

NAEP: Fall 2022 Facts for Districts



National Assessment of
Educational Progress

Age 13 Long-Term Trend



Mathematics



Reading

“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.”

—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. Depending on the assessment, NAEP results are available for the nation, states, and select urban districts that participate in the Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA). Results are also available for different student groups, based on factors such as race/ethnicity, gender, school location, and more. NAEP is not designed to collect or report results for individual students, classrooms, or schools.

Why should my district participate in NAEP?

Your district's participation will help ensure that educators, policymakers, and elected officials have reliable data to better understand and improve student learning. 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 experience.

What NAEP assessments will be administered in fall 2022?

The NAEP long-term trend assessment will be administered via paper and pencil to 13-year-olds between October 10 and December 16, 2022. NAEP long-term trend assessments measure student performance in mathematics and reading, and allow the performance of today's students to be compared with students since the early 1970s. Students will also be asked to complete a survey questionnaire to provide a better understanding of factors that may be related to students' learning. There will be no teacher questionnaire, but a school questionnaire will be administered to gather information about school policies and characteristics, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Results will be released for the nation.

What will students in my districts do?

Participating students will complete subject-area questions in mathematics or reading. Each student will be assessed in one subject only. Students will also complete a survey questionnaire that provides valuable information about their educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom, as well as how they have accessed learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It takes participating students approximately 90 minutes to complete the long-term trend assessment. This includes transition time, directions, and completion of survey questionnaires. A broad range of accommodations are provided for students with disabilities and English learners.

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.

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.

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 wear necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) and follow all school-specific health protocols. NAEP representatives will also bring all necessary materials and equipment. Schools will only need to provide space for students to take the assessment, including desks or tables.

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.

How is NAEP different from our state assessment?

NAEP serves a different role than state assessments. While states have their own unique assessments to measure student achievement against specific content standards, NAEP is designed to provide a common measure of student performance and progress across the country.

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. The program has come to be recognized as the gold standard of large-scale assessments due to its high technical quality and rigorous design and methodology.

How often is NAEP administered?

As part of main NAEP, students in grades 4 and 8 are scheduled to be assessed at the state and national levels in mathematics and reading every 2 years. Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, districts and states that receive Title I funds are required to participate in these biennial assessments. Other subjects are assessed periodically. Long-term trend assessments for 9-, 13-, and 17-year-olds are also assessed periodically.

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 COVID-19 protocols.

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