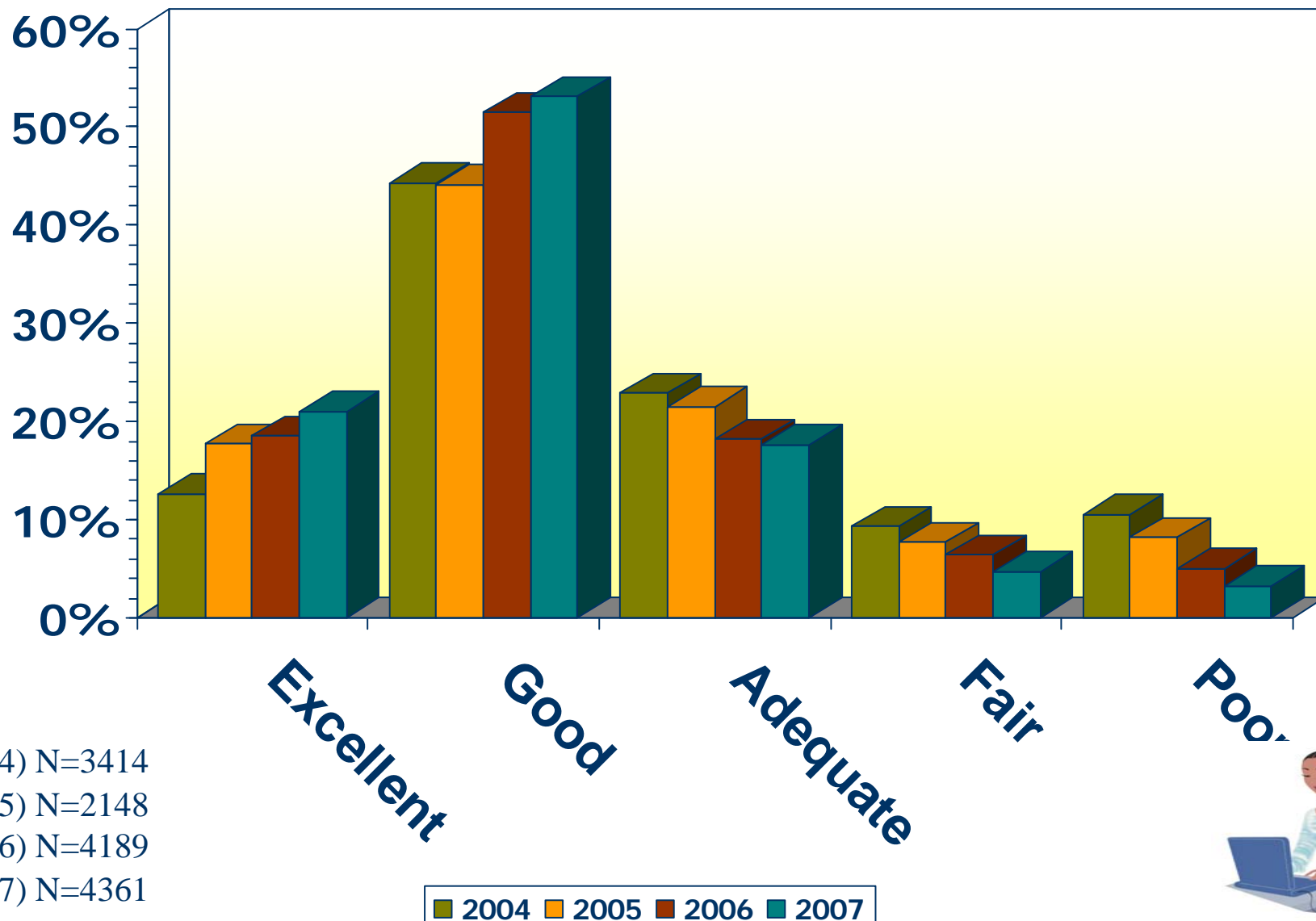
(2005) N=35
(2006) N=38
(2007) N=32

2005 2006 2007



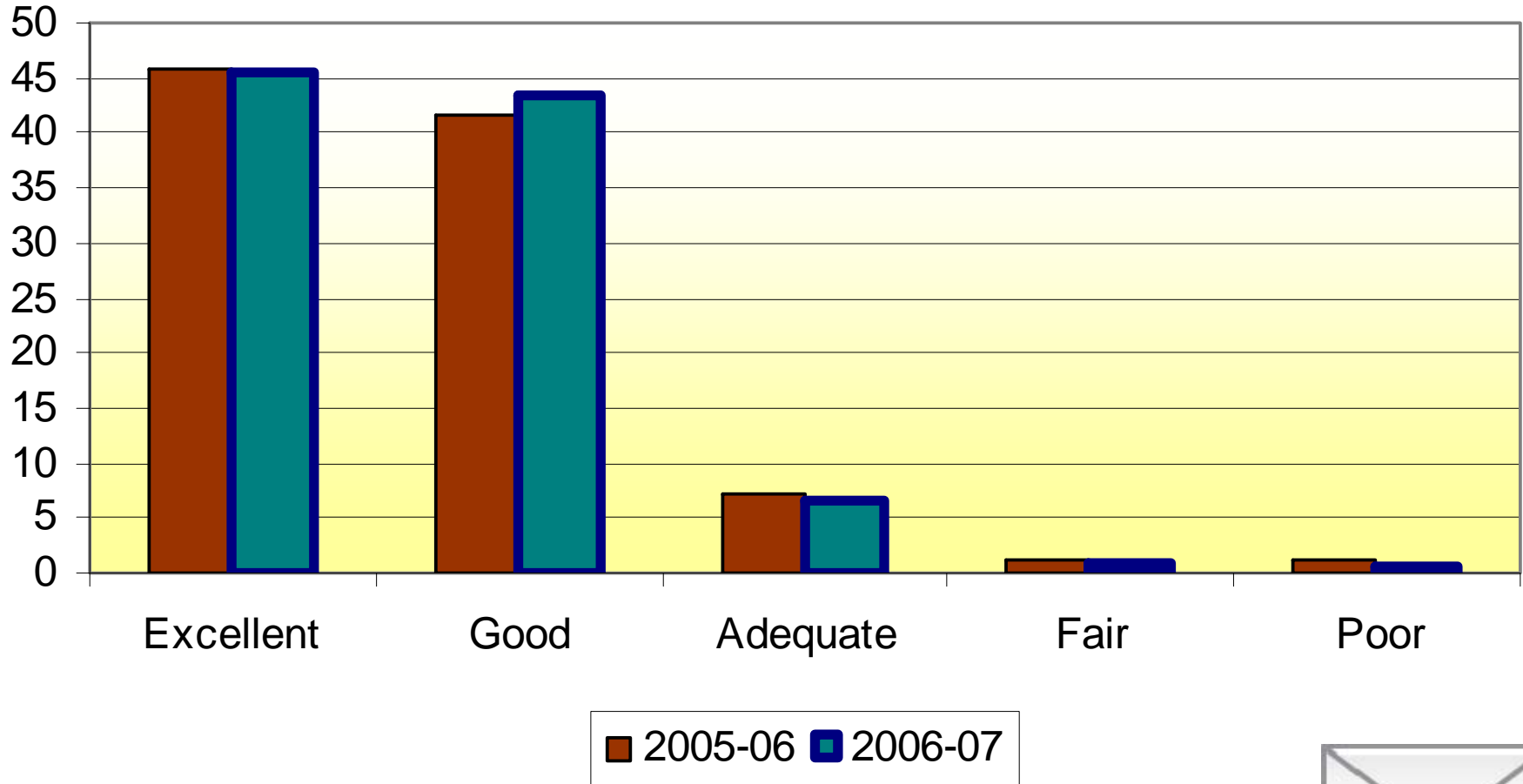
2007 Applicant Survey Results

Overall Experience with PharmCAS



2007 Evaluator Survey Results

Overall Experience with PharmCAS



(2005)N= 3791, (2006) N=5826

PharmCAS

Policies and Procedures



PharmCAS Application



- **IE 5.0+ or Netscape 6.0+ with 56k modem or faster.**
- **Access from any computer with Internet access.**
- **Pop-up blockers must be disabled.**
- **Javascript and cookies must be enabled.**
- **Reliable email address**



Paper Application

Not Recommended

- Paper copy available from PharmCAS.
- Applicant contacts schools directly for program-specific requirements.
- 100% Web-based applications to date.

PharmCAS will key enter data from paper applications, if received.



PharmCAS Central Processing



Submission of Documents

- **Application**
- **U.S. & Canadian Transcripts**
- **Fee**
- **References**
- **PCAT, TOEFL, TSE**
- **Foreign Transcript Evaluations**

Send to
PharmCAS

- **Supplemental Application**
- **Supplemental Fee**
- **Other Tests**

Send to
School



Transcripts

Sent to PharmCAS

Official transcript from every regionally accredited U.S. and English-language Canadian postsecondary institution attended.

