# FLORIDA NAEP NEWS

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

**What is NAEP?**  The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as The Nations Report Card, is the only ongoing, nationally representative assessment measuring what grade 4, 8, and 12 students know and can do in core subject areas.  NAEP is authorized by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* and Florida State Statute 1008.22(2).

**Who participates in NAEP?**  Representative samples of schools and students in all the states in grades 4, 8, and 12 are randomly selected to participate.

**Why should students participate in NAEP?**  Each student represents hundreds of similar students in the United States.  These students characterize the geographical, racial, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity of America's student body.  Each participating student only takes a portion of the overall assessment.

**What is the purpose of NAEP?**  NAEP is designed to measure and report progress in student performance over time and to compare the knowledge and skills of students in one state with those of other states and the nation.

**How is NAEP different from other assessments?** NAEP assessments serve as a uniform means of measuring the progress of student education.  Individual state assessments can only measure student progress in that particular state; results cannot be compared with those of the other states.

**How are NAEP results used?**  NAEP results are used to make important decisions about the future of our nation's education and to shed light on what the nation's students are learning.

**What does NAEP assess?** NAEP is conducted in a range of subjects at grades 4, 8, and 12. Most frequently, NAEP assesses reading, mathematics, science, and writing.

**When is NAEP administered?**  NAEP is administered between the last week in January and the first week in March.  Schools are assigned an assessment date; however, if there is a conflict, an alternate date can be negotiated.

**How long does the assessment last?** NAEP assessments take approximately 90 to 120 minutes.  Fifty minutes are spent on the actual assessments with the remaining time spent on listening to the directions read by a NAEP staff member in English and answering background questions.

## What is the NAEP Data Explorer (NDE)?

The NDE is an interactive tool that can be used to create statistical tables, charts, and maps and can be accessed at http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata.  The tool can also be used to explore assessment results by subject area for grades 4, 8, and 12, over time, and by state as well as the nation.  The data formats include average scale scores, percentiles, and percentages of students at each of four achievement levels (below Basic, *Basic*, *Proficient*, and *Advanced*).

## 2013 NAEP Grade 4 Reading Average Scale Scores Florida and the Nation



**In 2013, Florida scored significantly higher in grade 4 reading than in 2003 and significantly higher than the nation.**

## What is the NAEP Questions Tool (NQT)?

The NQT provides easy access to released test items for grades 4, 8, and 12, as well as sample student responses, performance data, and scoring guides. The tool can be accessed at http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrlsx/landing.aspx
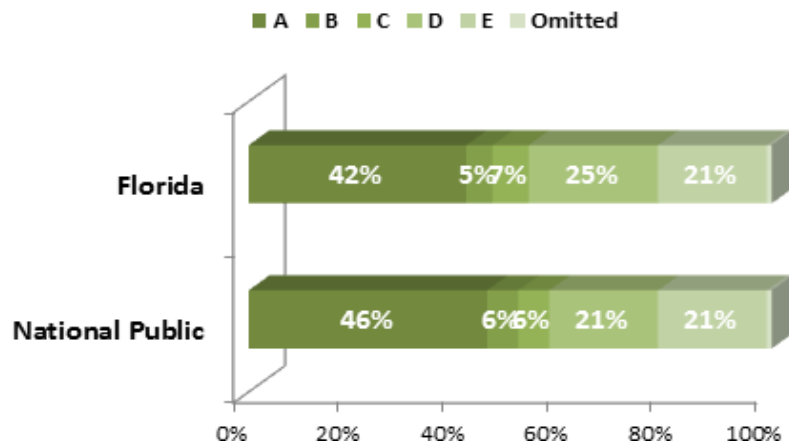
### Sample Grade 8 Mathematics Item

Which of the following true statements proves that 119 is not a prime number?

A. $17 \times 7 = 119$
B. $119 \times 1 = 119$
C. 119 is greater than 100
D. 119 is an odd number
E. 119 is not divisible by 3

A is the correct answer

### Results for Florida and the Nation



Additional information about NAEP can be found on the NAEP website at www.nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/ and the Florida Department of Education NAEP website at www.fldoe.org/asp/naep/