

APPENDIX C

Reporting Subgroup(s) Definitions

Findings from the NAEP 1994 geography assessment are presented for groups of students that are defined by shared characteristics. Data are reported for subpopulations only where sufficient numbers of students and adequate school representation are present. However, data for all students, regardless of whether their subgroup was reported separately, were included in computing overall national and regional results.

The reporting subgroups presented in this report include: race/ethnicity, gender, parents' education level, public/nonpublic school, and region. Definitions of these subgroups are provided below.

Race/Ethnicity. Results are presented for students of different racial/ethnic groups based on the students' self-identification of their race/ethnicity according to the following mutually exclusive categories: White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, and American Indian (including Alaskan Native).

Gender. Results are reported separately for males and females.

Parents' Education Level. Results are presented by the student's report of the extent of schooling for each of their parents — did not finish high school, graduated from high school, some education after high school, graduated from college, or did not know. The response indicating the higher level of education was selected for reporting. Note that a substantial percentage of fourth-grade students did not know their parents' education level.

Public/Nonpublic School. Results are reported by the type of school that the student attends — public or nonpublic school. Nonpublic schools include Catholic and other nonpublic schools. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) schools and domestic Department of Defense (DoD) schools were not classified in either the public or nonpublic categories. Results for the BIA and DoD schools are included, however, in the overall national results.

Region. Results are reported for four regions of the nation: Northeast, Southeast, Central and West. States included in each region are shown in the following figure. All 50 states and the District of Columbia are listed.

NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST	CENTRAL	WEST
Connecticut	Alabama	Illinois	Alaska
Delaware	Arkansas	Indiana	Arizona
District of Columbia	Florida	Iowa	California
Maine	Georgia	Kansas	Colorado
Maryland	Kentucky	Michigan	Hawaii
Massachusetts	Louisiana	Minnesota	Idaho
New Hampshire	Mississippi	Missouri	Montana
New Jersey	North Carolina	Nebraska	Nevada
New York	South Carolina	North Dakota	New Mexico
Pennsylvania	Tennessee	Ohio	Oklahoma
Rhode Island	Virginia*	South Dakota	Oregon
Vermont	West Virginia	Wisconsin	Texas
Virginia*			Utah
			Washington
			Wyoming

* Note that the part of Virginia that is included in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area is included in the Northeast region; the remainder of the state is included in the Southeast region.