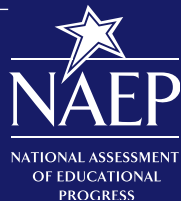


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The NAEP 2024 Assessments

In 2024, the NAEP assessments will be administered throughout the nation between January 29 and March 8 at grades 4, 8, and 12. The NAEP 2024 program will include mathematics and reading assessments for grades 4, 8, and 12, and science assessments for grade 8.

Each student will take the assessment in only one subject. NAEP representatives will bring all the materials and equipment to the school on assessment day. Students will spend up to 120 minutes completing the assessment. This includes transition time, directions, and completion of a student questionnaire. The questionnaire provides valuable information about students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both inside and outside of the classroom. Teachers and schools will also complete a survey questionnaire. There are no teacher questionnaires at grade 12. Additionally, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students participating in the NAEP mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8 will be included in the National Indian Education Study (NIES). NIES describes the condition of education for AI/AN students in the United States. Schools selected for the grade 12 assessments will also be asked to participate in the High School Transcript Study (HSTS). Transcripts will be requested for the students selected to participate in the grade 12 mathematics assessment.

What's Happening in the World of NAEP for Private Schools?

Summer 2023

- Results from the long-term trend age 13 assessments were released on June 21, 2023.

Fall 2023

- See the NAEP 2024 Assessments section for more information about the NAEP 2024 program in private schools.
- NAEP representatives will help private schools selected for NAEP 2024 prepare for the assessment.

Winter 2024

- Private school students selected for NAEP will take assessments from January 29 to March 8, 2024.



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The NAEP 2024 Assessments (*continued*)

Results will be released at the national, state, and select urban district levels for the mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8. National results will be released for the science assessment at grade 8 and for the mathematics and reading assessments at grade 12. Assuming participation standards for reporting are met, results will also be reported for overall private schools, Catholic, and other (non-Catholic) private schools.

High School Transcript Study

The NAEP High School Transcript Study (HSTS)

provides information about the types of courses that graduates take during high school, how many credits they earn, their grade point averages, and the relationship between coursetaking patterns and educational achievement through linking to the twelfth-grade NAEP proficiency data.

