Completing the School Technology Survey (STS) in the NAEP 2026 Assessment Management System (AMS)



Complete the following:

Estimated time to complete: 1 hour

The deadline to complete the STS is **September 19, 2025.** Any school without a completed survey by that date will be assigned to the **school-device administration model.** A small number of schools will be automatically assigned to the NAEP device administration model. These schools will included in a small comparability study of administration on school devices versus NAEP devices.

You will need to create a new NAEP AMS account to complete the STS, even if you had a NAEP AMS account for a previous NAEP administration. The **website for the NAEP AMS** is also new for 2026: https://naep.ams.naepnpd.org/.

After you complete the STS, you will see whether each school has been assigned to school-device or NAEP-device administration for NAEP 2026.

Brief optional tutorial videos are available for AMS Registration and Completing the STS.

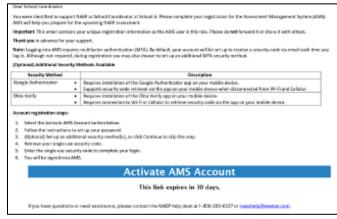
How to Register for the AMS and Complete the STS

Please have naep-npd.org added to your SAU's safe senders list. This will ensure that you and others in your SAU will receive the NAEP emails required to access the AMS.

2. You will receive an email from naepnpd.org with a link to register for the AMS. Please check your junk or spam folder if you do not see it in your Inbox. You may also need to confirm with your IT staff that they have added the NAEP email address to the safe sender's list.

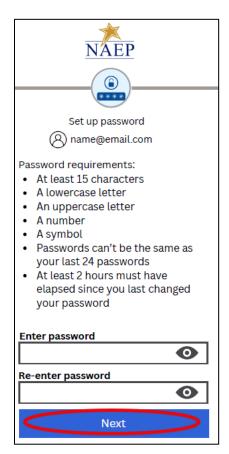
In the email, click on the blue "Activate AMS Account" button.

3. You will be asked to set up a password. Click on "Set up" to create your password.

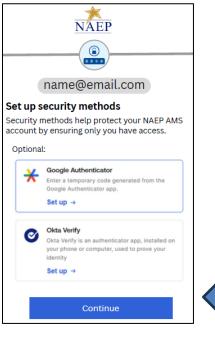




4. Follow the password requirements and click "Next."

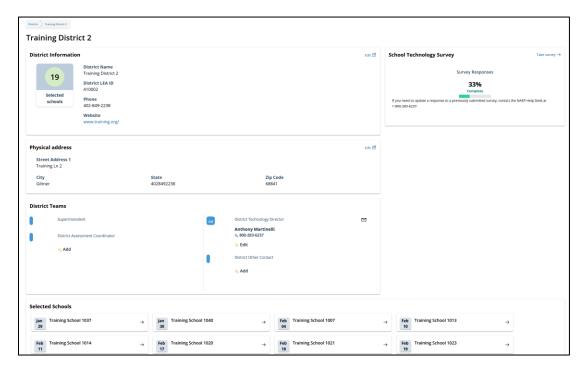


5. You will be asked to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA), which is a federal requirement for the AMS. The default option is an email each time you log in, sent to the email address used for registration. You can also **opt** to set up either Google Authenticator or Okta Verify. To choose either Google Authenticator or Okta Verify, install the app on your mobile phone, then click "Set up" **under either choice**. To use only email for MFA, click on "Continue".

