

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 and 8 and can be used to compare student performance across the United States and over time. For the 2016-2017 school year, the mathematics, reading, writing, U.S. history, and geography assessment will be given to randomly selected schools. There will also be a writing comparability study given to other randomly selected schools in April 2017. Three hundred Indiana schools will be selected to participate in NAEP 2017.

Structure of NAEP for 2016-2017

Testing personnel should note the following regarding the administration of the 2017 NAEP Assessment:

1. During the 2016-2017 school year, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) will be administered in mathematics, reading, writing, U. S. History, and Geography. NAEP is conducted with representative student samples in grades 4, and 8. 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 2017 NAEP assessments will be administered on NAEP touch-pads. A few schools will participate in a paper-pencil comparability study. NAEP field staff will provide all touch pads and a transportable network for the 2017 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 2017 NAEP results will be reported at the national and state level.
5. The 2017 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.

Testing Accommodations

The 2017 NAEP assesses students with disabilities (SDs) and English learners (ELLs) based on NAEP allowable accommodations.

Data Collection and Reporting

Schools will be asked to upload a student roster onto the MyNAEP website two times before the assessment day. The first upload will occur in October 2016 and will begin the student selection process. The second upload will occur when schools return from winter break. This upload will capture any newly enrolled or unenrolled students. NAEP applies a stratified-mathematical formula to create a

selected-student list for each participating school. Each school will receive the selected student list on the MYNAEP website before leaving for winter break.

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 2016-2017

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>.