



# NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) IN KANSAS FACT SHEET 2013-14



## General Information

- The National Assessment of Educational Progress is a large-scale, standardized, national assessment.
- The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires state participation in reading and math in odd number years.
- Reading and Mathematics – grade 4.
- Reading, Mathematics and Science – grade 8.
- Kansas does not participate in grade 12 testing.
- Kansas does not participate in even number year subject testing with *national only* results.
- NAEP does not attempt to assess every 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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.

## Standards and Supporting Materials

- NAEP content standards are called "frameworks" and can be found at: <http://nagb.org>, select "Publications."
- Link to NAEP on the KSDE website: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1821>
- The NAEP Frameworks are aligned with the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards and the Common Core State Standards

## Assessment Format

- One 90 minute session.
- Selected students take the NAEP test in one subject.
- Teachers do not need to prepare their students to take NAEP.
- The NAEP test 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
- The National Governing Board anticipates all NAEP tests will be administered on a computer by 2017.
- A Spanish version of the assessment is available

## Alternate or Modified Assessments

- NAEP does not provide alternate or modified versions of their assessments.
- Students requiring the alternate Kansas state assessment are exempt from the NAEP.

## Accommodations

- Accommodations are available to students whose IEP plans specifically require them.
- Not all students with a disability will require an accommodation on the NAEP.
- 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/itmlrsx/landing.aspx>
- Sample Questions Booklet: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/booklets.asp>
- NAEP released items aligned to the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards and Common Core State Standards: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1821>

## 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 (10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup>) 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.
- NAEP contracts field staff to administer the 90 minute test.

## Testing Schedule

Type	Grades	Subjects	Open	Close
NAEP 2013 Paper/Pencil	4, 8 & 12	U.S. History Geography Civics	Kansas opted out of the NAEP testing for the 2013-2014 school year	
NAEP 2013 Computer	8	Technology and Engineering Literacy	Kansas opted out of the NAEP testing for the 2013-2014 school year	

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