In order for the public to be familiar with the types of questions in NAEP assessments, questions are made available to the public and not used again in NAEP. The following are examples of NAEP questions and the correct responses:

**4th Grade Mathematics**

There are 6 cubes of the same size in a jar. 2 cubes are yellow. 3 cubes are red. 1 cube is blue. Check is going to pick one cube without looking. Which color is he most likely to pick?

- red
- What is the probability of this color being picked?
- 3 out of 6

**8th Grade Science**

A human CANNOT survive the loss of which of the following?

- The appendix
- The liver
- A lung
- A kidney

**12th Grade Reading**

For the following question, students read a guide that explained a subway system’s fares and passes. The response below shows evidence of full comprehension. What is the guide to Metro’s Fares and Passes supposed to help you do?

- A
- B
- C
- D

The NAEP Questions Tool provides access to more than 2,000 questions from NAEP assessments in nearly all subjects: [http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard itmrls](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard)
What is NAEP?
The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative assessment of what America’s students know and can do. NAEP was developed in 1969 to measure student achievement nationally. Teachers, principals, parents, policymakers, and researchers all use NAEP results to assess progress and develop ways to improve education in America.

How is NAEP different from other assessments?
NAEP serves a different role than state assessments. While each state has its own unique assessment designed to reflect its state content standards, NAEP administers the same assessment in every state. This allows each state and participating urban district to be compared to national results and to evaluate its progress over time. Samples of students in all states take NAEP and are measured in the same way, providing a common measure of achievement across states. NAEP reports information on student performance for the nation, states, and selected large urban districts in a variety of subject areas. NAEP also presents results for different student groups including data by gender, socioeconomic status, and race/ethnicity. There are no results for individual students, classrooms, or schools.

Why is student participation valuable?
The participation of all selected students enables NAEP to provide the most accurate picture of student performance. NAEP uses a carefully designed sampling procedure to ensure that the results of the assessment are representative of students in the United States. Each participating student represents hundreds of other similar students. These students characterize the geographic, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity that is America’s student body.

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What happens when students take NAEP?
• NAEP is administered to students during regular school hours.
• Students are provided with all materials at the time the assessment is taken.
• Each student only takes a portion of the entire assessment.
• Students spend about 90 minutes taking the assessment, including reading they do and what types of classes they take.
• Test accommodations are provided for students with disabilities and/or English language learners.

How are the results of NAEP reported?
The results of NAEP are released as The Nation’s Report Card. The report cards provide national, state, and selected urban district results. Also included are trends for different student groups, results as scale scores and achievement levels, and sample questions. Full copies of all NAEP reports are available at http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard.

What online resources are available?
• The NAEP website provides more extensive information: http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard
• The NAEP Data Explorer provides access to both performance and background data: http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata
• The State Comparisons Tool allows for sorting and comparing state results: http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nde/statecomp
• Answers to frequently asked questions are provided for parents of students who have been selected to participate in NAEP: http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents
• The Governing Board’s website provides information on NAEP frameworks, the assessment schedule, and NAEP law: http://www.nagb.org

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