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Some of our education-industry users have asked if there is a driver for the NCS 3000 test grade scanner.

For those users in search of a complete educational-administration solution, Chancery Software has just incorporated the NCS 3000 into MacSchool. MacSchool can now read cards for daily attendance confirmation, do grade reporting for grade card preparation, and handle student course request and registration.

Cabling

If the MacSchool system is installed, the cable between the NCS 3000 and the Macintosh is already in place. If the school only wants to grade tests (without installing MacSchool), they need to make the cable. Since the NCS 3000 uses a serial interface to communicate with a computer, a hardware technician should have no trouble making the cable.

Software

4th Dimension is designed to collect data from the serial port and store the collected data for further processing. Its scripting language contains functions for reading the serial port. If HyperCard will be used, there are XCMDs in the public domain for reading serial ports. In both cases, software must be written to address the specifics of scoring tests.

For more information, search under: "National Computer Systems" and "Chancery Software"

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