

Briefing on Results of 2024 NAEP Reading and Mathematics Assessments

Goal

The purpose of this session is to share with Board members embargoed results of the latest NAEP administration, which will be released in early 2025. This edition of the Nation's Report Card will attract major headlines and generate intense interest at the national, state, and district levels as well as in traditional and social media outlets. **All data presented must be kept in the strictest of confidence, with no exceptions, under penalty of law.**

Overview

Ebony Walton and Grady Wilburn of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) will present key findings from the 2024 NAEP administration in reading and mathematics, for grades 4 and 8. After the presentation, time will be reserved for Q&A with Board members and for discussion by Board members.

Background

The 2022 NAEP results drew (and continue to draw) unprecedented attention across the nation, in major news outlets (both broadcast and print), and in social media. That Nation's Report Card lent insight into what transpired in education immediately after the pandemic disrupted schooling. The 2024 results will show how far education systems have progressed, given the return of 'normal' school. These results will not evaluate recent legislation to implement the 'science of reading' or the impact of emergency funds on states and districts. Instead, the results will show the trends of student learning over time and for specific subgroups.

By dint of serving on the Governing Board, Board members receive an embargoed briefing on the latest NAEP results at the quarterly meeting prior to a release. This privilege extends only to Governing Board members and staff. No one may reveal or discuss results outside the Board's meeting room until the time of release, or if granted access to an interview with a cleared reporter (that clearance information will be provided by NCES). Penalties for divulging any information include banishment from any further embargoed briefings, monetary fines, and other punishments. Note: no one on the Board has ever leaked embargoed data.