

About CCSSO

The Council of Chief State School Officers (**CCSSO**) is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and five U.S. extra-state jurisdictions. CCSSO provides leadership, advocacy, and technical assistance on major educational issues. The Council seeks member consensus on major educational issues and expresses their views to civic and professional organizations, federal agencies, Congress, and the public.

About SCASS

CCSSO created the State Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards (**SCASS**) in 1991 to encourage and assist states in working collaboratively on assessment design and development across the curriculum.

About HEAP

The Health Education Assessment Project (**HEAP**) is a project of CCSSO~SCASS. The HEAP works to develop resources to help members align curriculum, instruction, and assessment in health education to improve student health literacy.



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Assessment
Project**

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FACT SHEET

HEAP Project Phases

The project has developed in three phases. Phase I focused on building a foundation for developing an assessment system. Phase II concentrated on developing assessment items. In Phase III, the emphasis is on supporting implementation in member states. The following chart summarizes the key activities and products of each phase.

	Phase I— Foundation 1993–1995	Phase II— Item Development 1995–2000	Phase III— Implementation 2000–2005
FOCUS	Conceptualize an assessment approach that relates to the National Health Education Standards.	Convene expert panel to create framework for item development.	Review and revise Phases I and II items.
KEY ACTIVITIES	Write and field-test items. Develop a valid and reliable scoring system for performance assessment. Develop awareness and educational materials for assessment in health education.	Write and field-test items. Conduct range-finding to select a bank of exemplars for performance assessment. Create professional development materials for teachers, trainers and state education agencies.	Revise Phase II products to be more user-friendly. Create and revise materials for professional development. Provide technical assistance to states for training design and implementation.
KEY PRODUCTS	Item Bank Scoring System Portfolio Guide Phase I CD of Assessment Items Rubric Cards	Assessment Framework Item Bank Exemplars Assessment Tools for Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Edition • Middle School Edition • High School Edition 	Item Binders Professional Development CDs Professional Development Modules Exemplar Binders Revised Rubric Cards Complete Anchors & Practice Sets Binders Assessment Skill Posters for Classrooms Posters for Professional Development Curriculum and Assessment Framework Revised Assessment Tools for Teachers Seachable Database of Assessment Items CD