



This is the official record of Board actions and Committee reports for the quarterly meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board on May 17-19, 2012 in San Antonio, TX. The resolutions adopted have been designated as action items. They are as follows:

- Achievement levels for the NAEP 2011 Writing assessment in grades 8 and 12.
- Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Parent Engagement.
- Release plan for the NAEP 2011 Writing Report Card, which will be released during August 2012.
- Approval of the following cognitive and background questions:
 - Technology and Engineering Literacy (TEL) computer-based tasks in grade 8 for the 2014 assessment
 - Core background questions for schools and the charter school supplement for the NAEP 2013 assessments.

The action on assessment tasks, listed above, was taken by the Assessment Development Committee under a standing delegation of authority from the full Governing Board. Changes have been provided in writing to the National Center for Education Statistics. The background questions were approved as proposed by the Governing Board upon the recommendation of the Reporting and Dissemination Committee.

Recommendations for reporting the Board-sponsored research on the preparedness of 12th graders were discussed by the full Board. This was also a topic of discussion at a joint meeting of the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology (COSDAM) and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee. No firm decisions have been reached, but additional data from the 2009 NAEP and High School Transcript Study will be needed for preparedness reporting. Also, additional research will be conducted with data from the forthcoming assessments in 2013. The Board plans to work with NCES to implement this research.

A number of other issues were addressed by Board Committees that may entail follow-up by NCES and will be discussed further by Board and NCES staff. Specific items include:

- The Assessment Development Committee requested an updated schedule for item reviews and a briefing in August on the grade 4 pilot of the computer-based writing assessment.
- The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will continue its consideration of recommendations by the Expert Panel on NAEP Background Questions and on topics for focused NAEP reports that may be issued over the next few years. Governing Board staff will consult with NCES as it develops recommendations on these issues.