

NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

Assessments provide valuable information for students, parents and educators on whether students have mastered grade level and content standards and are on track to graduate prepared for the 21st century. These assessment results are intended to provide one measure in a body of evidence of your child's academic progress.



WHAT IS THIS ASSESSMENT?

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in subjects such as mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Depending on the year, assessments focused on technology literacy and social studies may also be administered. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card.

NAEP serves a different role than state assessments. States have their own unique assessments with different content standards. The same NAEP assessment is administered in every state, providing a common measure of student achievement.

Denver Public Schools has participated in the NAEP for many years. The 2016-17 school year was the first time we participated in the Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA) component of the NAEP. Along with 27 other districts, we will have a better understanding of how we are doing as a district in relation to other, similar districts. We can then try to understand the best practices used by other districts that we could leverage.

Parents can choose to opt their student out of this test; however, when students take part in NAEP and give their best effort, we get the most accurate measure possible of student achievement across the country.



WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

Testing Window

A testing window is a period of time where your student may test on some days and receive instruction on others. Students do not test during the entire window. They also only participate in one content area. For specific test dates for your student, please check with your child's teacher.

The NAEP administration window is from the last week of January through mid-March. Students will spend approximately 90 to 120 minutes on the assessment.



WHAT SCORE(S) WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

Results will be released approximately six months after the assessment. The results are only available for the district as a whole; individual student nor school results are not available.



HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

While the data from this assessment will not be used to inform instruction, it does provide a better gauge for how our students are performing compared to other districts. The information from this assessment can:

- Help us answer research questions like what role technology plays in student learning.
- Give policy analysts a better sense of what our students need to succeed.
- Help us understand if we are providing a quality education for our students, particularly historically underserved students.
- Serve as a tool to hold the district accountable.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for ways you can help your child at home and availability of testing accommodations.

More Information: Assessments

Visit:

- <http://assessments.dpsk12.org>
- <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.