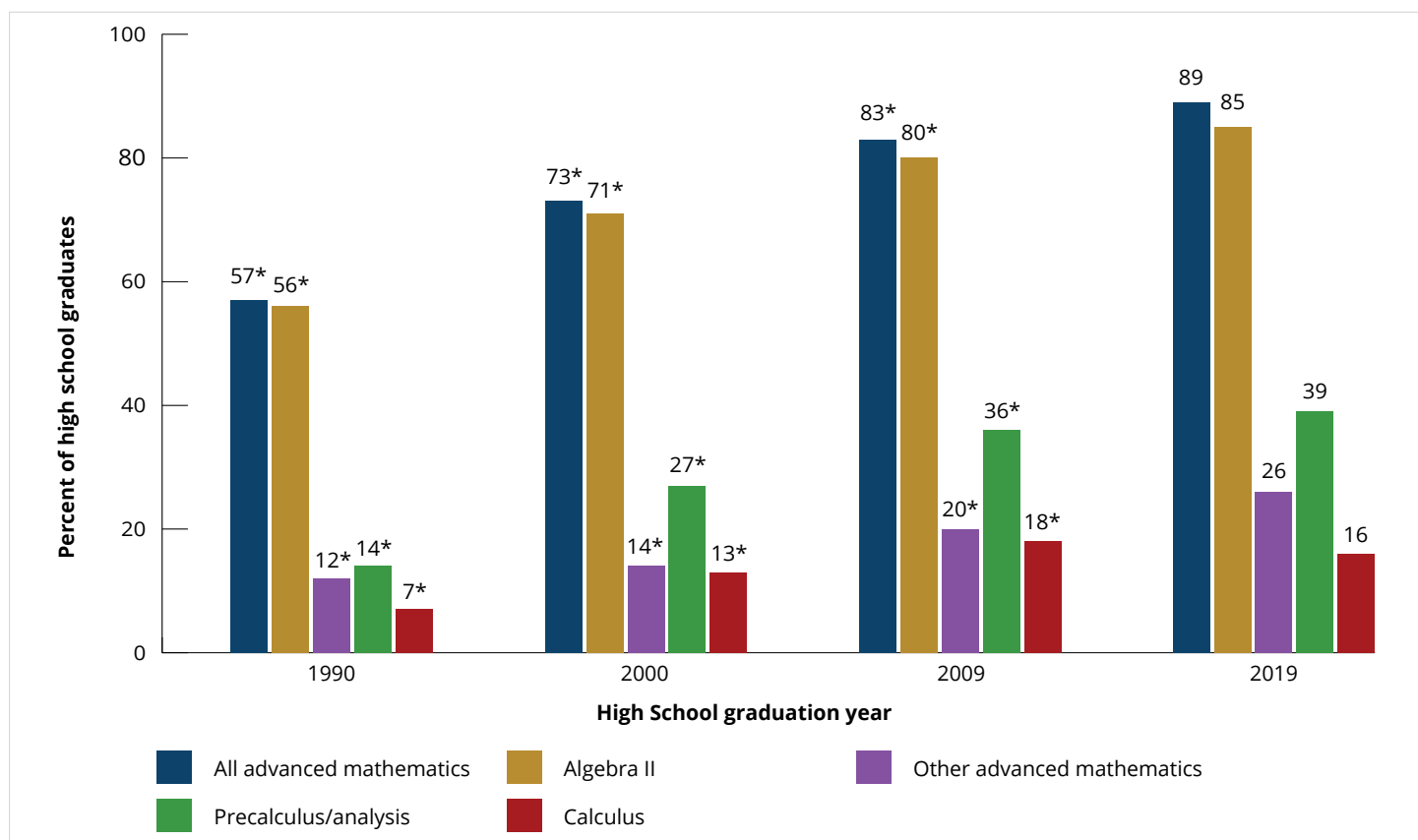
The HSTS 2024 will include transcript data from public and private schools sampled for the NAEP 2024 grade 12 mathematics assessment. Transcripts of students graduating high school in the 2023-24 academic year will be collected.

The most recent study, conducted in 2019, collected transcripts from a nationally representative sample of 47,000 high school graduates from about 1,400 public and private schools.

What did we Learn in 2019 From the HSTS?

More high school graduates in 2019 earned credits in STEM courses compared to 1990, 2000, and 2009. In 1990, for example, 57 percent of high school graduates earned credits in STEM-defined advanced mathematics courses; by 2019, the percentage had climbed to 89 percent.

The graph below shows the percentage of high school graduates earning Carnegie credits in STEM-defined advanced mathematics courses in various years (1990–2019).



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from 2019.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) High School Transcript Study, various years, 1990–2019



The NAEP Experience

In this section, we interview private school teachers, administrators, and organization leaders. Read about Michael Schuttloffel, the executive director of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

Tell us a little about CAPE

CAPE is a coalition of national organizations and state affiliates serving private elementary and secondary schools. There are more than 34,000 private schools in America; in fact, about one in four of the nation's schools is a private school. Almost 5 million students (about 10 percent of all students) attend them. CAPE member organizations and state affiliates represent about 80 percent of private school enrollment nationwide. Our mission is to preserve and promote educational pluralism so that parents have a choice in the schooling of their children.

Why did you choose to get involved in education? What role(s) do you think private schools play in the U.S. education system?

Having kids of my own really brought home the importance of education policy and the need for parents to have choices when it comes to where their children go to school. Private schools ensure that parents have a diversity of options, including religious options, when they are trying to find the educational setting that is best for their child.

Your organization has been extremely supportive of NAEP for many years. Why does your organization endorse NAEP and encourage school participation?

