



NAEP 2017



Mathematics & Reading Assessments Questions & Answers

Paper-and-Pencil Assessments

Q: Why is NAEP administering paper-and-pencil tests to some students?

A: NAEP will examine comparability across testing modes to understand how to report NAEP trend results for mathematics and reading.

Q: What equipment does NAEP use for testing?

A: The NAEP administrators bring all the materials needed for the paper-and-pencil tests, including pencils.

Q: How long do the NAEP paper-and-pencil tests last?

A: The NAEP paper-and-pencil tests require 90 minutes of student time, including directions. Students cannot read or do other schoolwork during the NAEP test session.

Q: What type of space within the school do the NAEP paper-and-pencil tests need for test day?

A: Students taking the NAEP paper-and-pencil tests must be in a separate location from students taking the NAEP DBAs. In most schools, about 12 — 20 students will take the NAEP paper-and-pencil tests. Classrooms work well, but any space with enough seating and work space for students is acceptable.

In addition, the NAEP test administrators will need a space to work for about an hour before the paper-and-pencil tests and again for about an hour afterwards. This work space can be in a separate location from the testing room.

Many, many thanks to the school staff and students participating in NAEP 2017!

Digitally Based Assessments (DBAs)

Q: Why is NAEP moving to DBAs for most students?

A: DBAs allow NAEP to administer new types of test items, including simulations and scenarios, that add depth to our understanding of what students know and can do. Many states also administer computer-based assessments with new items.

Q: What equipment does NAEP use for testing?

A: NAEP brings Surface Pro 3 and/or Surface Pro 4 tablets with keyboards and styluses to schools to conduct DBAs. NAEP does not use school Internet or any school equipment. NAEP provides new earbuds for each student, but students can use their own.

Q: How long do the NAEP DBAs last?

A: NAEP will hold two sequential test sessions, each with about 25 students, for up to two hours per session. Some students with accommodations may take longer. Some students may finish NAEP in less than two hours. The school decides whether to dismiss students individually from the test session or to hold all the students in the group for the full time.

Q: What type of space within the school do the NAEP DBAs need for test day?

A: NAEP will use the space for the entire school day and will need a location that is easily accessible for bringing in heavy containers of tablets and necessary equipment. Classrooms or other locations like libraries work well. Computer labs may work if there is enough space on the tables or desks for 25 tablets with attached keyboards. Tablets must be placed on flat, stable surfaces. Access to at least one power outlet is required in case a tablet unexpectedly needs charging. Tablets usually run for both test sessions on battery power. NAEP administrators will arrive about 90 minutes before the first test session to set up the tablets. The NAEP administrators need about an hour between sessions to prepare for the second session.

