

NAEP Publications

There are a number of NAEP publications that you will use or provide to the schools as needed during your NAEP assignment. These publications come in many formats, from one-page color brochures to small booklets. A list and short descriptions of the most common NAEP publications you will use are featured below and on pages B.24–B.28. You will be provided with a small quantity of these documents in your bulk supplies.

Best Practices for Improving Twelfth-Grade NAEP Participation (Best Practices Guide)

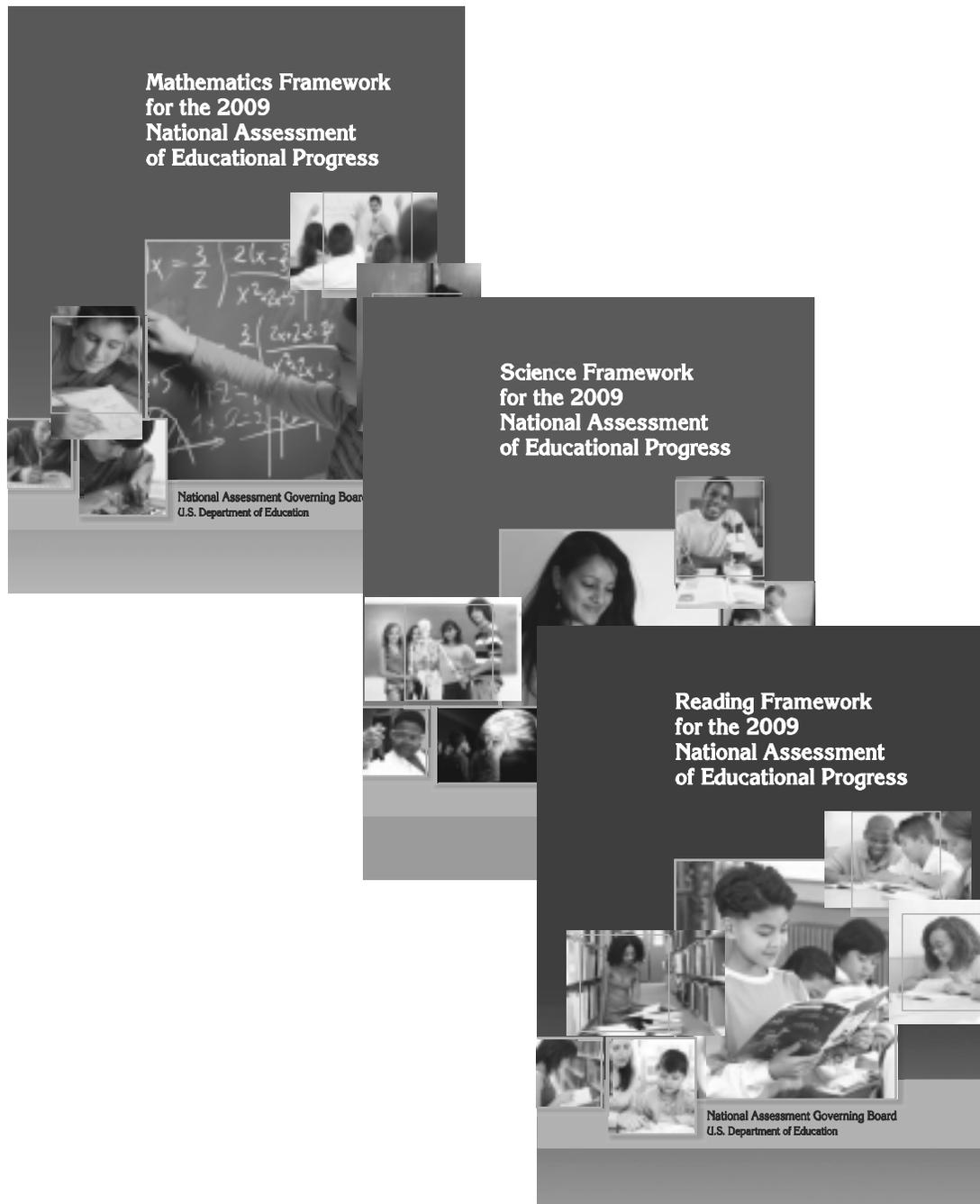
Also known as the grade 12 *Best Practices Guide*, this binder is sent to the grade 12 schools sampled for NAEP by the NAEP State Coordinators. Each grade 12 school will receive one copy of the binder, and you will receive additional copies in your bulk supplies from Westat to take to your grade 12 preassessment visits. The *Best Practices Guide* contains a wealth of information including a CD, PowerPoint slides, articles, and strategies to encourage grade 12 participation in NAEP. This binder will be your guide to discussing ways to motivate students to attend NAEP and do their best during the preassessment visit.



