

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the nation's only ongoing representative survey of student achievement in core subject areas. NAEP measures what students across the country know and can do in 10 subject areas, including mathematics, reading, writing, and science. NAEP provides useful information about student academic achievement at the state and national level. [State-level results](#) allow us to learn more about student achievement in Washington, while also making it possible to compare our state to other states, regions, and the nation.

Who takes NAEP?

The Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires the NAEP assessment be given in reading and mathematics at grades 4 and 8 every two years. States and school districts that receive Title I federal funding must participate in these assessments and pilot assessments in other years. Rather than testing all students, NAEP statisticians [select a sample of students](#) to represent the entire student population in grades four, eight, and twelve at the state or national level.

How is NAEP Reported and Used?

Test results are reported in the [Nation's Report Card](#). Results of each administration are compared to results of previous NAEP assessments to show changes in student achievement over time. Student performance is described in terms of average scale scores and the percentages of students attaining three achievement levels: Basic, Proficient and Advanced.

NAEP is used by:

- State educators, legislators, and governors as a yardstick to gauge the effectiveness of state educational policies;
- Members of Congress and the President as an indicator of student progress over time; and
- Parents and the public as a means to assess the academic performance of students in Washington compared to other states and the nation as a whole.

Results are never reported for individual students or schools. Individual test scores and questionnaire responses are always kept confidential.

Smarter Balance

Summative assessments are required. They will take place during the last 12 weeks of the school year. These computer-based tests will help schools evaluate how well their students performed by comparing them with students from other schools across the nation. The end-of-year assessments also will empower families by providing them with a clear indication of how well their children are progressing toward mastering the academic knowledge and skills necessary for college and career readiness.

Who takes the test:

All students in the third to eighth grade.

What are the tested on?

Third through eighth grade students are tested in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Grades fifth and eighth

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