

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT GOVERNING BOARD



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:15 - 9:30 am EDT

National Salon A

8:15 - 8:20 am

Welcome

Rep. Mark White, Chair

8:20 - 8:35 am

**Inviting New Districts to Participate in the Trends in
Urban Districts Assessment TUDA)**

Marty West, Vice Chair

8:35 - 8:45 am

**ACTION: Governing Board Vice Chair for Term
Beginning October 1, 2026**

Nardi Routten, Board Member

8:45 - 9:30 am

**NAEP Civics Framework Development Panel
Nominations (CLOSED)**

Patrick Kelly, Assessment Development Committee Chair

Inviting New Districts to Participate in TUDA

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Goal

The purpose of this session is to update the Executive Committee on the school districts now eligible for participation in TUDA under new eligibility criteria adopted in May 2026 and on the invitation process for eligible districts.

Overview

In May 2026, the Governing Board approved updates to the [TUDA Policy](#), including changes which expand the potential pool of eligible districts and a priority on regional representation across the nation among participating districts.

These changes led NCES, with support from its contractors, to produce a list of new districts eligible for TUDA participation (Attachment A).

Of the 68 newly eligible districts:

- 13 are located across 9 states that do not currently have a TUDA district
- 28 are in Texas (which already has 4 TUDA districts)
- 13 are in California (which has 2 TUDA districts)
- 3 are in Florida (which has 3 TUDA districts)

To address the priority of promoting greater regional representation, staff are first determining the interest of districts in the nine states currently without a TUDA. In states with multiple newly eligible districts (AZ, TN, VA), staff prioritized the largest district with demographic characteristics best aligned with the TUDA policy. Attachment B includes more information on district enrollment and demographic characteristics.

This preliminary outreach to eligible districts ascertains interest before sending a formal invitation to apply. The Board and NCES are conducting this outreach in partnership with the Council of the Great City Schools, in which the majority of eligible districts are members.

Initial outreach is underway to the following nine school districts:

- Anchorage School District (AK)
- Memphis-Shelby Country Schools (TN) (previously participated from 2017-2022)
- Newark Public Schools (NJ)
- Oklahoma City Public Schools (OK)

- Omaha Public Schools (NE)
- Seattle School District (WA)
- Tucson Unified School District (AZ)
- Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VA)
- Wichita Public Schools (KS)

Next Steps

Once staff learn which districts are interested in participating, the following steps will be taken (as outlined in the Board policy):

- The Governing Board Executive Director and NCES Commissioner will notify the interested and eligible districts with instructions on how to apply.
- Interested districts submit applications, signed by their superintendent or designee, including enrollment and eligibility documentation and a commitment to long-term participation.
- Governing Board staff review applications and consult with Board leadership, NCES, and the Council of the Great City Schools to make a recommendation (if more districts apply than the program can accommodate).
- The Executive Director recommends districts for participation to the Governing Board for final approval, and the Board then notifies districts and NCES of the final decision regarding new TUDA districts.

Background

The Governing Board adopted the first version of the TUDA Policy in 2007, made slight revisions to the policy in 2012, and most recently revised it in May 2026.

Large urban school districts volunteer to participate in TUDA, a program within NAEP which started in 2002 with six districts and expanded to more than 25 districts over the last two decades. These districts' students are sampled in sufficient number to provide district representative results in reading and mathematics, grades 4 and 8, every two years. The TUDA program provides a valuable source of objective assessment data that can drive efforts to improve student achievement.

The Council of the Great City Schools worked with NCES and the Governing Board – and requested funds from Congress – to start TUDA, and the effort remains a close collaboration. The Board sets the eligibility criteria, NAEP staff and contractors determine which districts meet these requirements, and the Council helps explore which

districts might be interested in volunteering to participate. The Board then decides which interested districts will be invited and extends a formal invitation.

