



# Assessments

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) PARTICIPATION

The following language is submitted bi-annually to the U.S. Department of Education as an assurance that Arizona will participate in NAEP and/or National Commission of Educational Statistics sponsored assessments:

***The Arizona Board of Education has deemed NAEP a necessary component of the Arizona assessment program. All Arizona schools are requested by the Arizona Board of Education to participate in NAEP if sampled.***

NAEP is guided by both state and federal laws:

- A.R.S 15-741, (A)(9). "The state board of education shall participate in other assessments that provide national comparisons as needed."
- [Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015](#) (20 U.S. Code with § 6311 – 6312)
  - The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), first passed in 1965. The ESEA Reauthorization of 2001 (also known as No Child Left Behind) included language pertaining to participation in NAEP mathematics and reading at grades 4 and 8 for states and local **districts** that receive Title I funds.
  - SEC. 1111. STATE PLANS
    - (g) OTHER PLAN PROVISIONS.—
    - (2) ASSURANCES.—Each State plan shall contain assurances that—
    - (D) the State will participate in the biennial State academic assessments in reading and mathematics in grades 4 and 8 of the National Assessment of Educational Progress carried out under section 303(b)(3) of the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act
  - SEC. 1112. LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY PLANS
    - (c) ASSURANCES.—Each local educational agency plan shall provide assurances that the local educational agency will—“(3) participate, if selected, in the National Assessment of Educational Progress in reading and mathematics in grades 4 and 8 carried out under section 303(b)(3) of the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. 9622(b)(3))
- National Assessment Governing Board: [policies enacted by the National Assessment Governing Board](#).