- No "*Issued to Student*" transcripts.
- PharmCAS does **not** enforce the transcript deadline.
- Transcript Request Form recommended.
- Winter, spring, summer 2008 transcripts sent directly to schools.

Transcripts for Matriculated Students

- For accreditation purposes, plan to collect official transcripts from enrolled students.
- Do **NOT** require all applicants to send transcripts to pharmacy school.
- PharmCAS cannot forward archived transcripts to schools.



International Coursework

PharmCAS School Options

- 1. Foreign Transcript Evaluation Report**
(sent to PharmCAS)
- 2. Original Foreign Transcript**
(sent directly to the school)
- 3. Neither**
(only U.S. credentials considered)





Foreign Transcript Evaluation Reports

- IF REQUIRED BY SCHOOL, applicant arranges for *course-by-course* foreign transcript evaluation report to be sent to PharmCAS.
- Foreign transcript reports are not required for
 - “Study-abroad”, if courses appear with itemized grades and credits on a U.S. transcript.
 - English-speaking Canadian institutions.



Test Scores

Sent to PharmCAS

- **PCAT:** PharmCAS Code **104**
- **TOEFL:** PharmCAS Code **8246**
- **TSE:** PharmCAS Code **8246**

PharmCAS will NOT "HOLD" a file for missing PCAT or other test scores

GRE, SAT, ACT, AP and other test scores sent directly to institution



References

Sent to PharmCAS

- Paper and electronic (eLOR) formats*
- Up to 3 per applicant.
- Composite and committee letters count as one (1) reference.
- PharmCAS reference form:
 - All items required on eLOR form.
 - Encouraged, but not required for paper references

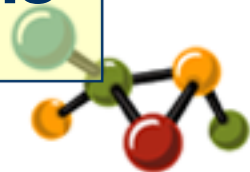


* preferred

PharmCAS Application Fee Sent to PharmCAS



- **\$135** to apply to one (1) school
- **\$40** fee for each additional
- **Payment options**
 - Credit Card: Visa / MasterCard*
 - Check
 - Money Order
- **PharmCAS payment form**
- **No refunds for withdrawn applications**



Fee Waiver

- Financially disadvantaged applicants.
- Waiver approval based on applicant's (or parents') income, as reported on the most recent tax return.
- First-come, first-serve basis.
- Up to 3 designations.
- Fee waivers are no longer available for the 2007-08 cycle. All 186 waivers have been granted.



PharmCAS Application Deadlines



November 1, 2007

December 3, 2007

January 4, 2008

February 1, 2008

March 3, 2008

Date
Applications
Must Be
Received

- Applicant cannot e-submit application after deadline passes.
- Allow up to 4-5 weeks for PharmCAS processing.



Deadline Extensions

- Only pharmacy school can grant extensions for full pool or individuals.
- Individuals given **48-hour** to e-submit once extension is granted.
- No extensions past April 1.



Early Decision

- Early Decision Deadline: AUGUST 31.
- Applicant may apply to only **one (1)** ED school.
- Denied ED applicant may apply to more schools.
- Accepted ED applicant cannot apply to other PharmCAS schools.
- October 26 – Decisions due to PharmCAS.
- 12 ED institutions in 2006-07.





PharmCAS Application Complete

PharmCAS Receives...

- ✓ **Completed PharmCAS Application**
- ✓ **Transcripts from All U.S. and Canadian Postsecondary Institutions Attended**
- ✓ **Correct PharmCAS Application Fee**



What Is Transcript Verification?

- PharmCAS compares applicant-entered course history on the application to the official transcripts.
- Transcript grading scheme.
- Grade/credit conversion.
- Degrees earned.
- Grade discrepancies.
- Missing courses added (limited).



Course Fields Verified

- INSTITUTION
- TERM (e.g., spring)
- TERM TYPE (e.g., semester)
- YEAR
- TITLE
- PREFIX AND NUMBER
- GRADE
- PHARMCAS GRADE
- CREDIT
- SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION (e.g., honors)
- COURSE SUBJECT
- COURSE LEVEL



Course Fields NOT Verified

ACADEMIC STATUS *

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate
- Professional
- Post-BS Undergraduate

TEST SCORE

- AP, CLEP, IB

PRIMARY INSTITUTION *



Items **Not** Verified by PharmCAS

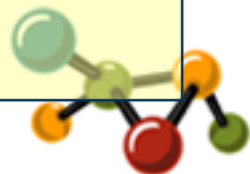
- College prerequisites.
- Failed / repeated grade only IF original credits or grade are unknown.
- Narrative transcripts.
- Courses from unaccredited institutions.
- Military transcripts not affiliated with accredited U.S. institution.
- Transcripts with non-standard grades or credits.



