

# NAEP Assessment Team Oath of Office

I (NAME) acknowledge that I have been instructed in and understand the NAEP Code of Ethics. I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will adhere to this Code of Ethics; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WINS #: \_\_\_\_\_

## NAEP Code of Ethics

NAEP is firmly committed to the collection of high quality, independent, and unbiased measures of student academic performance.

This Code of Ethics defines the principles that are the foundation for fair and accurate test administration and data collection. NAEP grantees, contractors, and subcontractors must ensure that all procedures, materials, training programs, and administrative guidelines are derived from these principles.

This Code of Ethics applies to all staff and contracted employees who are involved in the collection of NAEP data. Each individual must have the opportunity to review the Code before becoming a part of the NAEP team. Prior to collecting NAEP data, an individual must swear or affirm his/her commitment to uphold the principles stated in this Code.

The basic principles guiding NAEP data collection are accuracy, integrity, and respect.

### Accuracy

Accuracy ensures that NAEP results precisely reflect student achievement across the nation.

- Sampled schools and sampled students who are eligible for the assessment are to be included in the assessment to the greatest extent possible.
- Students shall be assessed using accommodations as specified in their education plans and permitted by NAEP.
- The NAEP testing environment shall be correctly structured and a positive atmosphere established so that all students have a fair chance to perform to full capacity.

### Integrity

Integrity ensures that rigorous, ethical, and consistent procedures are used for NAEP test administration and data collection.

- Persons administering and monitoring NAEP assessments shall comply with standard NAEP procedures for administering and monitoring the assessment.
- Persons authorized by NAEP to have access to NAEP testing materials shall follow the NAEP Guidelines for Viewing Assessment Materials.
- NAEP staff and other proctors assigned to testing sessions shall receive clear, unambiguous guidance on testing procedures.

- Deviations from proper procedures shall be documented, and those affecting student performance shall be reported immediately.

### Respect

Respect ensures that students, school staff, and others affected by NAEP test administration and data collection are treated with professionalism, openness, and courtesy.

- Schools shall be notified in advance of the assessment and provided all relevant information about NAEP, NAEP assessment procedures and schedules, and NAEP personnel, who might be entering the school.
- Test takers and other stakeholders shall have access to information about NAEP, including sample items and NAEP reports.
- Persons administering and monitoring NAEP assessments shall be sensitive to the needs of students, teachers, and the schools in administering NAEP.
- NAEP staff members are to ensure the confidentiality of all information provided by students and school staff in response to assessment and questionnaire items.
- Any complaint or concern about a NAEP assessment shall be addressed directly by testing personnel in the field and promptly reported to NCES, or its designee.