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Since 1971, NCSA has been the trusted forum for assessment practitioners to learn and reflect upon current and emerging trends in education and educational assessments. Each year the conference draws around 1000 attendees including federal, state, and district agencies, test publishers, educational consultants, university faculty, and organizations supporting technology, education, and business. The conference takes place over a three-day period in June, including 60-minute symposia, 90-minute symposia, and 45-minute roundtables.

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### Measure What Matters, and Create Accountability for Equity

The Every Student Succeeds Act requires that state education agencies establish college- and career-ready standards and maintain high expectations when assessing all students against those standards. Raising academic standards and creating high-quality assessments that provide meaningful data about student achievement and progress are essential to hold schools accountable for educational excellence and equity. Students across all backgrounds should be given the same opportunity to achieve rigorous standards and to be assessed with well-designed and fair assessments. Educators, policymakers, families, and communities deserve to have a well-rounded picture of how students and schools are performing. This year, the NCSA's theme is "Measure What Matters, and Create Accountability for Equity." Designing and implementing high-quality assessment and accountability systems is a core state responsibility with profound implications for equity. The goal of the 2019 conference is to give states a forum to share the best practices, strategies, research studies, resources, and innovative methods when measuring student learning and holding districts and schools accountable for educational progress.



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