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, and it is vital that all selected students participate to accurately capture our students' progress.

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 consistently demonstrated over time and across subjects that students in private schools on average outperform students in public schools.

NAEP long-term trend assessments measure student performance in mathematics and reading, and allow the performance of today's students to be compared with students since the early 1970s.

How will NAEP 2022 be administered in your school?
From October 10 to December 16, 2022, NAEP will be administered in public and private schools across the country. NAEP representatives will administer the NAEP assessment to selected 13-year-old students and provide significant support to your school on assessment day. They will wear necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) and follow all school-specific health protocols. NAEP representatives will also bring all necessary materials. Schools will only need to provide space for students to take the assessment.


What subjects will students be assessed in?
One subject per student – Math or reading

How will the assessment be conducted?
Administered by NAEP personnel (in PPE) – Paper-and-pencil assessment

How long will the assessment take?
About 90 minutes 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 of the classroom, as well as how they have accessed learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the student questionnaire, the school principal will also be asked to complete a questionnaire. This questionnaire covers topics such as teacher training and school policies to provide valuable information for education stakeholders who need to gain a better picture of student performance.
“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 Schuttlofelf, 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;
- 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

NAEP – Giving Private Schools a Voice in the National Conversation

*National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) conducts the National Assessment of Educational Progress to evaluate federally supported education programs. All of the information you provide 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 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 you. Electronic submission of your information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015.