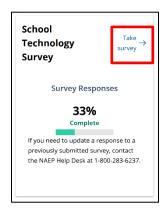




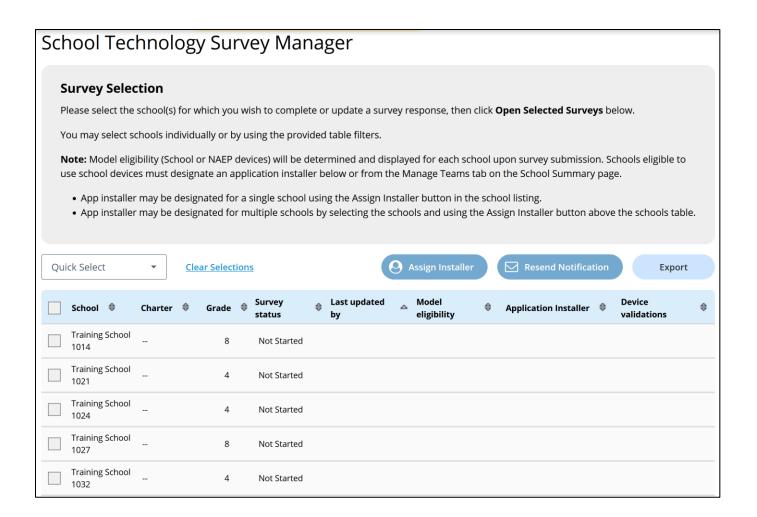
6. After logging into the AMS, you will be able to complete the School Technology Survey for all the selected schools in your SAU. You will first see your SAU/district page, which includes information about district personnel (superintendent, district assessment coordinator, and district technology coordinator as applicable) as well as the list of selected schools.



7. On the upper right corner of the screen is a link to the School Technology Survey. Click on "Take Survey."



8. Next you see the School Technology Survey Manager. This is the location where you may select schools to enter the same responses (for example, all grade 4 schools or schools with a survey status of "Not Started"). Use the check boxes on the left side of the screen to make selections; you can sort by any of the columns such as grade or survey status. You may also check the box in the header row to select all of the schools in the district.



9. After selecting the schools you will be providing responses for, click on the "Open Selected Surveys" button at the bottom of the screen.



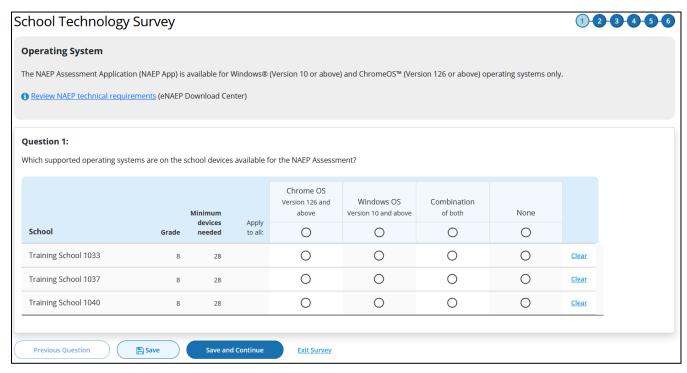
You will then see the STS start screen. To **begin providing survey responses**, click "Start."

10. To respond to the survey questions, please review the information at the eNAEP
Download Center. A summary of the technical requirements is provided below.

Operating System	Hardware Specifications
ChromeOS™	The minimum hardware specifications for Chromebooks are:
Version 126 and above	 1 GHZ Processor 4 or more GB RAM 2 or more GB of free disk space
	Notes:
	 To run the NAEP Assessment in a secure environment, devices must be connected to the management console and operate in kiosk mode. Google mandates that Chromebooks manufactured in 2017 or later must have either an Enterprise or Education license and be linked to a management domain. In 2022, Google introduced the Long-Term Support Candidate (LTC) and Long-Term Support (LTS) channels for ChromeOS™. NAEP strongly recommends the use of these channels. For more information, click here: LTS on Chrome.
Windows®	The minimum hardware specifications for Windows devices are:
Version 10 and above	 1 GHZ Processor 4 or more GB RAM 2 or more GB of free disk space Note: Windows devices running ChromeOS™ Flex are NOT supported.

