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TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
 State Superintendent of Education
RE: NAEP Updates

On August 26, 2020, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) informed the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) of plans to proceed with a reduced administration of the congressionally mandated National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assessments of mathematics and reading at Grades 4 and 8 during the 2020-2021 school year. The NCES will sample approximately half the typical number of schools for the state-level NAEP assessments. The NAEP 2021 assessments will occur between **January 25 - March 19, 2021**, in sampled schools that are providing on-site instruction to students. NAEP will not administer assessments to students who are participating only in remote learning. The ALSDE will notify selected districts and schools in mid-September via email with instructions about the registration requirements for the administration of NAEP.

As in previous years, school-level results nor individual student scores will be reported for the NAEP; only state-level results are reported. For the state-level assessments, NAEP will administer mathematics and reading assessments to randomly selected students in Grades 4 and 8. Students will take the assessment on tablets provided by NAEP representatives. Field staff and NAEP representatives will work with districts and schools to ensure that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and school specific COVID-19 protocols are followed.

A recorded webinar was presented on September 1, 2020, ([NAEP Webinar](#)) that provided a variety of resources available to all schools. The attachment is a resource for all schools to prepare students for the NAEP. We have provided the following links to the NAEP Reading Framework and NAEP Mathematics Framework: [NAEP Reading Framework and Specifications](#) and the [NAEP Mathematics Framework](#).

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Maggie Hicks, Student Assessment, at (334) 694-4817 or mhicks@alsde.edu.

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Attachment

cc: System Test Coordinators
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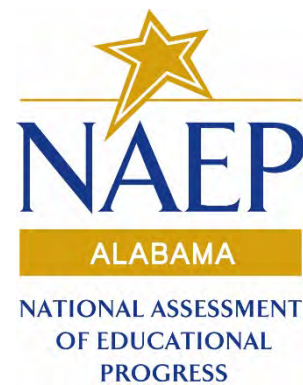
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NAEP RESOURCES

- An Overview of NAEP (Printable Document)
https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/subject/about/pdf/NAEP_Overview_Brochure_2018.pdf
- What Every Parent Should Know About NAEP (Video)
- What Every Parent Should Know About NAEP (Printable Document)
<https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>
- Frequently Asked Questions for Parents (NAEP Website)
<https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/>
- The NAEP Questions Tool (NAEP Website)
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nqt/>
- Inclusion of Student with Disabilities and English Language Learners (NAEP Website)
<https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.aspx>
- NAEP Accommodations (NAEP Website)
https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/accom_table.aspx
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- NAEP Reading / Math Frameworks (NAEP Website)
<https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/assessments/frameworks.aspx>
- *NAEP Testing Results (NAEP Website)*
<https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>
- *Alabama NAEP Website*

If you have any questions, contact your NAEP State Coordinator by email at roger.sheffield@alsde.edu or by telephone at 334-694-4817.