Twenty-four TUDA districts participated in 2026 NAEP. There is availability for additional districts to join 2028 NAEP. This prompted a re-examination of the policy at the February Executive Committee meeting and a set of recommended changes, which were adopted in May 2026 by the full Board.

The changes made to the policy in May 2026 included:

- Removing the word “Trial” from the program’s title but retaining the acronym to preserve its easy recognition by stakeholders
- Focusing Principle 2 on providing data that allows for comparative analyses
- Defining an urban district’s population and population density with more specificity and clarity
- Emphasizing the voluntary nature of the TUDA program and directly addressing punctuated participation
- Streamlining what selection criteria for TUDA participation should promote
- Clarifying eligibility criteria
- Editing and simplifying the steps described for the application

Attachments:

A. List of all Eligible TUDA Districts with Enrollment and Demographic Information

B. Recommended TUDA Districts with Enrollment and Demographic Information

ATTACHMENT A: ALL ELIGIBLE TUDA DISTRICTS

	District Name	State	Number of 4th Graders	Number of 8th Graders	Percent of All Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch	Percent of Non-White Students	Percent of 4th Graders in Large Cities	Percent of Non-White 4th Graders	Percent of 8th Graders in Large Cities	Percent of Non-White 8th Graders
1	ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	AK	3,335	3,234	41.71	60.28	84.14	59.37	84.20	58.75
2	MESA UNIFIED DISTRICT (4235)	AZ	4,070	4,297	22.70	61.83	96.31	59.26	100.00	62.86
3	TUCSON UNIFIED DISTRICT (4403)	AZ	3,008	2,809	51.59	81.98	77.99	81.15	80.31	83.62
4	CHANDLER UNIFIED DISTRICT #80 (4242)	AZ	2,787	3,326	11.76	55.42	96.81	56.48	85.63	52.98
5	ELK GROVE UNIFIED	CA	4,583	4,802	51.85	84.88	16.17	84.73	9.04	84.53
6	LONG BEACH UNIFIED	CA	4,564	4,856	60.41	88.11	88.15	87.51	89.87	89.66
7	SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED	CA	3,778	3,266	52.41	86.46	100.00	82.94	100.00	87.90
8	CLOVIS UNIFIED	CA	3,217	3,510	46.19	68.67	39.32	68.26	33.22	69.38
9	BAKERSFIELD CITY	CA	3,211	3,144	91.67	92.45	67.02	92.55	60.31	91.78
10	SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED	CA	2,990	2,993	68.39	82.86	73.38	82.27	77.11	84.02
11	IRVINE UNIFIED	CA	2,964	3,007	20.83	76.44	100.00	77.90	100.00	75.87
12	RIVERSIDE UNIFIED	CA	2,781	2,914	45.27	83.90	88.82	85.00	100.00	82.63
13	OAKLAND UNIFIED	CA	2,764	2,263	81.36	88.53	100.00	85.96	100.00	90.61
14	STOCKTON UNIFIED	CA	2,627	2,783	79.05	96.21	79.48	95.87	78.44	96.07
15	GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED	CA	2,623	2,912	80.76	93.82	9.34	94.47	9.86	93.23
16	POWAY UNIFIED	CA	2,605	2,563	15.81	62.00	64.64	62.68	54.19	58.66
17	SANTA ANA UNIFIED	CA	2,587	2,947	78.22	99.21	100.00	99.30	100.00	99.42
18	CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5	CO	3,597	3,928	38.14	53.78	40.59	54.38	44.76	54.34
19	AURORA JOINT DISTRICT NO. 28	CO	2,907	2,923	80.99	87.75	93.67	86.89	93.88	88.50
20	DUVAL	FL	10,085	9,270	50.40	68.90	94.06	67.79	93.31	69.56
21	PINELLAS	FL	6,696	6,468	50.10	49.68	27.39	50.30	24.68	49.27
22	OSCEOLA	FL	5,520	5,986	54.23	80.12	2.55	80.18	2.07	81.42
23	WICHITA	KS	3,316	3,431	80.65	70.90	93.43	71.11	100.00	71.06
24	FAYETTE COUNTY	KY	3,104	3,032	51.13	56.68	96.10	54.93	88.32	56.73
25	DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT	MI	3,830	3,261	82.64	97.56	100.00	97.47	100.00	97.64
26	WAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS	NC	11,749	12,459	37.61	58.17	33.37	59.01	36.78	58.50
27	WINSTON SALEM / FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS	NC	3,824	3,924	83.08	67.76	56.54	67.39	53.39	68.32
28	DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS	NC	2,254	2,200	71.11	80.45	80.61	79.86	75.41	82.91
29	OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	NE	3,722	3,737	68.32	78.13	89.68	77.92	82.02	79.26