NAEP data serves the public good by providing a comprehensive picture of student achievement in the United States. The data is available to parents as they make choices about their children's education, and to lawmakers as they set education policy. Private school participation in NAEP helps demonstrate just how effective private schools are at getting America's children ready for both college and career.

What value does NAEP have for your private schools' community?

NAEP results help tell the private school story. They provide parents, policymakers, and the public at large with an idea of how students in private schools are doing. The reality is, whatever the grade level, whatever the subject matter, those students consistently perform above the national average. We know that because of NAEP.

What advice would you give a private school that is making a decision about participating in NAEP?

NAEP participation is not as burdensome as one might expect. Only a relatively small number of your students take the assessment for a small portion of the day. The experts administering the assessment bring all of the equipment needed. Great emphasis is placed on making this as painless as possible for schools. School and student participation is confidential.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about participating in NAEP or about your organization?

Data collection by federal agencies for the sake of providing transparency and good government has a long constitutional pedigree in our country, going back to the census itself (Article I, Section 2 of the US Constitution). Data, like that collected as a result of NAEP, empowers the people with greater awareness of where schools are succeeding or failing, so that parents and policymakers can act on that information.

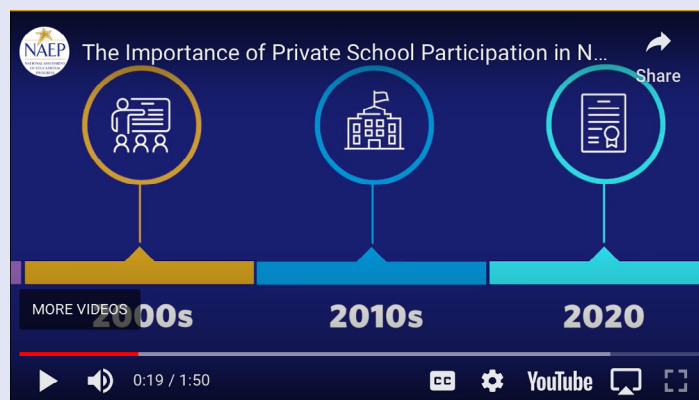
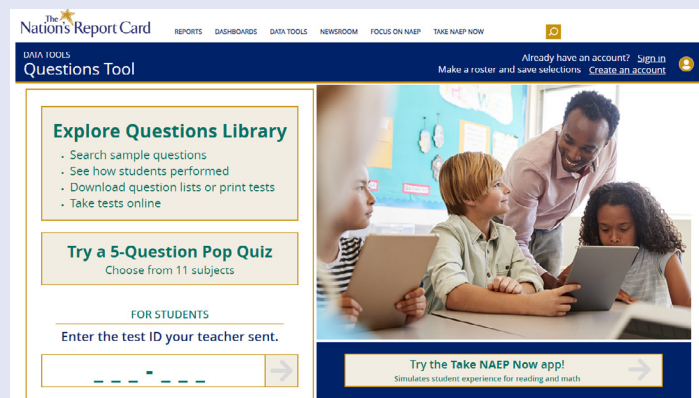
Test Yourself with Real NAEP Questions

Did you know that sample mathematics, reading, and science questions from the NAEP assessments are available online in an interactive “test yourself” format? Visit <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nqt> to try answering some of the same questions students have responded to on actual NAEP assessments and see how your scores compare to those of students across the nation.

NAEP Private School Video – The Importance of Private School Participation in NAEP

Private schools’ participation in NAEP is critically important. Learn how it helps NAEP provide accurate results about private schools’ performance compared to public schools, and how NAEP gives private schools a voice in the national education conversation.

View the 2-minute video at https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/participating/private_nonpublic.aspx



To learn more about private school participation in NAEP, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/nonpublicschools.aspx>.

Did your private school participate in NAEP? Would you like to tell us about your experience? Send us an email at MeasureUpforPrivateSchools@westat.com

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