

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

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What is NAEP? The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as "the Nation's Report Card," is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in a variety of subject areas. Since 1969, assessments have been conducted periodically in reading, mathematics, science, writing, U.S. history, civics, geography, and the arts.

History & General Information: Established in 1969, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is made up of national, state, and long-term trend testing programs. In addition, NAEP launched a Trial Urban Districts Assessment in 2002. The national NAEP assessments are taken by a representative sample of students in grades four, eight, and twelve in a variety of subject areas. NAEP's goals are to "compare student achievement in states and other jurisdictions and to track changes in achievement...over time." By law, the Commissioner of Education in the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics directs the NAEP program. The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) has responsibility for developing policy and test specifications for the assessments.

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BASIC FACTS

Audience Parents, researchers, media, educators, policymakers

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CIRCULATION

National Assessment of Educational Progress produces a variety of reports and publications that are made available by National Center for Education Statistics through the *NAEP: The Nation's Report Card* website at nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard.

Users can also access data from NAEP through the *NAEP Data Explorer* at nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nde.

Programs and Publications

NAEP publication and information products include:

- ❑ *The Nation's Report Card: Reading 2005*
- ❑ *The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2005*
- ❑ *The Nation's Report Card: Trial Urban District Assessment, 2005 Reading Report Card*
- ❑ *The Nation's Report Card: Trial Urban District Assessment, 2005 Mathematics Report Card*
- ❑ *A Closer Look at Charter Schools Using Hierarchical Linear Modeling* (2006)
- ❑ Sample assessment questions
- ❑ *NAEP Data Explorer*
- ❑ Profiles of state achievement
- ❑ High School Transcript Study

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