

NAEP Parent Information

NAEP was first administered in 1969 and is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subject areas. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from state assessments because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results of NAEP are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

The assessment takes about 90 minutes for most students to complete. The results are completely confidential and the information provided is used for statistical purposes only. A child's grades are not affected, and there is no need for students to study in preparation for NAEP.

Follow the links below to learn more about NAEP

Overview of NAEP:

<http://nationsreportcard.gov/parents.asp>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the NAEP website. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'Assessment', 'Information for...', 'Resources', and 'Publications & Products'. The main content area features several sections: 'New Releases' with a link to 'Results of the 2013 Reading and Mathematics Grade 12 Assessment'; 'See More NAEP Results' with links to 'State Profiles', 'Sample Questions', and 'Data Explorer'; 'Information for Teachers' with a video thumbnail; 'Teaching and Learning' with a list of subjects like Arts, Civics, Economics, Geography, and Long-Term Trends; and 'Information for Parents' with a link to 'Learn what NAEP is, how your child was selected for an assessment, and why your child's participation is important'. A red arrow points to the 'Learn what NAEP is...' link, with a text box that says 'Click on the link to learn about the selection process.'

Sample Questions:

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrlsx/>

The screenshot shows the 'NAEP Questions Tool' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Publications & Products', 'Surveys & Programs', 'Data & Tools', 'Fast Facts', 'School Search', 'News & Events', and 'About Us'. Below this is a header for the 'NAEP Questions Tool' with sub-links for 'Analyze Data', 'Sample Questions', 'State Comparisons', 'State Profiles', and 'District Profiles'. The main content area is titled 'Explore NAEP Questions' and includes a paragraph explaining that over 3,000 questions are available. Below this are four interactive boxes: 'Questions Tool >>', 'Interactive Items >>', 'Test Yourself >>', and 'Item Maps >>'. To the right of these boxes is a 'What's New?' section with a 'NAEP Questions Tool' link and a list of features: 'Sort and select questions with "drag 'n drop" option', 'Try customized "Test Yourself" feature', 'Create online self-scoring tests for students', and 'Compare results to student performance across nation'. The footer contains the U.S. Department of Education logo and links for 'News/Desk', 'Staff', 'Contact', 'Help', 'RSS', and 'Privacy Policy'.