

# Florida NAEP News

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## NAEP 2007 Results in Reading and Mathematics

NAEP results for  
Grades 4 and 8  
Reading and  
Mathematics will be  
released mid-October.

## Measuring Student Progress for over 40 Years

NAEP started in 1964 through a grant from the Carnegie Corporation to set up the Exploratory Committee for the Assessment of Progress in Education. The first national assessments were conducted in 1969. Voluntary assessments for states began in 1990. In 2003, NCLB mandated participation in NAEP Assessments as a prerequisite to receipt of Title I funds.



The Nation's Report Card

## NAEP 2007 is Coming!

**Who will take NAEP?** The *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act* requires that selected schools participate in the NAEP assessments. NAEP 2007 will be administered to a nationwide sample of students in grades 4, 8, and 12.

**What will NAEP assess?** NAEP 2007 will assess Reading and Mathematics at grade 4, Reading, Mathematics, and Writing at grade 8, and Reading and Writing at grade 12.

**When will NAEP 2007 be administered?** The administration window will be January 22 - February 21.

**Where can you find additional information?** Visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard> and <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/naephome.htm> or contact Michele Sonnenfeld, Florida NAEP State Coordinator, at [Michele.Sonnenfeld@fldoe.org](mailto:Michele.Sonnenfeld@fldoe.org).

## NAEP: Myth or Truth?

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

**Truth:** The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), U.S. Department of Education, uses a *Sample Design* which is drawn from all of the counties in the country. Specific counties are chosen based upon a number of variables, e.g., location, population, percent of minority students. All schools, including charter schools, are considered for inclusion except for ESE and DJJ facilities. Other than these two types of facilities, all selected schools must participate unless they do not have the grade to be assessed (e.g., an elementary school chosen for the grade 12 assessment).

### **Myth: The school must provide testing administrators and proctors for the assessment.**

**Truth:** School personnel are not required to give the tests. All testing administrators and proctors are trained, contracted Westat employees who come to the school and administer the assessments. (Westat is the NAEP administration contractor for NCES.)

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

**Truth:** The assessment takes approximately 2 hours, including set-up and test collection. Each student takes only one subject area test.

Want to know more about what NAEP measures?



Visit the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) website at

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>

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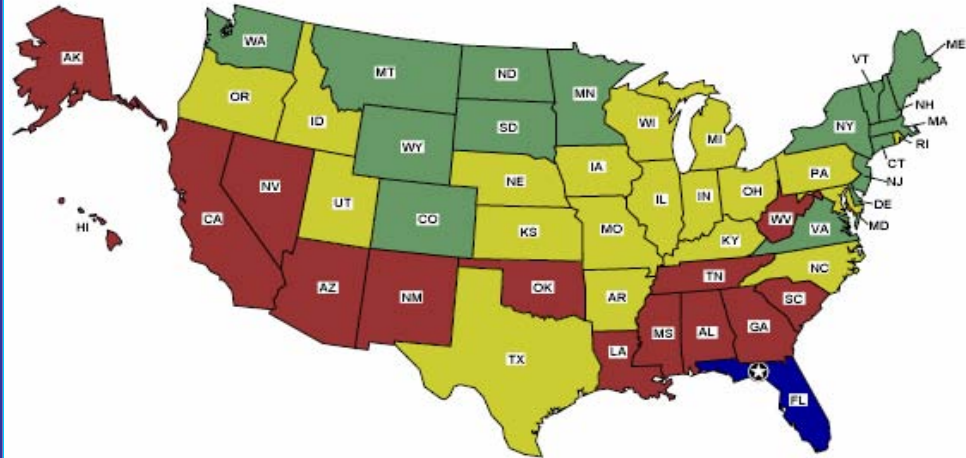
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NAEP state and national data is reported in a variety of formats that show student performance using scale scores, percentiles, and percentages of students at the four NAEP achievement levels. NAEP 2005 data was released in October 2005. For additional NAEP results, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>.

## How Does Florida Compare?

### Grade 4 Reading 2005, Average Scale Scores

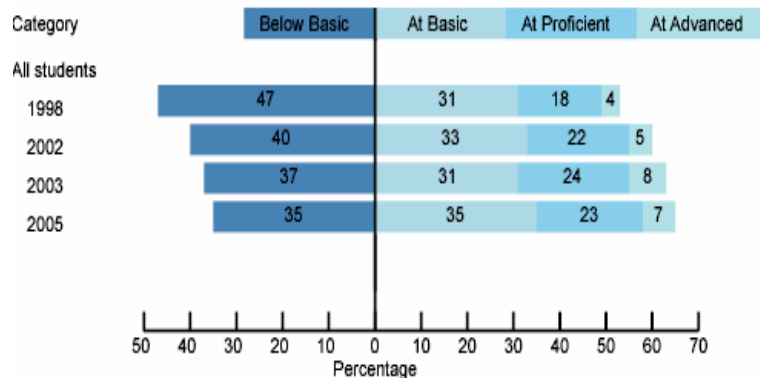


- Focal state/jurisdiction (Florida)
- Has a higher average scale score than the focal state/jurisdiction
- Is not significantly different from the focal state/jurisdiction
- Has a lower average scale score than the focal state/jurisdiction
- Did not participate or did not meet minimum participation rates
- Was not selected for comparison

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2005 Reading Assessments.

## Grade 4 Reading 1998 - 2005

### Florida's Percentage at Each NAEP Achievement Level



NOTE: Observed differences are not necessarily statistically significant. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.  
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 1998, 2002, 2003 and 2005 Reading Assessments.