

# NAEP 2019-2020

## In Your School

### Long-Term Trend Assessment



National Assessment of  
Educational Progress

### What is NAEP?

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is an essential measurement of student achievement in the United States.

- ▶ First administered in 1969, NAEP is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in various subjects such as mathematics and reading.
- ▶ The schools and students participating in NAEP make an important contribution by representing other schools and students across the country.
- ▶ NAEP is considered the gold standard of assessments because of its high technical quality. From developing frameworks and questions to the reporting of results, NAEP represents the best thinking of assessment and content specialists, state education staff, and teachers from around the nation.
- ▶ NAEP is a common measure of academic progress across the nation and over time. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card.

From October 2019 and continuing through May 2020, NAEP field staff will administer the long-term trend assessments in mathematics and reading in schools across the country. Long-term trend (LTT) results can be linked to NAEP assessments first administered in the early 1970s, allowing us to measure progress over a span of nearly 50 years. The age samples for long-term trend assessments are 9-, 13-, and 17-year-olds. The assessment window for each age group is as follows:

Age or Grade	Assessment Window
13-year-olds	October 14, 2019 – December 20, 2019
9-year-olds	January 6, 2020 – March 13, 2020
17-year-olds	March 16, 2020 – May 22, 2020

Results will be reported at the national level. NAEP data are used by teachers, principals, parents, policymakers, and researchers to assess students' progress in various subject areas and to develop ways to improve education in the United States.

### What is involved?

Selected students will participate in paper-based mathematics or reading assessments, and each student will be assessed in only one subject. NAEP representatives will bring all materials and equipment to the school on assessment day. Students will spend up to 90 minutes completing the assessment. This includes transition time, directions, and completion of a student survey questionnaire. The questionnaire provides valuable information about students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both inside and outside of the classroom. There will be no school or teacher questionnaires for the long-term trend assessment.

### How many students will be assessed?

Nationally, across both mathematics and reading and all three age groups, about 48,000 students will be assessed.



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# It's important to know...

**Who will be responsible for coordinating and administering NAEP?** Your NAEP State Coordinator, NAEP representatives, and school staff will work together to coordinate and administer the assessment. A member of your school's staff will need to be assigned to serve as the school coordinator and be the primary contact for the assessment. This person should be:

- ▶ familiar with how students participate in statewide assessments; and
- ▶ comfortable using a computer to collect and enter student information online.

**The NAEP State Coordinator works at your state department of education and will be responsible for:**

- ▶ working with schools to confirm the assessment date;
- ▶ communicating with principals about the importance of NAEP and student participation;
- ▶ providing schools with instructions for preparing a list of students and information about notifying parents of participating students;
- ▶ providing guidance for including students with disabilities and English language learners; and
- ▶ responding to questions from the school community throughout the assessment period.

**NAEP representatives employed by a U.S. Department of Education contractor to work directly with schools will be responsible for:**

- ▶ selecting a random sample of students from the school list of students in the appropriate age group;
- ▶ verifying information that the school coordinator has provided via the MyNAEP website, which will serve as the primary resource and action center throughout the NAEP assessment process;
- ▶ working with the school coordinator to finalize assessment logistics;
- ▶ bringing all assessment materials to the school on the scheduled day; and
- ▶ conducting the assessment.

**Each principal will be responsible for:**

- ▶ assigning a school staff member to serve as school coordinator;
- ▶ including the NAEP assessment date on the school calendar;
- ▶ empowering the designated school coordinator to work with the NAEP representative and NAEP State Coordinator to prepare for the assessment; and
- ▶ informing school staff and students about NAEP and why student participation is critically important.

**The school coordinator will be responsible for:**

- ▶ confirming the scheduled assessment date with the NAEP State Coordinator;
- ▶ registering for the MyNAEP website and providing information about the school;
- ▶ if requested, overseeing the submission of an electronic list of students in the appropriate age group;
- ▶ using the MyNAEP website to prepare for the assessment;
- ▶ informing parents of the assessment (more information will be provided on how to complete this task);
- ▶ communicating with the NAEP representative to finalize assessment preparations;
- ▶ organizing the availability of school space for the assessment, including room(s) and desks or tables; and
- ▶ collaborating with school staff to ensure a high rate of student participation.

**Detailed information about the school coordinator's responsibilities will be sent at the beginning of the school year.**

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