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Products for Schools Earn SCS Environmental Certifications *Certified products meet the needs of School Designers, Facility Managers and Operators, Faculty and Students*

March 20, 2009 – Emeryville, CA – From building materials meeting tough indoor air quality standards to paper and pencils from responsibly-managed forests, products certified by Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) can improve the environmental performance of any school. As school districts seek to reduce their environmental impacts and provide a safer indoor environment for students and workers, they are increasingly turning to products evaluated through reputable third-party certification programs.

One of the most widely respected brands in environmental certification, SCS is celebrating 25 years of offering a comprehensive array of certification services for environmental attributes and claims. SCS-certified products (<http://www.scscertified.com/ecoproducts/>) meet the needs of:

School Designers, builders, and procurement officers

- Indoor air quality performance for *paint and coatings, hard surface flooring, furniture, and wallcoverings* is certified **SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold, SCS Indoor Advantage™**, and **Floor Score®.***
- *Composite wood products* meeting California Air Resources Board (CARB) ATCM requirements for formaldehyde emissions bear the **SCS calCOMpliant™** label.
- *Ceiling tiles, adhesives and sealants* are certified for being manufactured with **No Added Formaldehyde**.
- *Playground equipment, fabrics, architectural panels, cement and insulation* are certified for **Recycled or Reclaimed Content**.
- *Pressure-treatment processes for lumber used in playground equipment, gardens, and other schoolyard applications,* are certified **Environmentally Preferable**.
- *Doors, windows, furniture, floors, and playground equipment* bear the **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** mark, as certified by SCS.



Complies with California formaldehyde emission standards (Cal Code 93120.2(a))
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School Facility Managers, Grounds and Maintenance Personnel

- Use *paint, adhesives, and sealants* certified to the highest indoor air quality standard in North America under **SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold**.
- *Cleaners, degreasers, and polishes* are certified **Biodegradable**.
- *Flowerpots* made from boxes and newspapers collected by Boy Scouts are certified for **Recycled Content**.

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- *Landscape plants* that have been certified sustainably grown bear the **VeriFlora®** label.

Faculty and Students

- *Paper notebooks and pencils* from responsibly-managed forests are **FSC chain-of-custody certified** by SCS.



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About SCS

SCS is global leader in independent certification of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. Over two decades, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs aimed at spurring the highest level of environmental improvements, social accountability and product performance. Its programs span a wide cross- section of the economy, recognizing accomplishments in agricultural production, food processing and handling, forestry, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, consumer and business product manufacturing, and corporate social responsibility. View the full range of SCS certification services and labels at <http://www.scscertified.com>.

* FloorScore® is an independent program developed by the Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI). Independent certification for this program is provided by SCS.