



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES
NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

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Dear Chief:

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has begun preparing for the 2024 assessment cycle and I would like to inform you of upcoming activities which may involve your state. NCES will conduct the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and various international assessments and studies.

NAEP assessments in the 2023-2024 school year include assessments in mathematics, reading and science. The 2024 mathematics and reading assessments will provide national results for grades 4, 8 and 12 and state and Trial Urban District (TUDA) level results for grades 4 and 8. The NAEP science assessment will provide national results for grade 8.

As usual, the NAEP assessments will be administered in late winter/early spring:

- January 29, 2024 - March 8, 2024:
 - Grades 4, 8, and 12 mathematics and reading
 - Grade 8, science

As a reminder, under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, state applications for Title I funds must include an assurance that the state will participate in the biennial NAEP mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8; participation in mathematics and reading assessments at grade 12 and in the science assessment at grade 8 is voluntary. The High School Transcript Study (HSTS) will also take place at grade 12. The HSTS analyzes transcripts from a nationally representative sample of high school graduates to provide information about course taking patterns and examines relationships with educational achievements through a link to NAEP data.

The 2024 assessments continue the program's commitment to ensuring that NAEP digitally based assessments provide a reliable, meaningful, and efficient measure of student achievement as NAEP explores the use of an online assessment platform, a transition to the use of new assessment administration devices, and, where schools are willing and able, the use of schools' own internet connections. As part of an effort to allow students to take NAEP on more familiar devices, NAEP is transitioning to the use of Chromebooks in the 2024 administration. In prior years, only SurfacePro tablets were used to administer NAEP. The transition to Chromebooks includes a study of the comparability of administration on the two devices; a portion of students will assess on Chromebooks and a portion will assess on SurfacePros. An additional pilot study will focus only on Chromebooks.

Please note that the mathematics and reading results for **2024 NAEP will be delayed until winter 2024** to allow for time to complete analysis of the comparability study between the Chromebooks and SurfacePros. Mathematics and reading results for the 12th grade and grade 8 science results will then be released approximately 6 months after release of the mathematics and reading results.

The following international studies will also occur in the 2023-2024 school year: the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) and the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS). PISA is an assessment of the mathematics, reading, and science literacy skills of 15-year-old students and produces important information on the skills of U.S. high school students in comparison with their peers around the world. TALIS is a survey of high school teachers and principals providing information on the jobs of teachers and principals in the United States as compared with schools around the world. If you have any questions regarding the international assessments, please contact Mary Coleman, Branch Chief, International Activities Program, at mary.coleman@ed.gov.

We will continue to keep you informed of NCEA assessments activities and notify you of any changes. If you have any questions, or if you would like additional information about the NAEP assessments, please contact Holly Spurlock, Branch Chief, Assessment Operations, at holly.spurlock@ed.gov or (202) 245-7132, or Gina Broxterman, Director of Strategic Partnerships, at gina.broxterman@ed.gov or (202) 245-7791. Further information is also available through the NAEP website at www.nationsreportcard.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of NAEP and the international assessments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Carr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peggy Carr, Ph.D.
Commissioner
National Center for Education Statistics

CC: State Assessment Director
NAEP State Coordinator