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CC: Customer Service  
RE: LEED & SCS

At a recent trade show I was asked how SCS, CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) and LEED all meshed together. Truly, one can get confused with all the acronyms, as well as the differences in the rating systems.

**SCS & LEED:** (<http://www.scs-certified.com/ecoproducts/leed.html>)

### Use SCS-Certified Products to earn LEED Credits

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for high-performance buildings facilitated by the US Green Building Council (USGBC).

LEED certifies buildings and systems based on credits obtained in the following categories: site choice, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design process.

SCS has certified hundreds of companies and thousands of products for indoor air quality, recycled content, and FSC chain-of-custody. SCS-certified products include carpet, molding, doors, drywall, office and systems furniture, pest control, paints, insulation, and cleaning products.


Earn LEED credits for your project with products certified by SCS in the following categories:

1. SCS Indoor Advantage™ – Office furniture systems, components and seating that meet the criteria for this indoor air emissions certification program also meet the criteria of BIFMA M-7.1 and X-7.1 and therefore the criteria for LEED EQ 4.5.

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2. **SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold** – Building materials such as adhesives, mastics, and sealants, **paints and coatings**, textiles and wall coverings, and composite wood, as well as classroom and office furniture systems, components and seating **that earn this SCS certification meet the indoor air emission criteria for low emitting materials for the CHPS and California Section 01350**, the California Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Specifications For Open Panel Office Furniture, and **LEED EQ 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, and 4.5**.

**CHPS:** (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) <http://www.chps.net/overview/index.htm>

The mission of the Collaborative for High Performance Schools is to facilitate the design, construction and operation of high performance schools: environments that are not only energy and resource efficient, but also healthy, comfortable, well lit, and containing the amenities for a quality education.

CHPS helps facilitate and inspire change in our educational system. The goals of CHPS are to:

- Increase student performance with better-designed and healthier facilities,
- Raise awareness of the impact and advantages of high performance schools,
- Provide professionals with better tools to facilitate effective design, construction and maintenance of high performance schools,
- Increase school energy and resource efficiency, and
- Reduce peak electric loads.

### **CHPS Programs:**

#### **High Performance School Recognition and Rating Programs**

CHPS oversees the nation's first green building rating program especially designed for K-12 schools. The CHPS Criteria is a comprehensive system of environmentally responsible benchmarks designed by the CHPS technical committee, which is made up of over fifty school facilities experts including state agency officials, designers, school district officials, contractors, product manufacturers and energy and water utility officials. A CHPS school is a school that has strived to achieve excellence in environmental efficiency and healthy building practices. CHPS recognizes superior design teams and school districts through award ceremonies, case studies and media outreach.

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