

SCANS

What work requires of schools:

A SCANS Report for America 2000 (June,1991):

A report written by the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) that examines the demands of the workplace and whether our country's young people are capable of meeting these demands. The report defines the workplace competencies and foundation skills requires for effective job performance, proposes acceptable levels of proficiency, suggests effective ways to assess proficiency, and develops a dissemination strategy for the nation's schools, businesses, and homes.

I. SCANS Workplace Competencies:

Resources: Identifies, organizes, plans, and allocates resources

Interpersonal: Works with others

Information: Acquires and uses information

Systems: Understands complex inter-relationships

Technology: Works with a variety of technologies

II. SCANS Foundation Skills:

Basic Skills: Reads, writes, performs arithmetic and mathematical operations, listens, and speaks

Thinking Skills: Thinks creatively, makes decisions, solves problems, visualizes, knows how to learn and reasons

Personal Qualities: Displays responsibility, self-esteem, sociability, self-management, and integrity and honesty