

2024

NAEP in Your Private School

Grade 8 Science

What is NAEP?

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is an essential measurement of student achievement in the United States.

- First administered in 1969, NAEP is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our nation's public and private school students know and can do in various subjects.
- The schools and students participating in NAEP make an important contribution by representing other schools and students across the country.
- NAEP is a common measure of academic progress across the nation and over time. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card.

Why participate in NAEP?

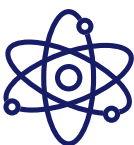
Participation in NAEP gives private schools a voice in the national conversation about education. Your school has been selected to represent other private schools across the nation.

Schools, students, and teachers who participate in NAEP enable The Nation's Report Card to provide more inclusive representation of what our nation's students know and can do in key subject areas. NAEP has historically demonstrated over time and across subjects that students in private schools on average outperform students in public schools. It is vital that all selected students participate to accurately capture private school student progress.

For more information, watch The Importance of Private School Participation in NAEP at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQib9Ajv9EI>.

How will NAEP 2024 be administered in your school?

From January 29 to March 8, 2024, NAEP will be administered in public and private schools across the country. Selected students in grade 8 will participate, and NAEP representatives will bring all necessary materials, including the devices on which the students take the assessment.



What subjects will students be assessed in?

One subject per student – science



How will the assessment be conducted?

On Chromebooks or Surface Pros provided by NAEP



How long will the assessment take?

About 2 hours, including transition, directions, and questionnaires

Students will also complete survey questionnaires that provide valuable information about their educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside the classroom.

In addition to the student questionnaire, the school administrator and science teachers for grade 8 will also be asked to complete a questionnaire. These questionnaires cover topics such as classroom experience, teacher training, and school policies to provide valuable information for education stakeholders who need to gain a better picture of student performance.

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“The Council for American Private Education (CAPE) strongly encourages private schools to participate in NAEP, an essential measure of student achievement in the United States.”

– Michael Schuttloffel, Executive Director, CAPE

What are the responsibilities of the principal and school coordinator?

The principal is responsible for

- including the NAEP assessment date on the school calendar;
- designating a school coordinator to work with NAEP representatives and to prepare for the assessment;
- informing school staff about NAEP and why participation is critically important; and
- completing the school questionnaire.

The school coordinator is responsible for

- confirming that the suggested assessment date works with the school calendar;
- securing space for the assessment to take place;
- providing a list of eligible students from which a random sample will be selected for participation in the assessment (student and school names will not be included in any reports)*;
- informing parents about the assessment;
- establishing an internet connectivity procedure for NAEP devices with guidance and support from NAEP representatives;
- completing preassessment activities with guidance and support from NAEP representatives; and
- ensuring that students attend the session on the assessment date.

NAEP representatives will take care of everything else related to preparing for and conducting the assessment.

For more information about NAEP, visit

- program overview: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>
- private school participation: https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/participating/private_nonpublic.aspx

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