NAEP 2024
Facts for Districts

The Nation's Report Card

National Assessment of Educational Progress

> "NAEP is the only assessment providing half a century of performance data to measure what students know and can do. The state and national trends inform local, state, and national program and policy discussions that improve teaching and learning."
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> —David Atherton, EdD, Principal, Clear Creek Middle School, Gresham, OR

What is NAEP?

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is an integral measure of academic progress across the nation and over time. It is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in various subjects such as civics, mathematics, reading, and U.S. history. The program also provides valuable insights into students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn in and outside of the classroom.

NAEP is a congressionally mandated program administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences.

How are NAEP results reported?

The results of NAEP are released as The Nation's Report Card. NAEP results are available for the nation; results for states and select urban districts that participate in the Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA) may also be available, depending on the assessment. Additionally, results are available for different student groups, based on factors such as race/ethnicity, gender, school location, and more. NAEP is not designed to report results for individual students, classrooms, or schools.

Why should my district participate in NAEP?

Your district's participation is vitally important for several reasons.

- Results from the 2024 assessments will provide much-needed information about the academic achievement and continued recovery of students whose elementary or secondary school experiences have been shaped by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Schools and students selected to participate in NAEP represent schools and students across the country. When students participate and give their best effort, NAEP results provide the most accurate and representative measure possible of student achievement and experiences.

- The 2024 assessments will help NAEP continue to examine transitions to online assessments and using devices that students are most familiar with. Such shifts will help to ensure the program can flexibly, meaningfully, and reliably measure trends in student achievement and experiences over time.

What NAEP assessments will be administered in 2024?

The 2024 program will include

- Assessments in mathematics and reading at grades 4, 8, and 12 and science at grade 8

- Pilot testing in mathematics and reading at grades 4 and 8, to help improve future NAEP assessments and ensure that they continue to be a reliable measure of student achievement

- Survey questionnaires for participating students, teachers, and principals, to provide a better understanding of factors that may be related to students' learning*

The assessments will be administered between January 29 and March 8, 2024.

Results will be released at the national, state, and select urban district levels for the mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8. National results will be released for the science assessment at grade 8 and mathematics and reading assessments at grade 12.

Additionally, some schools and students may be selected to participate in special studies.

- American Indian and Alaska Native students participating in the NAEP mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8 will also be included in the National Indian Education Study (NIES). NIES describes the condition of education for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students in the United States.

There will be no teacher questionnaires at grade 12.

- High schools selected for grade 12 assessments will also participate in the High School Transcript Study, which involves the collection of student transcripts and course catalogs in order to examine coursetaking patterns of students and relate those patterns to educational achievement and NAEP assessment data.

What will students in my district do?

Participating students will complete

- Subject-area questions in mathematics, reading, or science
- Survey questionnaires that provide valuable information about their educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom

It takes participating students approximately 2 hours to complete the assessments. This includes transition time, directions, and completion of survey questionnaires. A broad range of accommodations are provided for students with disabilities and English learners.

Some students will be assessed on NAEP-provided Surface Pros and some students will be assessed on NAEP-provided Chromebooks, in order to inform the program's transition to using devices that are most familiar to students.

Do teachers need to prepare students for the assessment?

Teachers do not need to prepare their students to take the assessment but should encourage them to do their best.

Who will administer NAEP? What do schools need to provide on the day of the assessment?

NAEP representatives will administer the NAEP assessment and provide significant support to schools on assessment day. They will bring all necessary materials and equipment, including the Surface Pros and Chromebooks to assess the students.

Schools will only need to provide space for students to take the assessment, desks or tables, and an adequate number of electrical outlets in the assessment location.

- NAEP will also ask to utilize school-based Internet—when possible—as the program continues to examine a shift toward online assessments. NAEP representatives will contact your district in the coming months to learn more about your schools' internet capabilities.

How were schools in my district selected for NAEP?

Schools were selected as part of a carefully designed sampling process that ensures NAEP-selected schools and students are representative of your district, state, and the nation.

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, districts and states that receive Title I funds are required to participate in the biennial assessments.

How can school administrators and teachers use NAEP data to help our students?

The NAEP Data Explorer (nationsreportcard.gov/ndecore) is a powerful tool that allows you to examine the relationships between student performance and factors such as instructional practices, school resources, and more.

Questions from previous NAEP assessments can also be used as a helpful educational resource in the classroom. Teachers can use the NAEP Questions Tool (nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nqt) to see how their students' performance compares to peers in your state and across the nation. Released NAEP questions come with a scoring guide, sample student responses, and performance data.

How long has NAEP been around?

NAEP was first administered in 1969 to measure student achievement nationally. In 1990, NAEP was administered at the state level for the first time. The NAEP TUDA program, which measures student achievement in some of the nation's large urban districts, began in 2002.

Where can I find more information?

Learn more about the NAEP program at nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard, and explore the latest NAEP results at nationsreportcard.gov.

Visit nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/covid19.aspx for more information about NAEP health and safety protocols.

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