

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Grades/Students

Samples of students in grades 4, 8, and 12 in selected schools.

Date

Administered January - March of each school year.

Description

NAEP is a federally-mandated standardized, norm referenced testing program, based on national curricula frameworks. The NAEP assesses reading and mathematics yearly and other subject areas periodically (e.g., writing, science, U.S. history, geography, civics, and the arts). The tests are timed, and may include multiple choice items, constructed responses (short and extended), and hands-on tasks.

Results

NAEP provides evidence of students' academic performance in the state, nation, and for specific subgroups of students. Results are reported by the National Center for Education Statistics as part of The Nation's Report Card. The results are not reported by school or for individual students. Only group statistics are reported, aggregated across the state and broken down by gender/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and other variables that have been shown to be associated with student achievement.

Basis of Test

Federal mandate.

Website

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>
www.naqb.org

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