

A Ready School is many things.

*It's a place where
instruction is gauged to meet the
learning level of each student.*

*It's a place where
diversity is welcomed. . .
and where all children are able to advance academically,
develop physically and grow emotionally.*

*It's a place where
teachers have the support
they need to do their
best work for every learner.*

*It's a place where
family and community partnerships
reinforce the educational process.*

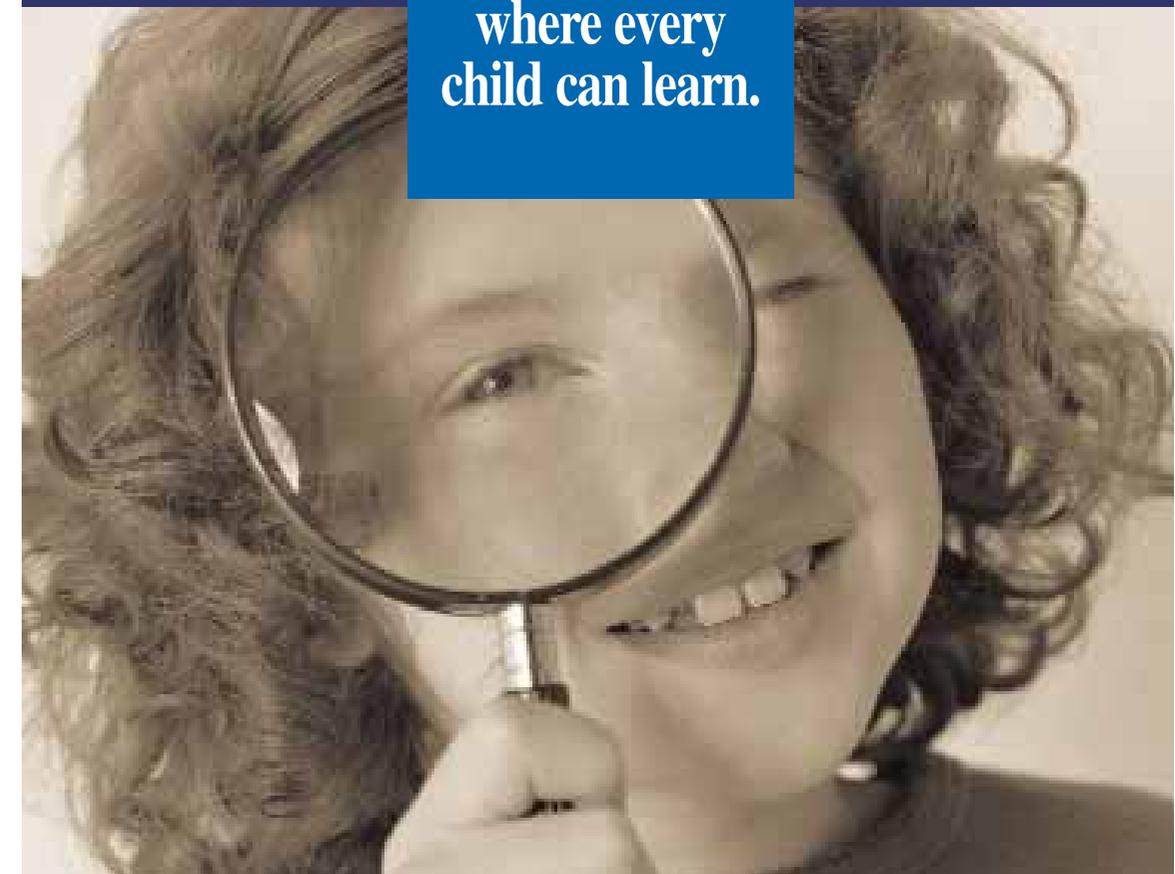
*Perhaps most important, a Ready School is
a place that builds on its strengths and
addresses its challenges
through a process of focused, ongoing school improvement.*

