



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2025-2026

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has begun preparing for the 2025-2026 assessment cycle and has informed the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) of upcoming activities that will involve our state. The NCES will conduct the NAEP assessments between January 26, 2026, through March 20, 2026.

The NAEP 2026 assessment program will include assessments in mathematics and reading for Grades 4 and 8. Both are aligned to the newest NAEP frameworks, which are developed by the independent, nonpartisan National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) and define the subject-specific skills students need to be successful, both in and out of the classroom. The NAEP 2026 will also include pilot assessments in mathematics and reading in Grades 4, 8, and 12. These pilot assessments will provide important information as NAEP continues its transition to the updated mathematics and reading frameworks. Finally, the NCES will administer national-level assessments of civics and U.S. History at Grade 8. Because these assessments will be conducted at the national level only, there will be no state-level results.

Schools in your district may be selected to participate in these assessments. Your participation in these valuable assessments is greatly appreciated. The ALSDE will notify the selected districts no later than July 17, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Diana Blackwell via email at diana.blackwell@alsde.edu or by telephone at 334-694-4817 or Mrs. Maggie Hicks by email at mhicks@alsde.edu.

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