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30	NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	NJ	2,679	2,840	75.63	93.62	100.00	91.94	100.00	93.27
31	STATE SPONSORED CHARTER SCHOOLS	NV	5,341	5,539	48.46	71.98	68.28	71.26	66.94	70.94
32	WASHOE COUNTY	NV	4,956	4,783	53.11	59.14	50.83	57.60	52.52	59.23
33	COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT	OH	3,520	3,050	79.81	80.27	100.00	79.20	100.00	80.52
34	CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS	OH	2,537	2,437	63.15	79.47	92.83	79.03	100.00	78.54
35	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	2,513	2,404	91.39	88.75	92.44	88.42	95.26	88.81
36	MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS	TN	8,353	7,590	80.09	94.81	88.54	94.65	85.38	94.93
37	DAVIDSON COUNTY	TN	6,011	5,442	69.73	75.95	91.07	73.50	96.01	78.13
38	CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD	TX	8,365	8,815	60.01	80.36	5.04	79.87	4.73	79.88
39	IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	TX	7,180	6,797	84.04	94.76	34.75	93.94	35.50	95.22
40	NORTHSIDE ISD	TX	7,080	7,613	52.23	83.89	55.16	83.81	65.34	82.86
41	FORT BEND ISD	TX	5,687	6,349	49.53	86.73	4.68	85.46	3.87	86.66
42	FRISCO ISD	TX	4,744	5,487	14.51	71.27	10.96	74.33	6.01	70.53
43	NORTH EAST ISD	TX	4,025	4,346	51.79	77.71	86.61	78.06	100.00	75.24
44	ALDINE ISD	TX	3,965	4,143	91.79	98.13	28.75	97.45	18.05	98.53
45	ARLINGTON ISD	TX	3,761	3,949	76.71	84.15	86.47	83.91	100.00	84.58
46	HUMBLE ISD	TX	3,503	3,857	51.18	72.43	35.77	73.39	47.55	71.07
47	PLANO ISD	TX	3,339	3,739	38.35	71.40	83.11	72.00	91.25	69.97
48	ROUND ROCK ISD	TX	3,336	3,544	27.25	67.10	28.30	65.74	27.48	64.62
49	EL PASO ISD	TX	3,250	3,382	75.13	91.49	90.95	90.89	86.58	91.93
50	SOCORRO ISD	TX	3,196	3,468	73.62	95.49	64.08	96.12	65.66	95.67
51	SAN ANTONIO ISD	TX	3,174	2,950	88.71	96.84	100.00	96.69	100.00	97.22
52	LEANDER ISD	TX	3,163	3,387	20.04	54.36	7.21	54.06	6.47	51.73
53	PASADENA ISD	TX	3,108	3,465	81.24	94.55	35.04	94.11	19.91	95.24
54	ALIEF ISD	TX	2,901	2,721	87.36	96.66	80.04	97.04	58.91	96.91
55	CLEAR CREEK ISD	TX	2,887	3,119	36.93	56.51	18.74	55.66	31.07	56.14
56	UNITED ISD	TX	2,861	3,087	77.14	99.39	87.80	99.37	87.40	99.45
57	RICHARDSON ISD	TX	2,800	2,661	55.50	69.80	61.04	68.68	62.23	69.90
58	SPRING ISD	TX	2,566	2,316	87.98	95.56	2.77	95.64	1.38	96.50

