How a NAEP Assessment Framework Update is Developed

As part of its role to determine NAEP content, the National Assessment Governing Board periodically develops and updates NAEP assessment frameworks through a process that actively engages NAEP constituents over a period of two to three years.

Here are some core milestones along each framework journey:

1. **External Review**
   - The Governing Board solicits initial public comment and consults with subject matter experts to review and discuss if a framework update is needed.

2. **Steering Panel**
   - If a framework update is needed, the Governing Board establishes a panel of subject matter experts, researchers, educators, business leaders, policymakers, and others to develop high-level recommendations.

3. **Development Panel**
   - A subset of the Visioning Panel members continue as the Development Panel and draft a framework and submit it to the Governing Board.
The Governing Board seeks further public comment through advisories, webinars, and other live and virtual platforms.

Along the way, the Governing Board consults its partner the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) on feasibility, costs, and potential impact on trend. The Board also consults a technical advisory committee to ensure the update is technically sound and reflects best practices in assessment.

The Development Panel revises the framework several times based on multiple rounds of feedback over several months from stakeholders and Governing Board members.

The Governing Board finalizes the new framework.

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