



Florida NAEP News

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Measuring Student Progress for over 40 Years!

Since 1969, NAEP has been the only ongoing, nationally representative indicator of what U.S. students know and are able to do in key subject areas. Voluntary assessments for states began in 1990. In 2003, NCLB mandated NAEP Grades 4 and 8 biennial Reading and Mathematics assessments.

*Also known as **The Nation's Report Card**, NAEP strives to be inclusive of all students. Florida is proud to be one of the states with a low NAEP exclusion rate.*



NAEP 2008 is Coming!

Who will take NAEP? NAEP 2007-2008 will be administered to a nation-wide **sample** of students, including some in Florida. Michele Sonnenfeld, Florida's NAEP State Coordinator, will notify the District Superintendents and the District Coordinators of Assessment by late May of the schools in their districts chosen to participate.

What will NAEP assess? NAEP 2007-2008 will include a Long-term Trend Assessment in Mathematics and Reading for 9-, 13-, and 17-year-old students; Field Tests in Mathematics, Reading, and Science at Grades 4, 8 and 12; and an Arts assessment in Grade 8 in visual arts and music.

When will NAEP be administered?

Long-Term Trend Assessment in Reading and Mathematics

Age 13 10/8/07 – 12/14/07 (students born 01/1994 to 12/1994)

Age 9 1/7/08 – 3/06/08 (students born 01/1998 to 12/1998)

Age 17 3/31/08 – 5/23/08 (students born 10/1990 to 09/1991)

Field Tests in Reading, Mathematics, and Science: Gr 4, 8 and 12

Arts: Grade 8

1/28/08 – 3/6/08

Where on the web can you find additional information?

Additional information can be found on the NAEP website at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard> and the FLDOE/NAEP website at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/naephome.htm>.

Why participate in NAEP? NAEP results help the President, Congress, and the U.S. Department of Education set policies to improve our educational system. Selected students represent hundreds of students across the country so it is important that they each do their best on the assessment.

Get Results

The NAEP 2007 state and national results for Reading and Mathematics for Grades 4 and 8 will be released in the fall of 2007. NAEP Grade 8 state and national Writing 2007 results are expected in late spring of 2008 with Grade 12 national Writing 2007 results following in the summer of 2008.

The Nation's
Report Card

Online

National Center for
Education
Statistics (NCES):
[http://nces.ed.gov/
nationsreportcard](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard)

National
Assessment
Governing Board:
<http://www.nagb.org/>

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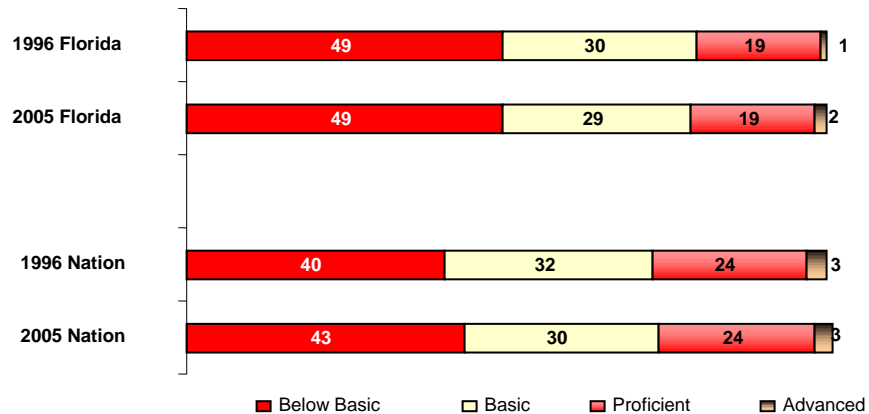


How does Florida compare?

NAEP data are reported in a variety of formats that show student performance. The formats include scale scores, percentiles, and percentages of students at each of four achievement levels. For NAEP results and sample questions, visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>.

FL Grade 8 Science

Student Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels



Accommodations were not permitted in 1996

NOTE: The NAEP Grade 8 science achievement levels correspond to the following scale points: *Below Basic*, 142 or lower; *Basic*, 143-169; *Proficient*, 170-207; *Advanced*, 208 and above.

Sample 2005 Grade 8 Science Question:

If you breathe on a mirror, part of the mirror clouds up. What are you actually seeing when you see the mirror cloud up?

- A) Water droplets that formed from cooled water vapor in your breath
- B) Carbon dioxide that you are breathing out from your lungs
- C) Oxygen that you are breathing out from your lungs
- D) Cooled nitrogen in the air around you

Correct Answer = A

2005 National Performance Results on this item

Score	Percentage of Students
Correct	45%
Incorrect	54%
Not answered	0%

Note:

- These results are for public and non-public school students.
- Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.