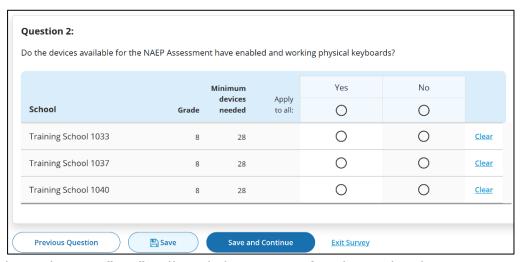
Assessment Device	Requirements
Screen Dimensions	Screen dimensions must be 11.6 inches or larger.
Monitors and Displays	All devices must meet the minimum resolution of 1366 X 768. Larger resolutions can be applied as appropriate for the monitor or screen being used. Device display scale must be set to 100 percent to keep the amount of usable screen real estate within the minimum resolution. A secure testing environment can only be guaranteed when using a single display. A multi-monitor configuration is not supported.
Touchscreen	Both touch and non-touch devices can be used for the assessment.
Keyboards	The use of devices with physical keyboards is required for the NAEP Assessment. Virtual keyboards, those shown on screen, are not supported as they limit the viewable screen area for the test and may make typing responses more difficult.
Headphones/ Headsets	Headphones are required for students to listen to audio during the assessment. Wired connection is recommended for better sound quality. NAEP representatives will have a supply of earbuds with an audio jack for students who do not have them.
Battery	A device and all the peripherals should be fully charged to ensure that it will be able to support the assessment period. Schools should have spare device chargers to use in case any student device needs to be recharged.
Device Conditions	The NAEP assessment can be administered on school-provided Chromebook or Windows OS devices. These can be devices that have been issued to students or used in a media center, lab, or cart. All devices should be in good condition. Devices with broken screens or keyboards cannot be used for the assessment.
Spare Devices	Technology coordinators should ensure that at least three to five spare devices are set up to replace those that were forgotten or have issues on assessment day.

11. The first question asks about the operating system on school devices. **Please be sure to note the minimum number of devices needed in the third column.**NAEP typically samples 50 students per school. If a school uses the minimum number of devices, there will have to be two sequential 2-hour test sessions on assessment day. If the school has enough devices, all selected students can be assessed simultaneously, either in one large or two smaller sessions. If testing all students at the same time, the presence of a school staff member will be required in each session to support classroom management.



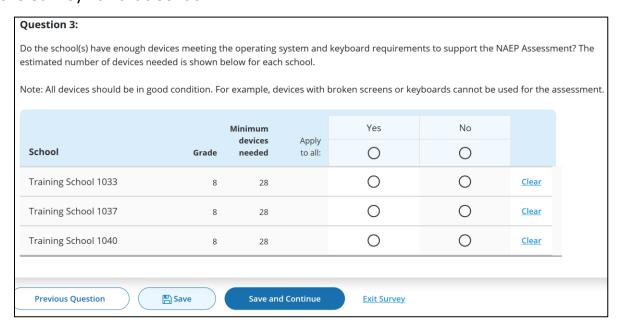
If a school has only Apple devices, please select "None" as NAEP cannot support test delivery on Apple devices for the NAEP 2026 administration. This will end the survey for that school.

12.The second
question asks
about the
availability of a
physical keyboard
for each school
device to be used
to administer
NAEP. For 2026,
the NAEP test
delivery system
does not support

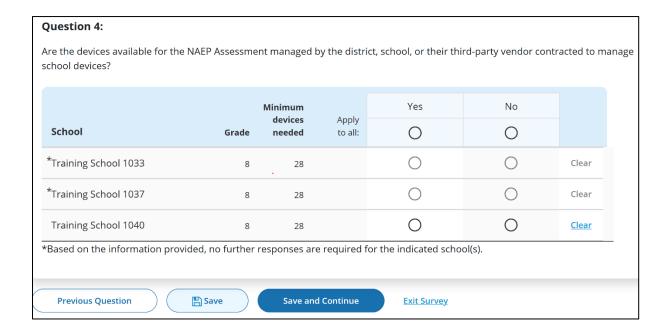


on-screen keyboards. Selecting "No" will end the survey for that school.

