

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP): THE BASICS

WHAT IS IT?



The NAEP is a nationally representative assessment which acts as a snapshot of what students in the United States know and can do in various subject areas. It most frequently assesses mathematics and reading. Other subjects, such as civics, science, technology and engineering literacy, U.S. history and writing are assessed periodically. Additionally, the National Indian Education Study (NIES) is conducted to evaluate status of education for American Indian and Alaska Native students.

WHEN IS IT ADMINISTERED?



NAEP assessments are not administered to every student nor at every school on a yearly basis. A representative sample of students in grades 4 and 8 from states and select urban districts participate in mathematics and reading every other year. National, some state and select urban district samples of students in grades 4, 8 and 12 are periodically assessed in other subjects. Results are not individually available but are released as The Nation's Report Card.

HOW IS IT DESIGNED?



Most NAEP assessments are administered online (accommodations are available) but students who qualify for alternate assessments are exempt from NAEP participation. Each assessment is based on a framework which describes the knowledge and skills assessed in a specific exam as well as the types and scoring of questions used to do so. Most students complete the assessments in 90-120 minutes.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?



To learn more about NAEP assessment information, standards, accommodations and more, please click [here](#). NAEP frameworks are available [here](#). Please click [here](#) for an updated assessment calendar. For other inquiries, please contact NAEP & International Assessment Coordinator Regina Lewis, Ph. D at regina.lewis@maine.gov

Still have questions?

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