

# Understanding the NAEP in Minnesota

## Information for Parents/Guardians



Students take various tests as part of their education, but the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)—also called *The Nation's Report Card*—is unique. The NAEP tests students across the nation on what they know and can do in math, reading, science, civics, and other subjects.

The results provide valuable information on how students are performing compared to other students across the nation.

## 5 Things Every Parent and Guardian Should Know about the NAEP

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**The NAEP is separate from your student's classroom activities.** Your student does not need to prepare in any way before taking the NAEP, and your student's grades will not be affected. The NAEP does not give out individual student scores.

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**Your student's answers are completely anonymous.** Your student's answers cannot be linked to their identity or personal information, and no one at the school will ever see your student's answers.

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**The NAEP does not replace your student's participation in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs).** The NAEP and the MCAs are different tests with different purposes. However, they are both important for understanding what our students are learning and for developing ways to improve education for all students.

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**Not every student or every school participates.** Students and schools across the nation are randomly selected to participate in the NAEP. If your student was selected to take the test, it is important that they participate and try their best.

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**Your student's time is important.** The NAEP takes 90 to 120 minutes and your student will only take one subject, so the amount of time your student is outside the classroom is minimal.

# Learn More about the NAEP

## Information for Parents and Guardians

([nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard](https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard) > Participating in NAEP? > Parents)

Provides specific information for parents and guardians about participating in the NAEP.

## Experience the Test

([nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard](https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard) > Assessments > Experience An Assessment)

Allows you to experience all parts of the NAEP, including watching tutorials, taking sample questions, and viewing survey questionnaires.

## Information about the NAEP

([nces.edu.gov/nationsreportcard](https://nces.edu.gov/nationsreportcard))

Provides information about the NAEP, including the purpose and importance, test details, administration information, and resources.

## The Nation's Report Card

([nationsreportcard.gov](https://nationsreportcard.gov))

Provides the results from the NAEP.

## Questions or Concerns

Contact the Minnesota NAEP State Coordinator, Jenny Cain, at [jennifer.cain@state.mn.us](mailto:jennifer.cain@state.mn.us).

