



Colorado NAEP News

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Measuring Student Progress for over 40 Years!

Since 1964, NAEP has been the only ongoing nationally representative indicator of what American students know and are able to do in key subject areas.

Also known as The Nation's Report Card, NAEP strives to be inclusive of all students.

The first national assessments were conducted in 1969. Voluntary assessments for states began in 1990. In 2003, NCLB mandated NAEP grades 4 and 8 Reading and Mathematics Assessments.



NAEP 2007 is Coming!

Who will take NAEP? NAEP 2007 will be administered to a statewide sample of students in grades 4, 8, and 12. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act mandates that selected districts and schools participate in the grades 4 and 8 reading and mathematics assessments. **Pam A. Sandoval, Colorado NAEP State Coordinator, will notify superintendents and administrators of selected districts and schools by early June of their selection.**

What will NAEP assess? NAEP 2007 will assess the subjects of Reading, and Mathematics in grades 4, 8 and 12 and Writing in grades 8 and 12. The grade 12 *Participation and Engagement Study* that was postponed in 2006 due to Hurricane Katrina will be held in both the fall of 2006 and the spring of 2007. The National Indian Education Study will be held, as well.

When will NAEP be administered? The regular NAEP test window will be January 22nd through March 2nd 2007. In addition, the grade 12 *Participation and Engagement Study* will be held in the fall from October 9th through November 17th of 2006.

Where can you find additional information? Contact Pam A. Sandoval, Colorado NAEP State Coordinator, at 303-866-6643 or via e-mail at sandoval_p@cde.state.co.us or visit the Colorado NAEP web site at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/NAEP/index.htm>.

NAEP: Myth or Truth?

Myth: The NAEP State Coordinator selects the districts/schools to be assessed.

Truth: The national office under the U.S. Department of Education uses a *Sample Design* which consists of all of the counties in the U.S.A. These are aggregated and then certain ones are chosen based upon a number of variables, i.e., location, population, percent of minority students. No school with eligible students is screened out.

Myth: The school must provide testing administrators and proctors for the assessments

Truth: No school personnel are required to give the tests. NAEP contracts and trains all testing administrators and proctors who administer the assessments at all participating schools.

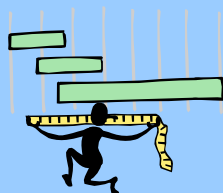
Myth: The NAEP assessment is an all-day test and students test in all subjects.

Truth: The test only takes about 90 minutes, including set up and test collection. Each student takes only one subject test.

Sample Grade 8 Math Question:

Ms. Thierry and 3 friends ate dinner at a restaurant. The bill was \$67. In addition, they left a \$13 tip. Approximately what percent of the total bill did they leave as a tip?

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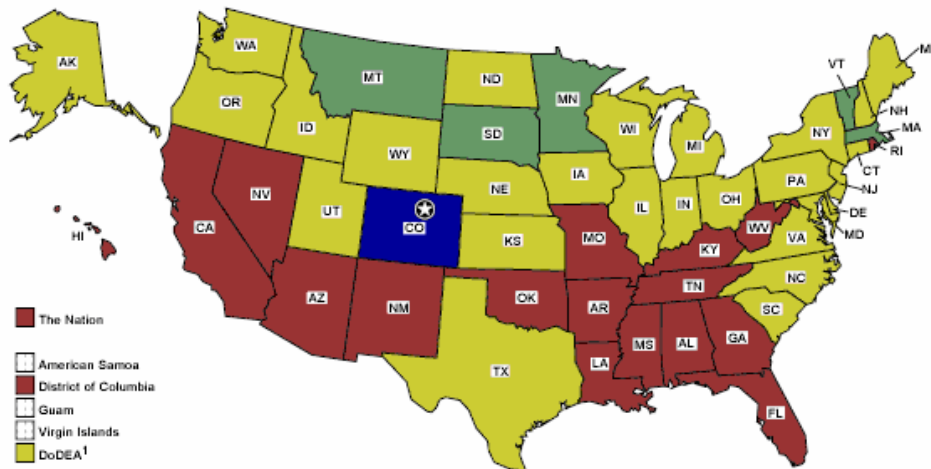
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How does Colorado compare?

NAEP data is reported in a variety of formats that show student performance using scale scores, percentiles, and percentages of students at achievement levels by states. For additional NAEP results, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>

Grade 8 Math 2005: Percent Proficient and Above

NAEP Mathematics Grade 8 - Mathematics
Difference in Percentage at or above Proficient Between Jurisdictions
For All students [TOTAL] = All students
2005



■ Focal state/jurisdiction (Colorado)
■ Has a higher at or above proficient than the focal state/jurisdiction
■ Is not significantly different from the focal state/jurisdiction
■ Has a lower at or above proficient than the focal state/jurisdiction
■ Did not participate or did not meet minimum participation rates
■ Was not selected for comparison

¹ Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2005 Mathematics Assessments.

Grade 4 Reading 2005

Excerpt from “State of Education: Who makes the grade?”
By Kavan Peterson, Stateline.org Staff Writer THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006

Fourth-grade Reading Top 10:

- Improvements in reading scores, although modest nationwide, were significant at the fourth-grade level in several states. **Colorado** and Delaware went from only one-quarter of students reading at grade level in 1992 to 37 percent and 34 percent respectively in 2005. The next states to make the most percentage point gains were: Florida, Maryland, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Ohio, Arkansas, New York and Minnesota.