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The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Volume 4, No. 2

#### 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, No Child Left Behind mandated NAEP biennial Reading and Mathematics assessments for Grades 4 and 8.

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



## NAEP 2009 is Coming!

Who will take NAE P? NAEP 2009 will be administered to a nationwide sample of students, including some in Florida, at Grades 4, 8, and 12.

What will N AEP assess? NAEP 2009 will include Reading, Mathematics, and Science assessments. Some students will participate in Science Interactive Computer Tasks and Science Handson Tasks. A number will take U.S. History, civics, and geography tests. Also, the High School Transcript Study (HSTS) will be conducted during the summer of 2009 at a sample of Florida's Grade 12 sites.

When will NAEP b e a dministered? NAEP will be administered January 26 through March 4, 2009. Schools will be assigned an assessment date. If there is a conflict with the assigned date, an alternate date can be negotiated.

**How long will the assessment last?** The assessment will last approximately 90 to 120 minutes. Fifty minutes will be spent on the actual assessment. The rest of the time will be spent on reading the directions and answering background questions.

Where on the Web can I find additional information? Additional information about NAEP can be found on the NAEP Web site at <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard">http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard</a> and the Florida Department of Education/NAEP Web site at <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/asp/naep/">www.fldoe.org/asp/naep/</a>.

Why should Florida participate in NAEP? NAEP results help the President, Congress, and the U.S. Department of Education set policies to improve our nation's educational system. Selected students represent hundreds of students across the country. It is important that students do their best on the assessment so that the results accurately represent achievement in our schools.

#### **Get Results**

The N AEP 2007 s tate and nat ional r esults f or R eading and Mathematics f or Grades 4 and 8 were r eleased in S eptember 2007. NAEP Writing 2007 Grade 8 state and national and Grade 12 national results were released in March 2008. All NAEP results can be accessed at <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard">http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard</a>

# The Nation's Report Card

**Online** 

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES): <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/">http://nces.ed.gov/</a> nationsreportcard

National
Assessment
Governing Board:
<a href="http://www.nagb.org">http://www.nagb.org</a>

#### **How does Florida compare?**

NAEP results are reported in a variety of data formats that show student performance. The data formats include average scale scores, percentiles, and percentages of students at each of four achievement levels. For Florida NAEP results, visit <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/asp/naep/naep2007.asp">http://www.fldoe.org/asp/naep/naep2007.asp</a>.

### Florida 2007 NAEP Highlights

- Florida's urpassed the national average in both Grade 4 Reading and Mathematics for the third time (2003, 2005, and 2007).
- For the first time, Florida's Grade 8 R eading scores were on par with the national average.
- Florida i s one of only six st ates whose aver age G rade 8
   Reading score increased between 2005 and 2007.
- Florida is one of only four states to improve significantly in both Grade 4 and Grade 8 Reading.
- Florida's Hispanic st udents cont inue t o out perform t he national aver age of H ispanic st udents i n R eading a nd Mathematics in both Grade 4 and Grade 8.
- Florida's A frican-American st udents ar e sho wing si gnificant improvement in Grade 4 R eading and M athematics and G rade 8 Mathematics.
- Florida is one of only five states showing significant narrowing of the White/African-American achievement gap bet ween 2003 and 2007 in Grade 4 Reading, and one of only seven states to do the same in Grade 8 Mathematics.
- Between 2003 and 2007, Fl orida was one of only two st ates where the achi evement gap between low and higher income Grade 4 s tudents decreased significantly in Mathematics and one of only three states where the gap decreased in Reading.

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# Percentage of States and Jurisdictions Florida Outperformed by *Race/Ethnicity* in Grade 4 Reading Based on Average Scale Scores 1998 – 2007