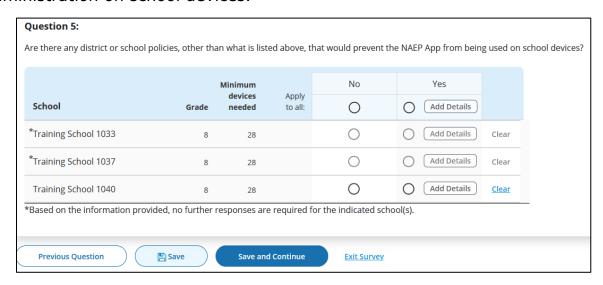
13. The third question asks if each school device to be used to administer NAEP meets all the technical requirements listed in step 10, has a working physical keyboard, and is in good condition (no broken screen, for example). Selecting "No" will end the survey for that school.



14. The fourth question asks if each school device to be used to administer NAEP is a school-owned device that is actively monitored and controlled by the district, school, or their third-party vendor through specific software, ensuring security and compliance with policies. Selecting "No" will end the survey for that school. NAEP cannot be administered on devices that are not managed by the school and/or SAU.



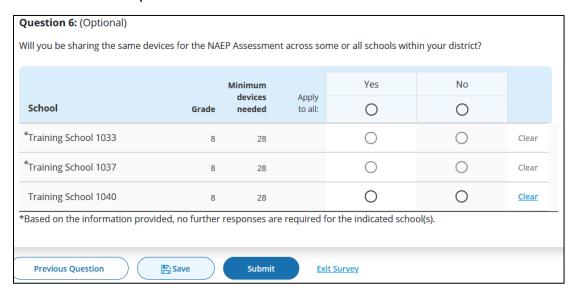
15. The fifth question asks if there are any district or school policies that would prevent the NAEP App from being used on school devices. Select "Yes" if there are policies or resource constraints that limit a school's ability to support NAEP administration on school devices.



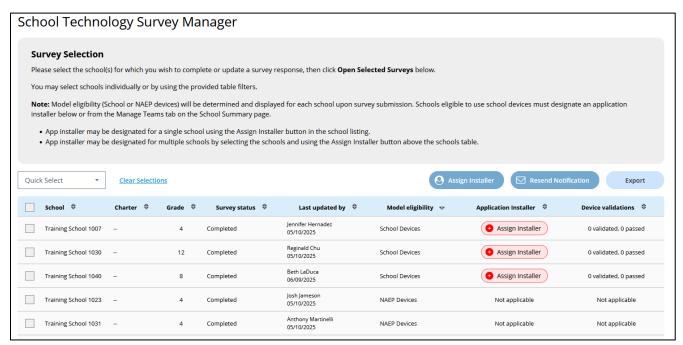
If you select "Yes" you will be asked to type an explanation.



16. The sixth and final question is optional but will support assessment scheduling. This question asks if the district will use the same devices across multiple schools to administer NAEP. Doing so is possible, but it will require sufficient time between assessments to transport devices to different schools.

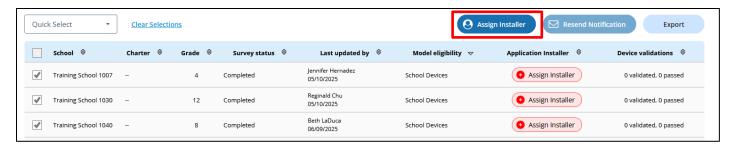


Please be sure to click the "Submit" button after responding to question six so that all your responses are processed. You will then return to the School Technology Survey Manager screen, where you can see which schools are assigned to school devices and which to NAEP devices in the "Model eligibility" column.



There may be schools that meet the technical requirements for school-device administration that are assigned to NAEP devices as part of a comparability study.

For schools assigned to school devices, the next step is to assign a district or school staff member to install the NAEP application on the devices to be used for testing. Use the check boxes on the left side of the screen to select schools, then click the blue "Assign Installer" button above the header row to enter the name and contact information of the installer for those schools. You may also click the red "Assign Installer" buttons in the school rows to individually assign application installers to each school. The application installer(s) will then receive an email from NAEP with information about the next steps.



If you have any questions about NAEP 2026 or the School Technology Survey, please contact your **NAEP State Coordinator**, **Dr. Regina Lewis**, at 207-530-1355 or regina.lewis@maine.gov.