NAEP SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES

For Teachers and Schools

NAEP
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

NAEP is an integral part of education in the United States.

- NAEP is considered the gold standard of assessments. From development to reporting results, NAEP represents the best thinking of assessment and content specialists, state education staff, and teachers from around the nation.
- NAEP is a congressionally mandated program administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences.
- NAEP serves a different role than state assessments. States have their own unique assessments with different content and proficiency standards. The same NAEP assessment is administered in every state, providing a common measure of student achievement across the country.
- Depending on the NAEP assessment that is administered, the data can be used to compare and understand the performance of different student groups across the nation, your state, other states, and large urban districts that participate in the Trial Urban District Assessment.
- NAEP is designed to cause minimal disruption of classroom instruction. It takes up to 120 minutes for students to complete, including transition time, directions, and completion of a survey questionnaire.

NAEP survey questionnaires are administered as part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) to provide a better understanding of factors related to students' learning and collect information on a variety of factors, including socioeconomic status, use of technology, and school climate. In addition to students, questionnaires are given to teachers and schools to capture a complete picture of students' educational experiences.

Who completes the teacher and school questionnaires?

Teacher questionnaires are completed by the teachers of the students participating in NAEP who are responsible for the subject(s) of the administered assessment. School questionnaires are typically completed by the principal or assistant principal. Respondents complete the questionnaires electronically through a secure online NAEP platform.

What types of questions are asked in the teacher and school survey questionnaires?

Teacher questionnaires gather information on teacher training, instructional practices, and school resources. Examples include:

- What is the highest academic degree you hold?
- In this school year, have you participated in training on computers or other digital devices through your school?

School questionnaires gather information on school policies and characteristics. Examples include:

- In your school, is there a wireless Internet connection that students can use for schoolwork?
- During a typical week of school, what is the total number of regularly scheduled volunteers, including parents, working in the school?

Additionally, the teacher and school questionnaires include questions specific to the subject being assessed.

Why is your participation important?

Teacher and school survey questionnaires help put student NAEP performance results into context. For example, as part of the 2017 reading assessment, teachers were asked to identify how often they ask their students to interpret the meaning of a passage when reading a story, article, or other passage. Grades 4 and 8 students whose teachers reported *often* to *always or almost always* asking their students to engage in this activity had higher average reading scores than those whose teachers reported asking them to do this *sometimes* or less.

Teachers' and schools' responses provide meaningful information that can be used to contribute to decisions about education policy that may improve schools and advance student progress.

All of the information provided by participants may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of $250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.

To learn more about NAEP survey questionnaires and to view actual survey questionnaires, visit http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/survey_questionnaires.aspx.