

Chapter Nine

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

The Purpose of the National Assessment of Educational Progress

The purpose of the *National Assessment of Educational Progress* (NAEP), also known as "The Nation's Report Card," is to determine performance for a selected sample of students within Indiana. NAEP is administered annually to students in grades 4, 8, and 12, and can be used to compare student performance across the United States and over time. For the 2015-2016 school year, the arts assessment will be administered in conjunction with the NAEP technology-based pilot assessment (mathematics, reading, and writing). Thirty-three Indiana schools will be selected to participate in NAEP 2016. The arts assessment will be administered in paper and pencil form to selected grade 8 students only.

Structure of NAEP for 2015-2016

Testing personnel should note the following regarding the administration of the 2016 NAEP Assessment:

1. During the 2015-2016 school year, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) will be administered in mathematics, reading, and writing in a technology-based pilot assessment. NAEP is conducted with representative student samples in grades 4, 8, and 12. Indiana law requires all accredited public and nonpublic schools to participate in NAEP assessments if they are selected by the U.S. Department of Education.
2. All 2016 NAEP assessments that are technology-based will be administered on NAEP touch-pads. NAEP field staff will provide all touch pads and a transportable network for the 2016 administration. Consequently, NAEP will not need to use school computer labs or school computer networks.
3. Only students who are eligible for the ISTAR alternate assessment are exempt from NAEP; all other students are expected to participate.
4. All 2016 arts NAEP results will be reported at the national level.
5. The 2016 NAEP assessments will be administered by NAEP field staff during regular school hours. Indiana requests that selected schools have a staff member present during the test administration.
6. After the assessment is complete, NAEP field staff will deliver all data from the school site to Pearson for scoring.

Testing Accommodations

The 2016 NAEP assesses students with disabilities (SDs) and English learners (ELLs) based on NAEP allowable accommodations.

Data Collection and Reporting

For the NAEP pilot assessment NAEP requires student data of the sample grade to be submitted in the fall of 2015. The Indiana NAEP State Coordinator submits student information on behalf of all participating schools for the 2015-2016 school year. NAEP applies a stratified-mathematical formula to

create a selected-student list for each participating school in 2015-2016. Each school will receive this list on the MYNAEP website before leaving for winter break.

For the NAEP arts assessment, NAEP requires student data of the sample grade to be submitted in a classroom format. All schools participating in the arts assessment will be asked to submit classroom rosters for grade 8 only.

It is crucial for the school coordinator (SC) to complete all online pre-assessment tasks as instructed before leaving for winter break. Instructions on what to complete by that deadline will be communicated via email. It will also be the SC's responsibility to submit a current student roster of the sample grade when they return from the winter break via the MYNAEP website. Before assessment day, it will be the SC's responsibility to inform the NAEP assessment team of any changes to the roster that were made after the return from the winter break. The SC will also be asked to assign accommodations to students who require them based upon student IEPs. The SC can allow Special Education teachers and English Learner teachers access to the MYNAEP website to help assign the appropriate accommodations to the corresponding students before the NAEP team arrives at the school on assessment day.

NAEP Assessment Windows for 2015-2016

Please review the "Assessment Testing Windows" section of the Office of Student Assessment's website at <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment> for more details on testing windows.

NOTES:

- Selected schools may contact the Indiana NAEP State Coordinator for assistance by calling 317-234-5276 or via email momalley@doe.in.gov
- For additional information, please access www.nationsreportcard.gov or <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/national-assessment-educational-progress-naep>.