



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

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Dear Chiefs:

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has begun preparing for the 2023 assessment cycle, and I would like to inform you of upcoming activities which may involve your state. NCES will be conducting the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and various international assessments and studies.

Long-Term Trend Age 13 Assessment

To continue to understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's educational system, NCES will administer a national NAEP Long-Term Trend assessment of 13-year-olds in the 2022-2023 school year. Since the early 1970s, NAEP has monitored student performance in mathematics and reading through long-term trend assessments at ages 9, 13, and 17. National results from the age 13 assessment will be available in 2023.

NCES will administer the NAEP Long-Term Trend assessment in this window:

- Age 13: October 10 — December 16, 2022

Schools in your state may be selected to participate; participation in this component is voluntary. As each state's participation in NAEP is essential for providing a national perspective, I respectfully encourage your support.

NAEP Platform and Device Field Study

NAEP is moving to an online and device agnostic administration model. In addition, the program's goal is to offer an efficient and nimble assessment delivery platform for the NAEP assessments. Critical to these efforts is a series of studies designed to ensure that new assessment platforms, devices, and modes of delivery will allow us to continue to maintain NAEP's core trend measurement of achievement over time. The NAEP 2023 program will include a field test to explore an online assessment platform and transition to different devices. On NAEP provided devices, students will respond to questions in only one subject—mathematics, reading, or science.

The field test will include three administration modes. Schools will be assigned one of the following modes, based on the school's internet bandwidth:

- Mode 1. All NAEP-provided devices for students and the NAEP administrator device connected to the school's Internet.
- Mode 2. Only the NAEP administrator's device connects to the school's Internet and that device then communicates directly with individual NAEP-provided student devices.
- Mode 3. All devices are provided by NAEP and use the NAEP-provided Internet.

NCES will administer the field test in spring 2023 in the following grades and subjects:

- Grade 4, 8, and 12 mathematics and reading
- Grade 8 science

Results from the field test will not be publicly released but will be used to inform future NAEP assessments.

International Assessment Program

To understand how the United States compares with other nations, the following international assessments will also occur in the 2022-2023 school year: the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS), the International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS), and the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). These studies will gather data to use for international comparisons related to student performance and the teaching profession. If you have any question regarding the international assessments, please contact Mary Coleman, Acting Branch Chief, International Activities Program, at mary.coleman@ed.gov.

NCES will administer these assessments during the following time frames:

- PISA: October – November 2022
- TIMSS: April – May 2023
- ICILS: March – May 2023

We will continue to keep you informed of NCES assessment 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, Project Director, State and District Operations, at gina.broxterman@ed.gov or (202) 245-7791. Further information is also available through the NAEP website at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. Also, please find attached a calendar of NCES assessment activities.

If schools are selected in your state, your NAEP State Coordinator will receive the sample of schools in May. Thank you for your continued support of NAEP and the international assessments.

Sincerely,



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