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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: District Test Coordinators, Principals, NAEP School Coordinators
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Postponement of the 2021 Administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

On November 25, 2020, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Commissioner, with support of the National Assessment Governing Board, postponed the National Assessment of Educational Progress ([NAEP](#)) 2021 assessments. The postponement will move the NAEP grades 4 and 8 mathematics and reading assessments that were scheduled for this year to the 2021-2022 school year.

Schools that were selected to participate in the 2021 NAEP assessment administration have been notified of the postponement and are not required to complete any further tasks in the MyNAEP system for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Please note that the NAEP assessments are administered nationally in accordance with federal statutory requirements defined by the Education Sciences Reform Act (ESRA) which requires NAEP to be conducted in a valid and reliable manner every two years (20 U.S.C. 9622(b)(2)(B)). These assessments are separate from New Jersey's state assessments, which include the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments, the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Assessments, the ACCESS for ELLs assessments, and the Portfolio Appeals process.

Additional information regarding the 2020-2021 New Jersey state assessment schedule can be found in the [New Jersey Department of Education \(NJDOE\) broadcast dated November 18, 2020](#).

Contact information

If you have questions regarding the postponement of the 2021 NAEP assessment, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

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