

### **NAEP 2010**

Coming Soon to <insert school>!



#### What is NAEP?

- "NAEP" stands for the National Assessment of Educational Progress.
- NAEP is the largest nationally representative assessment of what America's students know and can do.
- Tests are given to assess student achievement in major subject areas across the nation at grades 4, 8, and 12.
- NAEP results are released as "The Nation's Report Card."



## What this means for our school

- Our school has been selected to participate because of its location and demographics.
- <insert school> is one of only about <insert number> high schools in <insert state> selected to participate in NAEP this school year.
- Approximately 100 grade 12 students from our school have been randomly selected by NAEP to participate.



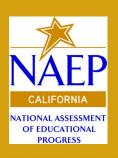
### What to expect

- NAEP testing at our school will take place on <insert date> and will take about 90 minutes.
- We will call you out of class to report to the testing room.
- You will be given a hall pass telling you where to report.



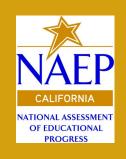
## What to expect (continued)

- Students will take a civics, geography, or U.S. history test.
- Questions are multiple-choice and short answer.
- The assessment also includes questions about how your teachers teach, your educational experiences, and other informational questions.



## What to expect (continued)

- There is no need to study or prepare for NAEP.
- You should try your best to answer each question. NAEP just wants to know how much grade 12 students know about the subject area.
- Your results are anonymous, but they will be combined with the scores of other students to produce a report card for the nation.

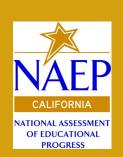


## **Civics Sample Question**

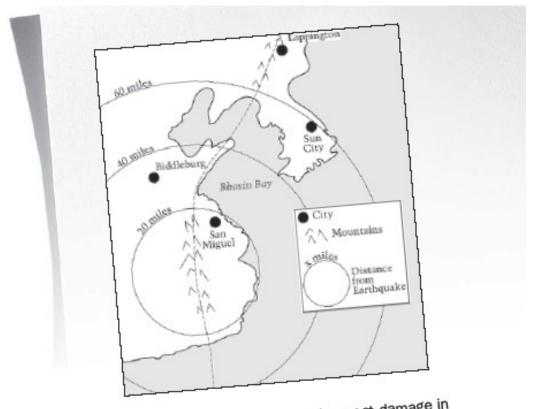
Assume that you are a member of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and that you believe that laws against drunk driving should be strengthened.

Identify two ways that you could try to get the laws changed.

For each way explain why you think your actions could be effective.

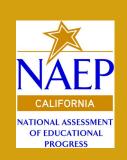


## **Geography Sample Question**



Which city probably suffered the most damage in the earthquake?

- A) Lappington
- B) San Miguel
- C) Sun City
- D) Biddleburg



# **U.S. History Sample Question**



BERLIN 1989

- What event is depicted in the photograph above?
- How was American foreign policy influenced by the event depicted in the photograph? Explain, using one example.



# Your participation is important!

- Each of you will represent hundreds of grade 12 students across the nation.
- Important decisions about education are made using NAEP results.
- You can contribute to improving the quality of education for <u>every</u> student in California and the country.



### Principals also play a role

- Each principal will be given a survey to complete which contains information about
  - Demographic characteristics of the school;
  - What teachers teach and their course requirements; and
  - How teachers are trained about new content and teaching approaches.
- This information, along with the student assessment, gives a broad picture of how students are taught across the nation.



### **NAEP** is important

- You have received a great education here at <insert school>.
- We want you to do your best because you will represent grade 12 students all across <insert state> and the country.
- Participating in NAEP is a great way to do something good and contribute to the future of education.



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