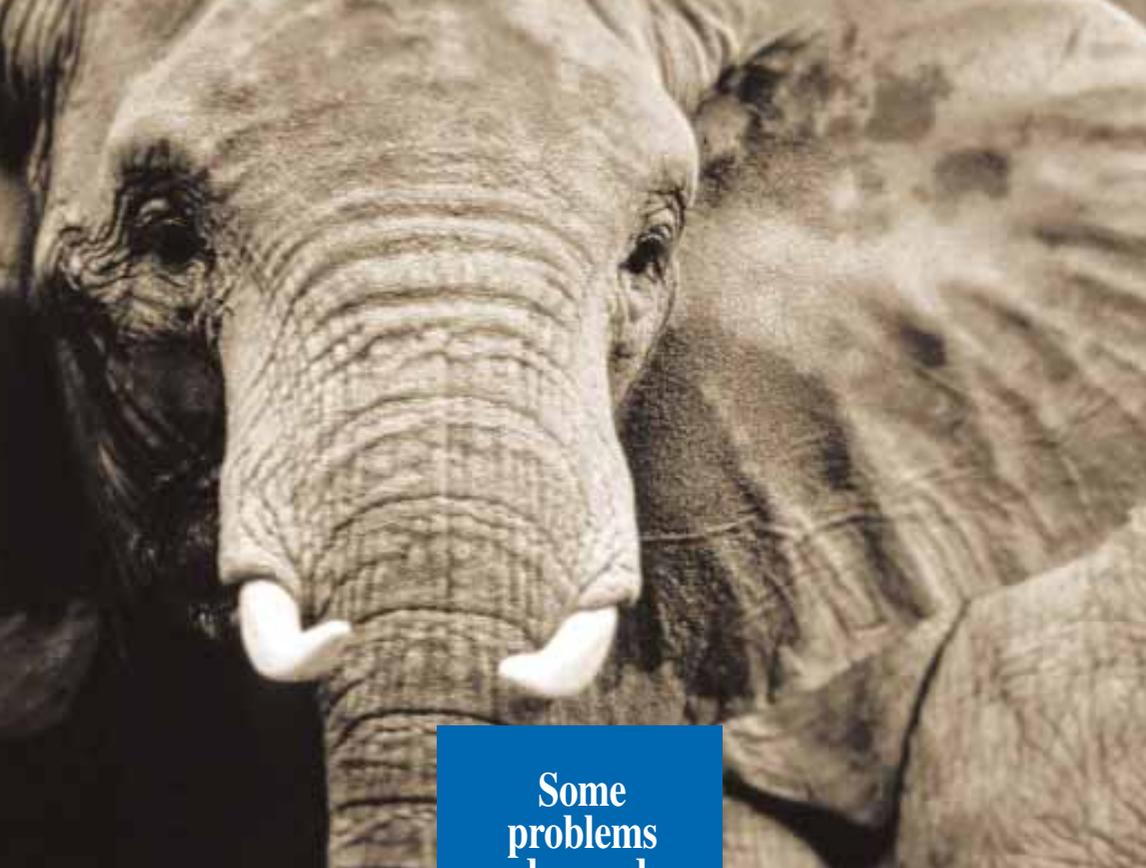


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THE READY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

**Making every
school a place
where every
child can learn.**





Some problems demand attention.

The right starting point for school improvement.

The reality is that each child enters school with a completely different set of experiences and abilities. Coping effectively with diverse backgrounds, learning styles and school readiness levels is a daunting challenge—one that often requires planned evaluation and improvement on the part of schools.

High/Scope's Ready School Assessment (RSA) is designed to provide schools with a step-by-step process for creating a clear, detailed performance profile in eight key dimensions. Using the RSA profile as a starting point, schools can begin the process of planning and imple-

menting change in a highly focused way. They can also supplement their improvement activities with follow-up training and technical support available through High/Scope.

Developed with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, High/Scope's Ready School Assessment is the product of three years of research and field testing. That means RSA is not only *research-based*, but *research-validated* as well.

Knowledge is power.

The RSA is a planning tool that provides schools with specific, clear, comprehensive information about their strengths and challenges; the kind of information that is essential in creating a supportive educational environment for children.

Here's how the Ready School Assessment works:

Step #1: Complete the Questionnaire

Using the RSA questionnaire members of your school's team evaluate the school on eight key dimensions of readiness, including:

- Leaders and Leadership
- Transitions
- Teacher Support
- Effective Curricula
- Engaging Environments
- Family, School, and Community Partnerships
- Respecting Diversity
- Assessing Progress

Each dimension has 11 to 21 indicators—policies and practices that support and promote best practices of ready schools.

Step #2: Generate Online Profile

The team then uses a password-protected RSA Online Profiler to

To know where you're going, you must know where you are.

convert their scores into a Ready School Profile. Displayed in clear, easy-to-read graphic format, the profile shows your school's relative strength on each dimension of readiness. It also provides details on 23 sub-dimensions—all designed to provide specific focus points for school improvement plans and activities.

Step #3: Follow Up With High/Scope Training and Support

Locate resources and services that can help strengthen your school's ability to promote the learning of all children. High/Scope can support you through this process by: providing training on how to use the RSA tool, helping you to understand your RSA Profile, and guiding you through the development of an action plan.

Step #4: Repeat the RSA Process at Regular Intervals

RSA is intended to be part of an ongoing cycle of evaluation and improvement.



The most effective change is targeted change.

Ready to make a change for the better?

The Ready School Assessment Kit contains everything your school's assessment team will need to learn about and use the RSA. Each kit includes:

- RSA Administration Manual
- Five Ready School Assessment Questionnaires
- Five RSA Team Handbooks
- One year of access to the Ready School Assessment Online Profiler. (An annual fee applies in year two and beyond).

To learn more about the Ready School Assessment, visit the RSA Web site at www.readyschoolassessment.org. To order an RSA kit for your school, call High/Scope at 1-800-40-PRESS, or go to our Web site at www.highscope.org.

