What is NAEP?

The National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) is a national standardized assessment given to a sample of students across the nation in grades 4, 8 and 11.

Who takes it?

NAEP selects specific schools and samples students from grades 4, 8, and 11. Not all students in these grades will take a NAEP test if their school is selected.

What does it measure?

The test measures students' knowledge and skills in the arts, mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Not all subjects are tested at every school.

When is it administered?

The timing varies year-to-year. Some years there are fall, winter and spring windows. Other years, tests are administered from mid-January through mid-March.

How is it administered?

- Each student will take just one test that lasts an estimated 60-90 minutes.
- Only select students at select schools will take the test.

How are the results used?

NAEP results are used by policymakers and educators to improve education at state and national levels. NAEP results can also be used to compare states and different student groups.

Who requires it?

NAEP is a federally required test.

What if I want to know more about this assessment?

- Background information and findings from previous NAEP tests.
- Oregon Department of Education website on administering the NAEP tests.

I'm a parent/guardian. Who do I contact with questions about this assessment?

Contact Amber Villa-Zang (avilla-zang@corbett.k12.or.us) for information about NAEP testing.

What is the NAEP

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what U.S. students know and can do. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the U.S. Department of Education administers NAEP. Since 1969, NAEP has measured academic progress in subjects such as reading, mathematics, science, civics, U.S. history, and the arts. Under federal law, states and school districts that accept Title I-A funds must participate in the state-level NAEP assessments of math and reading at grades 4 and 8.

NAEP samples a large number of districts and schools in Oregon every other year (in even years) for the state-level mathematics and reading assessments. Sometimes there are additional assessments, perhaps at grade 12 or in other subjects such as science or U.S. History. That varies from year to year. A different sample of districts and schools is selected each round of NAEP, so there is no certainty about whether students in the Corbett School District will be sampled in any given year.