



## What is NAEP?

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is an assessment administered to a sample of students in each of the 50 states in order to determine how much U.S. students know about various subjects.

State-level results from NAEP determine where New Mexico stands on the Nation's Report Card—a nationally-recognized metric commonly used by educators and policymakers to make important decisions that directly impact our schools and students. NAEP data is also used by education groups to rank states' public education systems on a national level. New Mexico now has aligned standards and assessments that position our students to do well on #NAEP2019.

## New Mexico is on the Rise

- 11,000 more students are doing math on grade-level and 13,000 more students are reading on grade-level since 2015.
- New Mexico has achieved record-high graduation rates with higher standards.
- Since 2011, New Mexico has doubled the amount of students taking and passing Advanced Placement exams.
- New Mexico has the #1 rated ESSA plan in the country.

## How Does New Mexico Improve its National Ranking?

While touring the state, members of the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) learned that the vast majority of New Mexicans did not fully understand the relationship between NAEP results and our state's national education ranking. Therefore, the NMPED is launching the #NAEP2019 campaign.

Every New Mexican should champion #NAEP2019 and help our students to become Game-Day ready to succeed on the assessment. Teachers, students, parents, policy makers—everyone should know why #NAEP2019 is important.

## What Would an Improved Ranking Mean for New Mexico?

**New Mexico is on the rise.** Improving our students' NAEP results would align with the positive results our state has already achieved in recent years.

A higher national education ranking also means increased confidence in New Mexico's future workforce, and in the long-term sustainability of our local, regional, and state economies.

## How Do Students Take NAEP?

- The NAEP assessment is administered to a randomly selected sample of 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in school districts across the nation in reading and math.
- Students are randomly selected for a short period of time to complete the assessment.

