

Memorandum

To: Researchers Requesting the *Student Opinion Scale (SOS)*

From: Donna Sundre

RE: Instructions for using the *SOS*

You have requested a copy of the *Student Opinion Scale (SOS)* to use in your research. I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the instrument and the scoring guidelines. This *SOS* is designed to provide two scores of test-taker motivation: Importance and Effort. The instrument should be administered immediately following completion of a test or tests. I have attached a copy of the scale and the scoring guidelines for your use.

The original reference for the *SOS* is

Sundre, D. L. & Moore, D. L. (2002). The Student Opinion Scale: A measure of examinee motivation. *Assessment Update*, 14 (1), 8-9.

Another useful reference regarding the scale is:

Sundre, D. L. (1999, March). Does examinee motivation moderate the relationship between test consequences and test performance? Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association. Montreal, Canada [ED 432 588].

Sundre, D. L. & Finney, S. J. (2002, April). *Enhancing the validity and value of learning assessment: Furthering the development of a motivation scale*. Presented to the American Educational Research Association. New Orleans, LA. [Available for downloading and viewing at <http://www.jmu.edu/assessment/>].

In exchange for permission to use my scale, I'd appreciate your sending me a copy of any manuscripts that result from your use of the *SOS*, as I am always interested in seeing studies that use the scale. I thank you in advance for your cooperation, and I wish you success with your research.