WHAT IS NAEP?
NAEP is often called the “Nation’s Report Card.” It is the only measure of student achievement in the United States where you can compare the performance of students in your state with the performance of students across the nation or in other states. NAEP, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, has been conducted for over 40 years.

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS ASSESSED BY NAEP?
The national results are based on a representative sample of students in public schools, private schools, Bureau of Indian Education schools, and Department of Defense schools. Private schools include Catholic, Conservative Christian, Lutheran, and other private schools. The state results are based on public school students only.

WHAT RESULTS DOES NAEP PROVIDE?
Subject-matter achievement is reported in scale scores and achievement levels. NAEP scale score results provide a numeric summary of what students know and can do in a particular subject. Achievement levels categorize student achievement as Basic, Proficient, and Advanced, using ranges of performance established for each grade. A fourth category, below Basic, is also reported for this scale.

HOW CAN EDUCATORS USE NAEP RESOURCES?
NAEP materials such as frameworks, released questions, and reports have many uses in the educational community. Other resources are:

Helpful links:
- NAEP – http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/policies/naep/naep

WHO RUNS NAEP?
The Commissioner of Education Statistics, who heads the National Center for Education Statistics in the U.S. Department of Education, is responsible by law for carrying out the NAEP project. The National Assessment Governing Board, appointed by the Secretary of Education but independent of the Department, sets policy for NAEP and is responsible for developing the framework and test specifications that serve as the blueprint for the assessments.
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