An online version of the *Best Practices Guide* is available on the MySchool website. School staff members accessing the online version do not have to go to a specific step in MySchool, as the link is located within each step.

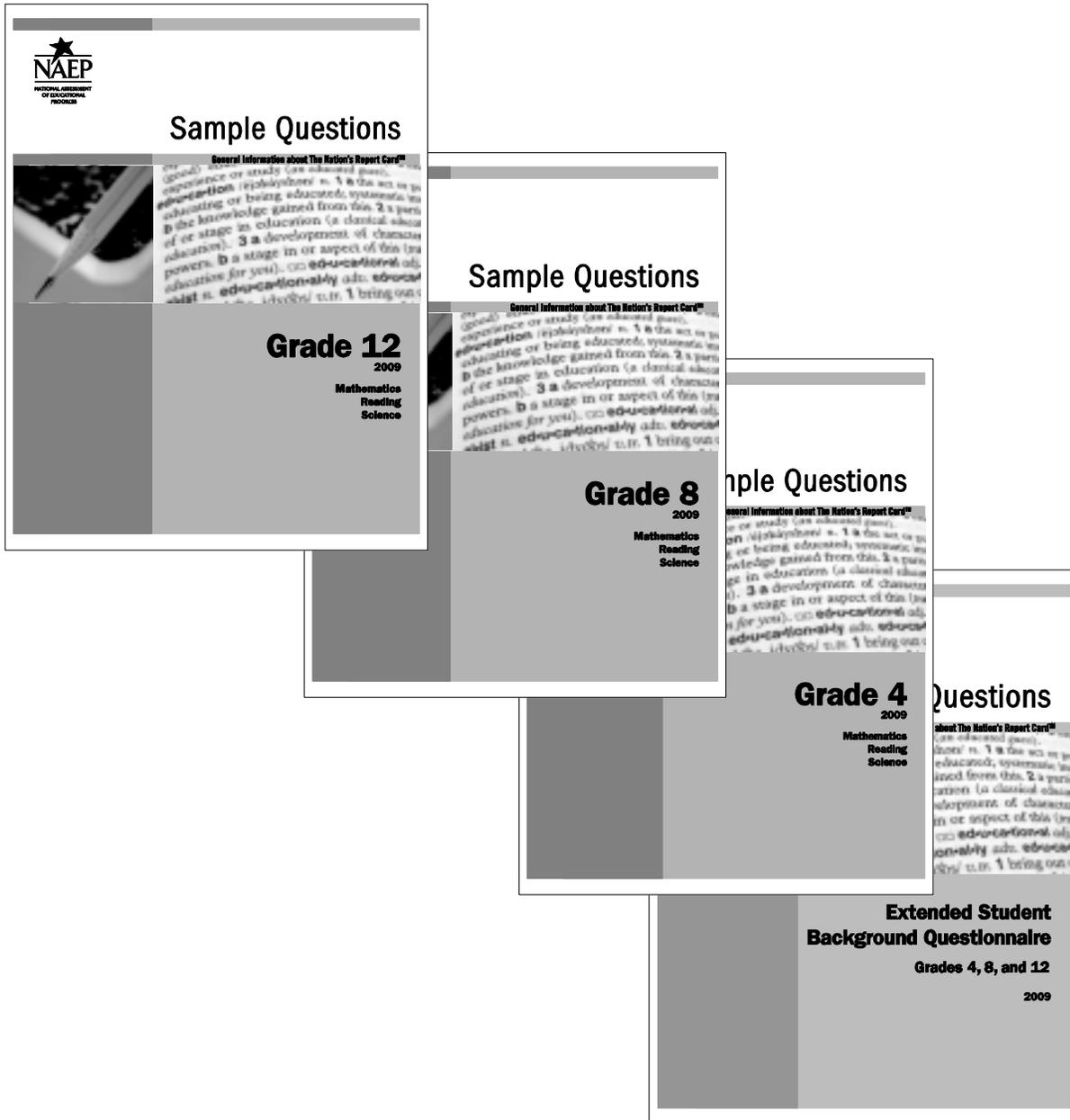
Frameworks

These small booklets describe the test design and content of the assessments. There is one Framework for each NAEP subject. NAEP State Coordinators may choose to send the Frameworks to public schools in the late fall. You will be responsible for giving these to private schools or public schools in states that did not distribute them.



