

Memorandum

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DATE: July 28, 2010
TO: Brian A. Harris-Kojetin, OMB
FROM: Patricia Etienne, NCES
THROUGH: Kashka Kubzdela, NCES
RE: Response to 7-27-10 OMB Passback for NAEP 2011 Wave II Clearance

1. It appeared from the text in volume I that there were a couple of new items added this time. Could you identify which items those are and send me the cognitive testing report on those items.

The new writing and math questions that will be used in NAEP 2011 (per the 2011 NAEP Wave 2 submittal) were piloted during NAEP 2010 (under the 2009 Wave I clearance; 1850-0790 v.24). In the 2011 NAEP Wave 2 submittal, in addition to all of the writing questions (the cog lab report is attached), the following questions were newly developed and tried out in cog labs:

1. Three new questions for the KaSA (Knowledge and Skills Appropriate) mathematics student questionnaires (listed on page 2 of this document and questions 22-24 in Part 1a and questions 19-21 in Part 2b of the Volume II materials). Note, the same questions are to be administered at both grades 4 and 8. The cog lab report for these question try-outs is included as an attachment.
2. Three new questions for the MCBS (Mathematics Computer Based Study). These are listed on page 3 of this document and are questions 19-21 of Part 2c of the Volume II materials). The cog lab report for these question try-outs is included as an attachment.

Summary of new items for 2011

Program	Grade Level	Reference in OMB Package	Question Number	Item Status
KaSA	4	1a, page 4	22	New
KaSA	4	1a, page 4	23	New
KaSA	4	1a, page 4	24	New
KaSA	8	2b, page 7	19	New
KaSA	8	2b, page 7	20	New
KaSA	8	2b, page 7	21	New
MCBS	8	2c, page 7	19	New
MCBS	8	2c, page 7	20	New
MCBS	8	2c, page 7	21	New

Three new questions for the KaSA (Knowledge and Skills Appropriate) mathematics student questionnaires (same questions at grades 4 and 8)

1. VE453868

Did you know before today that you would be taking this test?

- A. Yes
- B. No

2. VE453870

Did you answer all of the math questions?

- A. Yes > You have finished.**
Thank you for your time.
- B. No > Please answer the next question.*

3. VE453875

Why did you leave one or more of the math questions blank? Fill in **one or more** ovals.

- A. I did not have enough time.
- B. I do not know how to use a calculator.
- C. I am not used to writing out my answers.
- D. The questions were too hard.

Three new questions for the MCBS (Mathematics Computer Based Study) mathematics student questionnaires (at grade 8)

1. VE355201

Have you ever taken a test on the computer? The test may have been a classroom test, a standardized test, a practice test or quiz, or any other type of test.

A. Yes

B. No

2. VE355216

Do you prefer taking a test on computer or on paper?

A. Computer

B. Paper

C. It does not matter.

3. VE355176

Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statement: This test was easy.

A. Strongly disagree

B. Disagree

C. Agree

D. Strongly agree