

NAEP 2026 Administration Update

Goal

The goal for this session is to provide an update on the 2026 NAEP administration, scheduled for January 26 through March 20.

Overview

Acting Commissioner for the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Matthew Soldner and Gina Ruehl, Director of Strategic Partnerships for NCES, will present on the status of the 2026 NAEP administration. Time for questions and discussion will follow.

Background

The 2026 NAEP assessments include 4th and 8th grade math and reading for the nation, 53 states and jurisdictions, and 24 of the nation's largest urban school districts who volunteer to participate in the Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA) program, as well as 8th grade U.S. history and civics for the nation.

Planning by NCES and contractors to support NAEP 2026 has been underway for years.

In its role as overseeing the program to ensure its integrity and effectiveness, the Board receives regular updates on all planned NAEP administrations.