

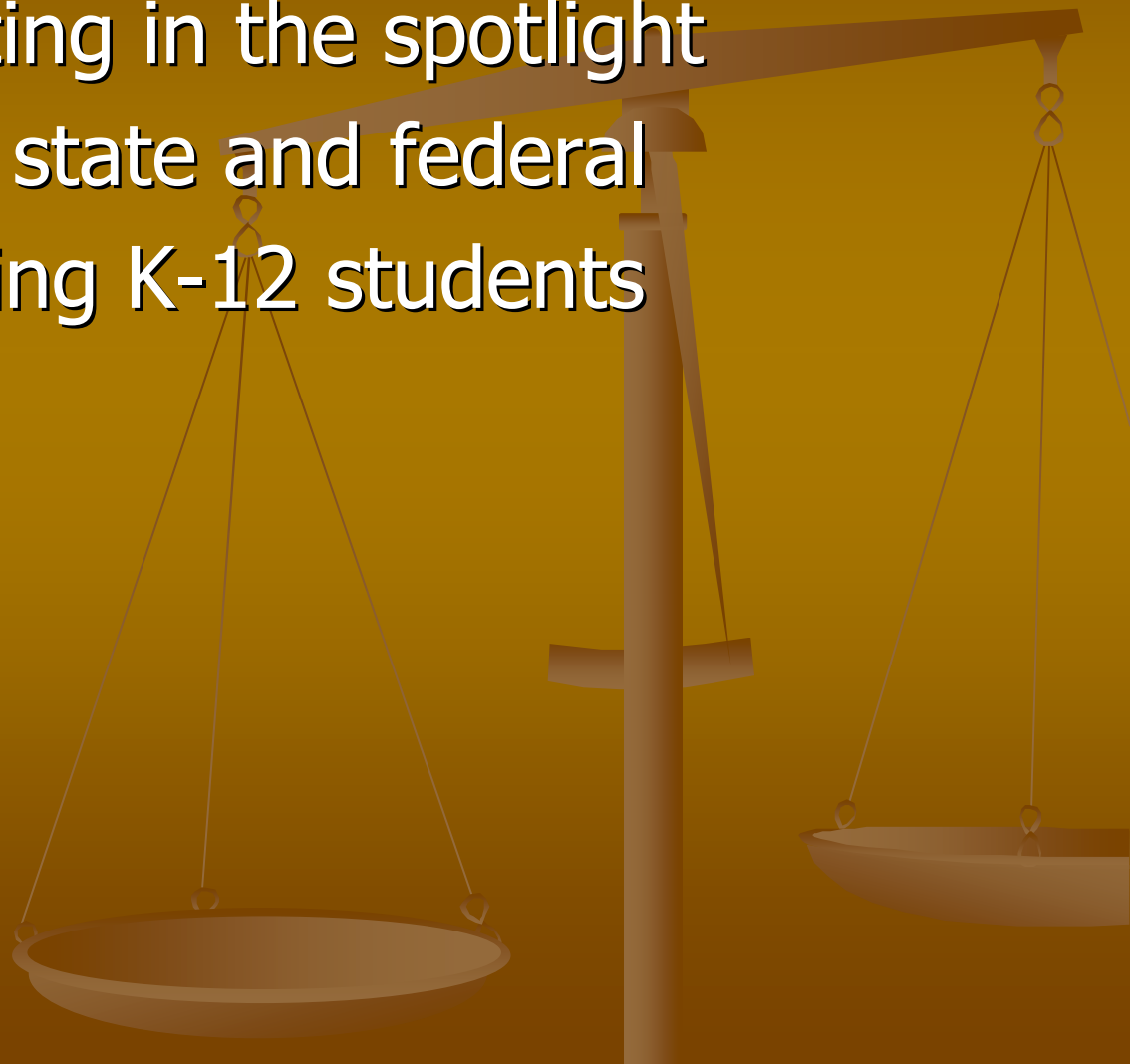
Psychometric Perspectives



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Visibility

- Educational testing in the spotlight
- Higher stakes – state and federal
- Beyond measuring K-12 students
 - Educators
 - Accreditation
- Media coverage



