

**Mental Health Screening**  
**HCPSS Mental Health Task Force**  
**January 14, 2013**

<b>Self-Assessment</b>	<b>Teacher Ratings</b>
Middle and High School-aged Students	All Ages (preschool through high school)
Screening Questionnaire completed by student in school	Screening Questionnaires completed by teacher(s)
<i>Instruments:</i> TeenScreen (Columbia University) Diagnostic Predictive Scale (DPS) BASC Self Rating Student (BESS) Children’s Depression Inventory: Second Edition (CDI-2)	<i>Instruments:</i> Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) BASC2 Screening Systemic Screening for Behavior Disorders (SSBD) Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire
<i>Type of Consent:</i> Parent Written Consent (active/passive) Student Assent/Agreement	<i>Type of Consent:</i> Parent Written Consent (active/passive)
<i>Administration Considerations:</i> When (homeroom)/Time (about 15 min) Standardized Directions Trained Proctors in classrooms Computerized administration? How long does it take to get results? Frequency (every 6 mos, once a year)	<i>Administration Considerations:</i> Number surveys to complete (average 10 min per student) Professional Development for Teachers How long does it take to get results? Frequency (depends on rating scale)
<i>Positive Screening:</i> Clinical interview by trained mental health professional on-site Contact parents If recommend comprehensive evaluation provide resources	<i>Positive Screening:</i> Parent is contacted
<i>Cost:</i> BESS \$1.15 per form; CDI-2 \$2.50 per form Manual & Scoring – about \$1,000 per school	<i>Cost:</i> BESS \$1.15 per form; Research Instruments Manual & Scoring – about \$1,000 per school
<i>Other Considerations:</i> Where are results stored? What is placed in student’s record? Rate of positive screens and false positives Availability of school-based mental health professionals on-site for dates of screening. Availability of community resources Community services at reduced cost?	<i>Other Considerations:</i> Same
<i>Concerns from Opposition:</i> Invasion of Privacy Confidentiality (who will know?) Potentially Stigmatizing “Pipeline” to psychotropic medications	<i>Concerns from Opposition:</i> Same

