



Michigan NAEP News

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The National Assessment of Educational Progress

Measuring the Nations Academic Progress since 1969!

NAEP started in 1964 through a Carnegie Corporation grant to set up the Exploratory Committee for the Assessment of Progress in Education.

The first national assessments were in 1969. In 2003, NCLB mandated NAEP grades 4 and 8 Reading and Mathematics Assessment.

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NAEP 2007-08 Schedule

National Assessments for this Academic Year are as follows:

Subject	Grades	Assessment Window
Long Term Trends	Age 13	Nov. 2, 2008 – Nov. 15, 2008
Arts	8	Jan. 29, 2008 – Feb. 13, 2008
Long Term Trends	Ages 9,17	Jan. 8, 2008 – May 14, 2008
Field Tests	4, 8, 12	Jan. 29, 2008 – Mar. 6, 2008

Once again, Michigan schools have been invited to participate in NAEP testing. Selected districts and schools have been notified of their selection.

How are schools selected to be assessed? The National Center for Educational Statistics at the U.S. Department of Education uses a sample design based on all U.S. counties. Schools are chosen based on a variety of sampling demographics such as location, population, and ethnicity. No schools are left out of the stratified random sample process, though some schools tend to get sampled more frequently because they meet certain characteristics. Inclusion is a very important value in NAEP administration

Who administers the exam and how long does it take? The exams are administered by trained NAEP contractors. The exam takes about 90 minutes, including set-up and test collection. Each student takes only one subject test and a sample of questions. All schools are required to do is provide a student list and notify parents.

How are the results used? This year is a national sample. No school, district or individual data is reported. The data is however of great interest and importance to National and State policy makers and lawmakers in determining national and state policies and educational goals. Educational researchers also conduct studies on the data in order to improve education.

NAEP 2007 Math and Reading National and State Results

NAEP results for Reading and Mathematics were released on September 25, 2007. Results showed that Michigan's achievement is around the national average in grade 4 and 8 in Math and grade 4 Reading. While Michigan's average score in grade 8 Mathematics has not changed, the national average rose 3 points above Michigan's. Large discrepancies still exist among Black and Hispanic students on all measures.