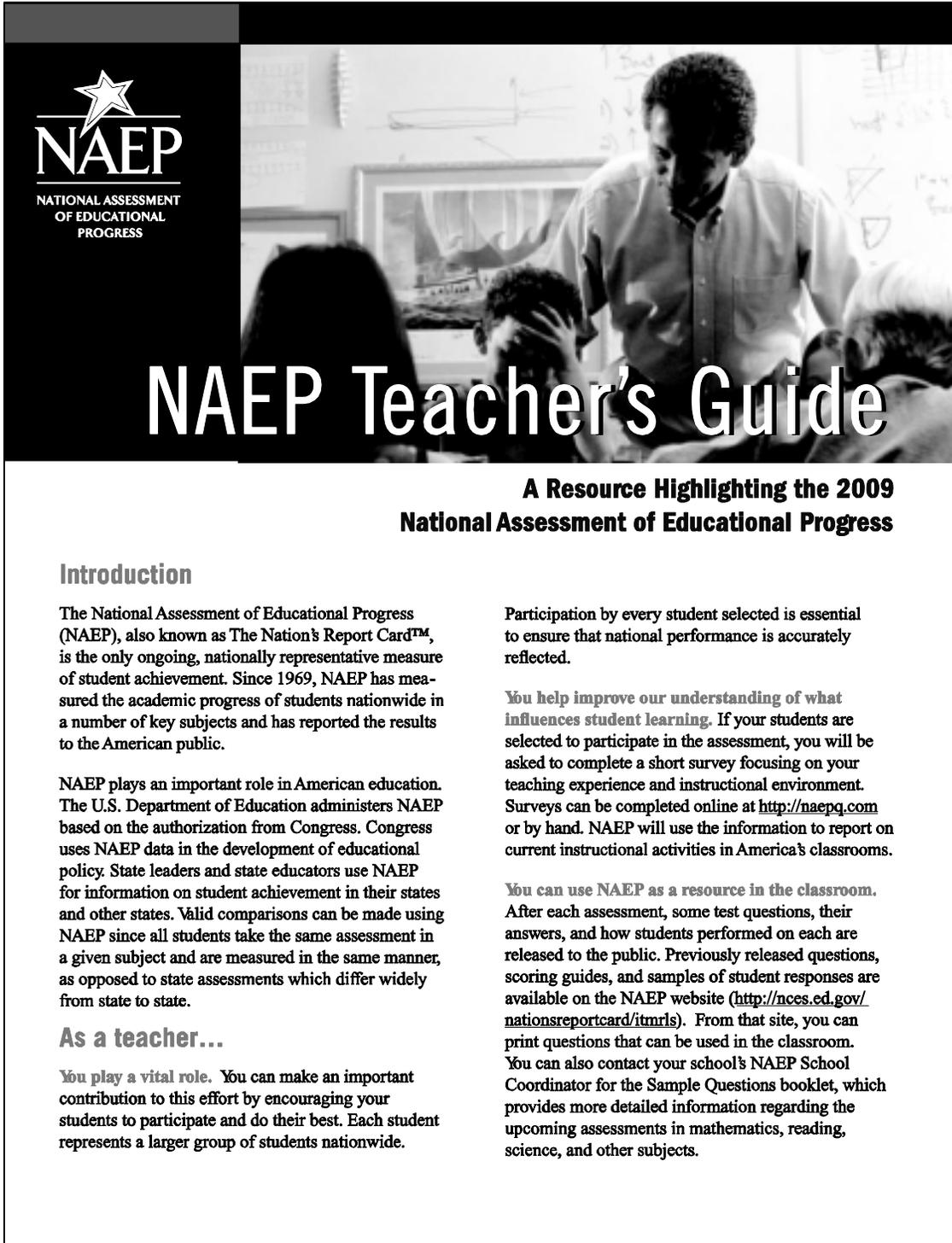
Sample Questions Booklets

NAEP *Sample Questions Booklets* (shown below) contain actual student background questions as well as examples of the types of cognitive questions in the assessment booklets. Since the cognitive questions in the assessment booklets need to remain secure and are not released to the public, *Sample Questions Booklets* have been developed for school staff, parents, and other persons interested in the types of questions asked on the NAEP assessment. There is one *Sample Questions Booklet* for each grade and one for the ESBQ.



NAEP Teacher's Guide

This color brochure provides teachers with facts about NAEP, including why their participation is important and information on how to encourage their students to participate and do their best on NAEP. You will include one of these brochures with each Teacher Questionnaire you distribute at the school.



The image shows the cover of the NAEP Teacher's Guide brochure. On the left, there is a black vertical bar containing the NAEP logo, which features a white star above the letters 'NAEP' and the text 'NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS' below it. To the right of the logo is a black and white photograph of a male teacher leaning over a desk, interacting with several students. The title 'NAEP Teacher's Guide' is printed in large, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the brochure. Below the title, the subtitle 'A Resource Highlighting the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress' is centered. The main body of the brochure is divided into two columns of text, with a 'Introduction' section on the left and three informational paragraphs on the right. The entire brochure is framed by a thin black border.

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A Resource Highlighting the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress

Introduction

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as The Nation's Report Card™, is the only ongoing, nationally representative measure of student achievement. Since 1969, NAEP has measured the academic progress of students nationwide in a number of key subjects and has reported the results to the American public.

NAEP plays an important role in American education. The U.S. Department of Education administers NAEP based on the authorization from Congress. Congress uses NAEP data in the development of educational policy. State leaders and state educators use NAEP for information on student achievement in their states and other states. Valid comparisons can be made using NAEP since all students take the same assessment in a given subject and are measured in the same manner, as opposed to state assessments which differ widely from state to state.

As a teacher...

You play a vital role. You can make an important contribution to this effort by encouraging your students to participate and do their best. Each student represents a larger group of students nationwide.

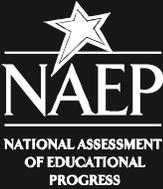
Participation by every student selected is essential to ensure that national performance is accurately reflected.

You help improve our understanding of what influences student learning. If your students are selected to participate in the assessment, you will be asked to complete a short survey focusing on your teaching experience and instructional environment. Surveys can be completed online at <http://naepq.com> or by hand. NAEP will use the information to report on current instructional activities in America's classrooms.