PharmCAS GPAs

- **Undergraduate**
 - Science
 - Non-Science
 - Math
 - Undergrad Cumulative
- **Graduate / Professional**
 - Science
 - Non-Science
 - Math
 - Grad/Prof Cumulative
- **OVERALL CUMULATIVE**
- **GPA for Each College Attended**

**Total Credit
Hours and
Quality Points
Reported to
PharmCAS
Schools**



New GPAS in 2007-08

- **By Academic Status**

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate
- Professional
- Post-BS Undergraduate

- **By Course Subject**

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Math
- Microbiology
- Organic Chemistry
- Other Science
- Physics
- Social Science



PharmCAS Grading Scheme

	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.3
A+ / A	A-	AB	B+	B	B-	BC	C+	
	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.5	0
C	C-	CD	D+	D	D-	DE	F	



GPA Calculation Rules

INCLUDED:

- Repeated Courses
- Failed Courses
- Freshman Forgiveness
- Study Abroad
- Canadian Courses
- Academic Bankruptcy

EXCLUDED:

- Foreign Coursework
- AP/CLEP/IB
- Audit
- Deferred
- Inst/Dept Exam
- Incomplete
- Pass/Fail
- Withdrawn

- GPAs rounded to the hundredths place (e.g., 3.43)
- Quarter hours multiplied by .667



Academic Update

December 14 - February 1

Applicants must be complete by January 15

- Initial (1st) application is verified and mailed.
- Applicant invited to enter any new fall grades.
- Updated fall transcript is required.
- PharmCAS verifies fall grades against transcripts.
- School receives updated course history and GPA.



Investigations

- **PharmCAS conducts an investigation if transcript falsification is suspected.**
- **PharmCAS will notify applicant regarding investigation.**



Admission Decisions

- Send decision for ED applicants by **OCT 26**.
- Send at least one decision for each applicant to PharmCAS by **JUNE 1**.
 - UNDER REVIEW (not a final action)
 - WITHDREW
 - DENIED
 - WAIT LIST
 - Early Decision applicant deferred to REGULAR status
 - OFFER MADE
 - OFFER ACCEPTED
 - Applicant DECLINED OFFER
 - DEFERRED
 - RESCINDED (revoked) offer of admission
 - MATRICULATED



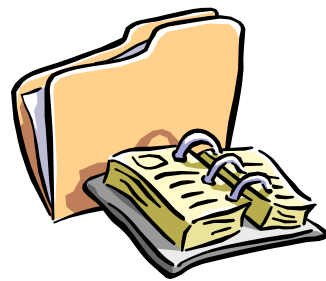
Shared Admission Decisions

- **PharmCAS provides data for shared applicants only:**
 - Offers Made and Offers Accepted
 - Competing Schools Not Identified
- **PharmCAS reports multiple acceptances.**
- **Year-end reports – available in October.**



Files Sent to Schools

- New & revised files sent weekly
- Paper shipments include...
 - Roster
 - Reference Roster
 - Application Folder
 - Letters of Recommendation (optional)
 - Photocopies
 - Labels: File and Mailing



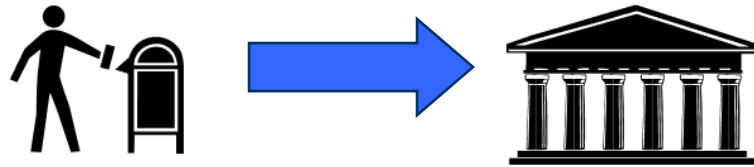
Year-end Reports



- Gender
- Race/Ethnicity
- Age
- State of Residency
- Citizenship
- Colleges Attended
- GPA
- PCAT
- Degrees Earned
- Offers Summary
- Applicant –specific Summary



Materials Sent Directly to Pharmacy Institutions



- **International Transcripts**
(NOT foreign transcript evaluation reports)
- **EXTRA References**
- **Additional Test Scores** (e.g., MCAT, AP)
- **Supplemental Applications and Fees**



Possible Implications for School

- **Change to admissions review cycle.**
(Applications received at different time)
- **Different file format than local model.**
- **Increase in applications.**
- **More clerical efficiency.**
- **Less paper and filing.**
- **More diverse applicant pool.**
- **“Softer” application pool.**





Customer Support

9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Mon-Fri

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FAQ

Online Status



Admissions Portal

- **Dynamic, Real-time Application Data.**
- **Aggregate Summary of Applicants by Status.**
- **Search Tool.**
- **Staff Comments.**
- **On-line Reports.**



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