

NAEP Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA)

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), in partnership with the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) and the Council for Great City Schools (CGCS), created the Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA) in 2002 to support the improvement of student achievement in the nation's large urban districts. Since then, the TUDA program has grown to include 21 districts, including the District of Columbia (DC). Florida has two TUDA's – Hillsborough County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Although TUDA districts participate in the regular NAEP testing program, more students are assessed in TUDA districts to ensure reliable district-level data can be provided. Each participating student takes only a portion of the Reading or Mathematics assessment. Scores are assembled to form projected TUDA results based on aggregated results. These are reported by average scale scores (on a 0-500 point scale) and, using that point scale, by achievement levels (at or above *Basic* and at or above *Proficient*).

To be included in the TUDA program, an urban district must have:

- a population greater than 250,000,
- 50% or more minority students, and
- 50% or more of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

TUDAs must also have a student enrollment large enough to support NAEP assessments in three subjects in each grade assessed. The enrollment requirement is a minimum of approximately 1,500 students per subject per grade level assessed.

TUDA results can be compared to results from large cities nationwide. A large city is defined as a territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with a population of 250,000 or more. In order to make comparisons between TUDAs and large cities, the NAEP large city jurisdiction also includes those portions of the participating urban districts which fall outside of the city limits. "Large city" is not synonymous with the term "inner city."