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59	MANSFIELD ISD	TX	2,563	2,801	49.99	74.82	30.86	74.21	26.06	74.08
60	SPRING BRANCH ISD	TX	2,476	2,486	56.67	71.96	80.69	70.23	80.25	72.45
61	CORPUS CHRISTI ISD	TX	2,426	2,419	73.29	88.58	100.00	89.08	100.00	88.67
62	KIPP TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	TX	2,419	2,702	92.59	98.11	90.37	98.06	86.20	97.93
63	KELLER ISD	TX	2,395	2,601	34.40	52.64	67.52	50.48	72.63	49.63
64	NORTHWEST ISD	TX	2,367	2,343	26.85	50.32	50.32	49.47	45.67	48.44
65	YSLETA ISD	TX	2,256	2,679	78.07	97.33	100.00	97.12	100.00	97.84
66	VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	VA	4,904	4,907	48.88	54.93	98.88	53.06	100.00	56.57
67	CHESAPEAKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	VA	2,882	3,186	48.82	57.08	84.18	56.42	86.10	57.88
68	SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1	WA	3,967	3,589	34.26	55.05	100.00	54.30	100.00	55.30

ATTACHMENT B: ELIGIBLE DISTRICTS IN STATES WITHOUT CURRENT TUDA MEMBER

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CURRENT									
Albuquerque	NM	5,560	5,330	84.03	80.52	77.90	78.96	74.07	81.11
Atlanta	GA	4,055	3,612	68.97	83.86	100.00	83.48	100.00	87.07
Austin	TX	5,376	4,854	50.21	69.24	97.01	68.23	94.71	66.83
Baltimore	MD	5,611	5,336	72.83	92.92	100.00	92.66	100.00	93.31
Boston	MA	3,246	2,949		85.22	100.00	82.99	100.00	88.09
Charlotte-Mecklenberg	NC	10,426	10,958	69.29	76.36	74.42	75.63	77.80	77.30
Chicago	IL	22,691	23,909	75.94	88.89	100.00	87.69	100.00	89.48
Clark County	NV	21,563	22,836	97.75	79.99	54.83	78.61	55.74	80.17
Cleveland	OH	2,270	2,415	76.08	86.40	100.00	85.15	100.00	86.25
Dallas	TX	9,868	9,368	87.19	93.98	91.02	93.27	97.11	94.71
Denver	CO	6,238	6,095	62.99	74.72	100.00	72.74	100.00	76.69
District of Columbia	DC	3,839	2,779	75.22	82.47	100.00	79.98	100.00	86.75
Forth Worth	TX	5,013	4,991	82.37	88.86	92.74	88.75	95.39	88.84
Guilford County	NC	5,005	5,129	80.57	73.33	52.91	74.43	40.83	74.19
Hillsborough	FL	17,143	17,182	49.08	70.33	24.26	70.27	21.37	70.75
Houston	TX	13,842	12,387	79.32	90.12	95.48	89.81	96.93	88.92
Jefferson County	KY	7,298	7,009	58.94	65.12	82.34	64.25	85.62	65.90
Los Angeles	CA	33,156	29,778	80.93	90.02	78.88	88.29	76.91	88.60
Miami-Dade	FL	24,538	26,347	53.65	93.96	13.42	93.91	10.98	94.05
Milwaukee	WI	4,750	4,509	83.37	91.05	100.00	90.80	100.00	91.44
New York City	NY	56,864	59,919	77.17	84.67	99.96	83.44	99.98	84.63
Orange County (FL)	FL	15,807	15,601	43.80	76.19	23.24	76.15	25.63	76.75
Philadelphia	PA	8,847	8,301	100.01	85.07	100.00	82.54	100.00	85.76
San Diego	CA	7,375	6,128	57.54	75.84	100.00	76.14	100.00	77.50