NCME 75th anniversary

National Council on Measurement in Education

NCME

1938 - 1962:
Educational Measurement as an Emergent Field

Advances in scanning technology improve the consistency of measurement across large populations; opening new possibilities in measurement.

"It is not enough that we discuss the improvement of educational measurements. We must sell the professional use of these products to the practitioners, the users....I believe that there is a professional responsibility for us to see that these instruments are used in practical educational settings for the benefit of boys and girls."

- Henry D. Rinsland, Presidential Address, 1951

1963 - 1987:
Theory Improves Practice

Classical Test Theory and Item Response Theory are applied to complex assessment issues in program development, administration, scoring, reporting, and equating. Growth of the internet ushers in the age of online assessments, large scale assessments of student performance become the tools for federal accountability and policy (ESEA).

1988 - 2013:
Providing Leadership and Support for Changes in Education

Federal education reform policies and accountability legislation demand testing of broader and more diverse populations of students. A focus on inclusion in assessments and teacher accountability leads to development of growth models and teacher effectiveness measures. NCME launches first edited book series and live webcasts of Annual Meeting training sessions to international members.

NCME/Education Policy Milestones

- **1938** — National Association of Teachers of Educational Measurements changes name to college teachers of measurement and 12 public schools or state DOEs
- **1940** — **Name changed to National Council on Measurements Used in Education (NCME)**
- **1941** — **Conference presentations first published as a Yearbook**
- **1942** — US military tests recruits to assign military jobs; federal government financially supported schools in communities impacted by the war
- **1943** — Passage of Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (GI Bill of Rights) granting returning service members financial support for education
- **1944** — **Meetings canceled from 1943-1946 due to government restrictions on travel.**
- **1951** — **Educational Measurement (1st ed.), ACE**
- **1953** — **APA, AERA & NCME collaborate on *Technical Recommendations for Psychological Tests and Diagnostic Techniques***
- **1954** — Brown vs. Board of Education- Supreme Court rules state laws establishing public schools are unconstitutional
- **1955** — **Joint symposium with AERA on technical advancements in testing**
- **1957** — Passage of National Defense Education Act (NDEA) in response to Sputnik; linking public education to national security
- **1958** — **Publication of first membership newsletter, *Measurement News***
- **1960** — **Name changed to National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME)**
- **1962** — **Yearbook replaced by *Journal of Educational Measurement* (JEM)**
- **1963** — Passage of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, and national origin
- **1964** — **Twentieth (and final) edition of Yearbook**
- **1965** — Passage of Vocational Education Act of 1965 expanding educational programs for students considered "at risk" or with disabilities
- **1966** — ***Standards for Educational and Psychological Tests and Manuals* ("the Joint Standards") cosponsored by APA, AERA, & NCME**
- **1967** — Publication of *Equality of Educational Opportunity* (Coleman Report) assessing availability of educational opportunities to children of different race, color, religion, national origin
- **1968** — Passage of *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA) providing Federal aid funding schools and school districts serving low-income areas
- **1969** — **Measurement News (MN) and *Measurement in Education* (ME), launched**
- **1970** — Supreme Court rules that busing students can be ordered to achieve racial desegregation
- **1971** — **Educational Measurement (2nd ed.), ACE**
- **1972** — Passage of Title IX of the *Higher Education Act* prohibiting discrimination based on gender
- **1973** — Passage of Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act* prohibiting discrimination based on disability
- **1974** — **Presscensura publishes annual meeting Standards for Educational and Psychological Tests revised**
- **1975** — Passage of Education for *All Handicapped Children Act* requiring schools to facilitate learning opportunities for students with disabilities along side their general education peers
- **1976** — Supreme Court bars minority quota system in higher education
- **1977** — **Publication of Equality of Educational Opportunity**
- **1978** — US Department of Education (DOE) made into a Cabinet-level agency
- **1979** — Use of standardized tests by the California public schools declared to be descriminatory and to violate student civil rights
- **1980** — **Roger T. Lennon** *Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich*
- **1981** — **Educational Measurement: Issues and Practice (EM:IP) created, merging ME and MN**
- **1982** — **Handbook of Teacher Evaluation published**
- **1983** — **Annual Award first presented for Outstanding Dissemination of Educational Measurement Concepts to the Public**
- **1984** — Publication of *A Nation at Risk*, criticizing US education system
- **1985** — **Instructional Topics in *Educational Measurement* (ITEMS) created; Annual Award first presented for Outstanding Application of Educational Measurement Technology to a Specific Problem**
- **1986** — **Joint Committee on Testing Practices (JCTP) established; Annual Award first presented for Technical or Scientific Contribution to the Field of Educational Measurement**
- **1987** — **Revised "Joint Standards" published; Award for Contributions to Educational Measurement award established**
- **1988** — **NCME endorses *Code of Fair Testing Practices*, developed by the Joint Committee on Testing Practices**
- **1989** — Passage of Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act addressing educational needs for students who are homeless
- **1990** — **NCME issues reaction to LaVale Bill ("Truth in Testing") in NY which required tests to be released to examinees**
- **1991** — **Board establishes a standing committee to evaluate student committee**
- **1992** — **Quarterly NCME Newsletter created; first annual Fun Run (Boston, MA)**
- **1993** — Passage of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act strengthening requirements around the individual educational plan (IEP)
- **1994** — **Directory of graduate programs in educational measurement introduced; Educational Measurement (3rd ed.), ACE**
- **1995** — **Graduate student symposium offered at annual meeting**
- **1996** — **Board adopts *Code of Professional Responsibilities in Educational Measurement***
- **1997** — **Competency Standards in Student Assessment for Educational Administrators issued by AASA, NASSP, NASBS, & NCME; Brenda H. Loyd Outstanding Dissertation Award established**
- **1998** — ***Rights and Responsibilities of Test Takers: Guidelines and Expectations*** established joint-ly by ACA, APA, NASP, NASDTE, & NCME
- **1999** — **Revised Joint Standards published; NCME website launched**
- **2000** — **Jason Millman Promising Measurement Scholar Award established**
- **2001** — Passage of *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) which links to student performance on state-wide standards based assessments
- **2002** — **Alicia Cascallar Award for an Outstanding Paper by an Early Career scholar established**
- **2003** — ***2004 Code of Fair Testing Practices*** **revised by NCME Board; Bert Green Award for Contributions to Educational Measurement established**
- **2004** — **Reese Group contracted to provide organization management**
- **2005** — **Educational Measurement (4th. ed.), NCME & ACE**
- **2006** — **Process to revise 1999 Joint Standards began (expected 2013)**
- **2007** — Passage of *Higher Education Opportunity Act* reauthorization of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*
- **2008** — **Standards and Test Use Committee established; renamed a standing committee**
- **2009** — National Governors Association established Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Math and English Language Arts
- **2010** — **Standing committee on Assessment Use and Practice established**
- **2011** — Four consortia awarded Race to the Top design new K-12 comprehensive assessment systems.
- **2012** — **NCME released new *Guidelines for Testing and Data Integrity in the Administration of Statewide Student Assessment Programs***
- **2013** — Expansion of Race to the Top funding to school district level competitions
- **2013** — **NCME 75th Anniversary celebrated at annual meeting**

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- 2006 — Daniel Eignor, Educational Testing Service
- 2007 — Anne Fitzpatrick, Educational Testing Service
- 2008 — Mark Reckase, Michigan State University
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- 2010 — Wayne Camara, The College Board
- 2011 — Linda Cook, Educational Testing Service
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