NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) IN KANSAS

FACT SHEET 2012-13

General Information

- Reading and Mathematics – grades 4 and 8.
- Kansas is not participating in grade 12 NAEP.
- NAEP does not attempt to assess every 4th and 8th grade student. NAEP uses a representative sample. The students selected represent the geographic, racial, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity of both Kansas and the United States student body today.
- Districts Superintendents with schools selected to participate in the NAEP 2013 sample were notified in May 2012. Building Principals were notified in June.
- Participation is important because each student's performance represents hundreds of other similar students.
- NAEP results are published in *The Nation's Report Card*.
- Kansas NAEP results are published on the State Report Card.
- The President, Congress, and policymakers use NAEP data when they consider ways to improve education.
- NAEP is more visible - Governor Brownback's established the following measureable objective: Kansas will be in the top 5 states for average 4th grade reading scores in 2014 (based on 2011 data, this would require an increase of 5 points, from 224 to 229, on Kansas NAEP scores).

Standards and Supporting Materials

- NAEP content standards are called "frameworks" and can be found at: http://nagb.org, and select "Publications."
- Link to NAEP on the KSDE website: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1821

Assessment Format

- One 90 minute session.
- Selected students take the NAEP in one subject.
- The NAEP assessment is administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation.
- Each student takes a small part of one NAEP content assessment.
- NAEP assessments include both multiple-choice and open-ended questions. Open-ended questions require students to write an answer that, depending on the question, can range from a few words to more than a page.
- Link to list of accommodations allowed: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1821

Testing Modes

- Paper and pencil
- A Spanish version is available and must be requested at the pre-assessment visit.

Alternate or Modified Assessments

- NAEP does not provide alternate or modified versions of their assessments.

Accommodations

- Accommodations are available to students whose IEP plans specifically require them.
- Not all students who have been identified as SD and/or ELL require NAEP accommodations.
- The person most knowledgeable about how the student is tested on the state assessment should make accommodation decisions for each student individually.

Formative Assessments

- NAEP Questions Tool:
- http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrlsx/landing.aspx
- Sample Questions Booklet: http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/booklets.asp

Performance Levels and Scale Scores

- Achievement levels reflect what students should know and be able to do.
- NAEP results are reported as percentage of students performing below the *Basic* level, at or above the *Basic* and *Proficient* levels and at the *Advanced* level.
  - **Basic** denotes partial mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient at a given grade.
  - **Proficient** represents solid academic performance. Students reaching this level have demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter.
  - **Advanced** represents superior performance.
- Scale scores report what students know and can do on NAEP assessments.
- NAEP results are generally reported on 0-300 or 0-500 point scales.
- NAEP results are also reported at five percentiles (10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th) to show trends in performance for lower-, middle-, and higher-performing students.

Scores Reported

- Score reports disclose state, regional and national level results.
- District level, school level and individual student-level results are not available.

Testing Window

Type	Grades	Modes	Open	Close
NAEP	4 & 8	Paper & Pencil	Jan. 28	March 8

- NAEP participating schools were notified of the assessment date in June 2012.
- NAEP contracts field staff to administer the 90 minute test.

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