You can use NAEP as a resource in the classroom. After each assessment, some test questions, their answers, and how students performed on each are released to the public. Previously released questions, scoring guides, and samples of student responses are available on the NAEP website (<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrls>). From that site, you can print questions that can be used in the classroom. You can also contact your school's NAEP School Coordinator for the Sample Questions booklet, which provides more detailed information regarding the upcoming assessments in mathematics, reading, science, and other subjects.

Measure Up Newsletter

The *Measure Up* newsletter contains facts about past NAEP assessments and upcoming NAEP activities. There is a version available for grades 4, 8, and 12 for public schools. A supply of *Measure Ups* will be provided in your bulk supply. You will need to bring a few extra with you to the preassessment visit.



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Measure Up

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Facts About NAEP 2009

- From January 26 to March 6, 2009, over 520,000 eighth-graders will take the NAEP assessment in reading, mathematics, or science.
- Over 7,500 middle schools have been selected to participate in NAEP 2009.
- Over 6,000 NAEP staff will administer NAEP 2009 to students in grades 4, 8, and 12.

Assessment news for eighth-grade teachers

My School Has Been Selected For NAEP—What Is Involved?

Students selected for the assessment will spend about 90 minutes completing the assessment, including answering questions in one subject area and completing the background questions. In a few schools, two hours will be necessary for students to do hands-on science tasks or interactive computer tasks in science. NAEP staff will come to your school and administer the assessment to your students.

The school principal and the teachers of the subjects being assessed will also complete a questionnaire. These questionnaires are designed to gather information about school characteristics and the types of educational experiences that may be related to performance, such as amount of homework, professional development activities, and teacher experience. Additional questionnaires will be completed by the teachers of selected students with disabilities (SD) and English language learners (ELL).

NAEP will administer a brief separate survey to American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) students who are selected for NAEP and their teachers and school administrators. This survey, part of the National Indian Education Study (NIES), focuses on Indian education and the role of Indian culture in education. It is expected that about one-quarter of the schools selected for NAEP will have AI/AN students.

What is NAEP?

NAEP stands for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. You may know it as The Nation's Report Card. It's the only national assessment that shows what eighth-grade students across the country know and can do in subjects such as reading, mathematics, and science. It is different from your state assessment because it represents eighth-grade students across the country.

Why should I let my students participate in NAEP?

NAEP is important. The results of NAEP are released in The Nation's Report Card, and they influence the public's opinion of the quality of education that is provided to eighth-graders in the nation and your state. Encouraging your students to participate and do their best gives them the opportunity to show how well America's students perform.

What do I have to do?

Your students will need to be out of class for a little more than 90 minutes to participate in NAEP. Teachers do not have to do anything to prepare for or administer the assessment. You just need to release students from class and encourage them to do their best.

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>

Locating Private School Results on the Web

The private school brochure titled *Locating Private School Results on the Web* contains information about how to access private school data online. Distribute one brochure per private school in your assignment during the preassessment visit.

PRIVATE SCHOOL RESULTS ON THE WEB

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The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assesses a representative sample of private schools at grades 4, 8, and 12. Several different breakdowns of results are available depending on the year, jurisdiction, and level of participation. Results for private schools are reported by Catholic Schools and Other Private Schools.

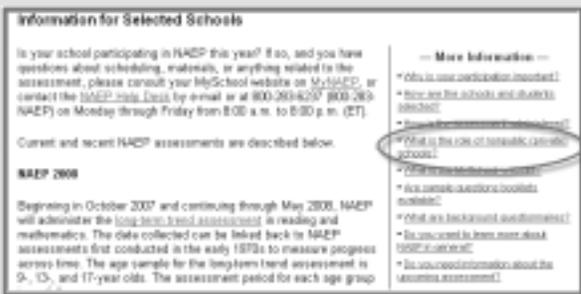
To access results for private schools follow the steps outlined in this brochure.

Step 1.
Log on to <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

Step 2.
Begin by clicking on the link "selected schools."



Step 3.
Select "What is the Role of Nonpublic (private) schools?"





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