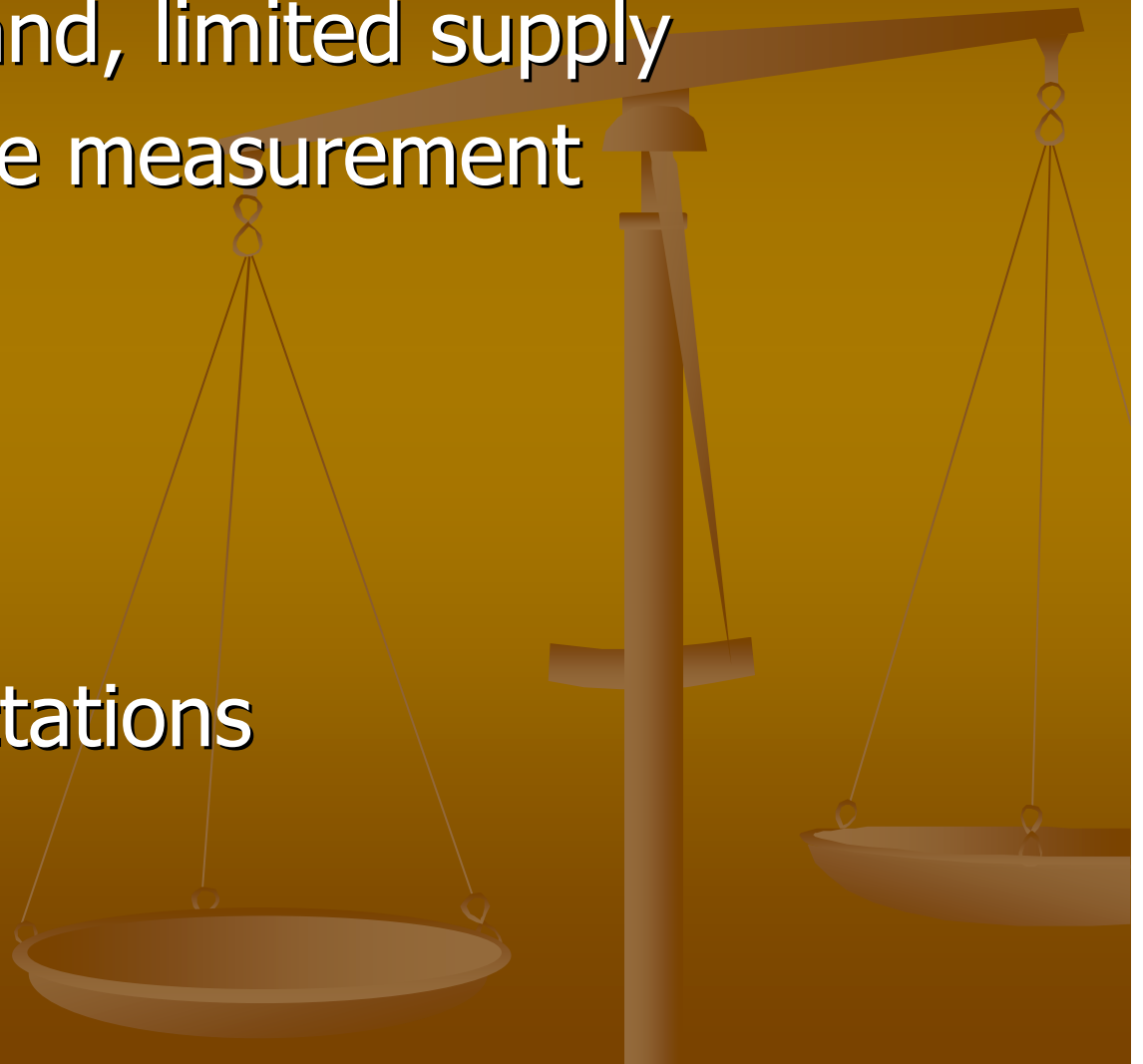
Accessibility

- Public – students, parents, media
- Educators – teachers, curriculum leads, administrators, staff developers
- Policy makers – school boards, departments of education, legislatures
- Politicians



Availability?

- Increased demand, limited supply
- Developing more measurement professionals
- 60+ positions
 - www.ncme.org
 - www.aera.net
- Changing expectations



Responsibility



- Validity evidence that supports desired inferences
 - Information that supports individual decision-making
 - Acknowledging limits
- *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* (AERA, APA, NCME, 1999)

Opportunity

- Assessment literacy
- Increased collaboration among education, cognition, learning, development, and psychometric communities
- Offer alternatives supported by evidence

