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Students with Disabilities (SD) English Language Learners (ELL) Worksheet Instructions



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National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Instructions for Completing Worksheets for Students with Disabilities (SD)

(Please review these instructions before completing the SD Worksheets)

Frequently Asked Questions

What information is collected on the SD Worksheets?

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- how each SD is assessed in the state academic assessment in the NAEP subject the student is selected to take (front of the worksheet),
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- each student's disabilities and grade-level performance (back of the worksheet).

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What if the NAEP subject is not tested on the state academic assessment?

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• For example, if the NAEP subject listed is "E" for economics and this subject is not tested on the state academic assessment, the person completing the worksheet should know how the student is tested or receives instruction in the classroom in an economics or similar type class.

Who should complete the worksheet?

The person completing the <u>front of the worksheet</u> should be the person at your school <u>most knowledgeable about</u> <u>how the student is tested in the state academic assessment</u> in the subject listed in column **B** on the front of the worksheet.

- For example, if the NAEP subject listed is "M" for mathematics, the person completing the worksheet should know how the student is tested in the state academic assessment in mathematics.
- This person may be a school testing or IEP coordinator or a special education or classroom teacher.

The person completing the <u>back of the worksheet</u> should be the person at your school <u>most knowledgeable about</u> the student's disabilities and grade-level performance.

What if an SD is withdrawn or graduated, never attends campus (e.g., homeschooled), or is otherwise ineligible for NAEP (e.g., not enrolled in the sampled grade)?

Draw a line through that student's name, record a note in column G, and leave the rest of the worksheet blank for that student.

What should I do with the worksheet(s) when I'm finished?

- Return all completed worksheets to the NAEP school coordinator by the date requested.
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Completing the Front of the Worksheet

Columns A through D are preprinted.

- Names beginning with "&" in column A are also listed on the ELL Worksheet (student is both SD and ELL).
- List any students sampled for NAEP who currently have a Section 504 Plan <u>and</u> require accommodations to be tested and whose names are not preprinted.

Columns E through H are to be completed by school staff. **Column I is For NAEP Use Only**.

Column E: Record the student's current SD classification using one of the codes below. *If a student has both an IEP and Section 504 Plan, record IEP as the student's SD classification.*

Codes for Column E	
1 = Has an IEP for a disability	
2 = Has a Section 504 Plan and needs accommodation to be tested	
3 = Not SD (Do not complete the rest of the worksheet for this student)	

Column F: How is this student included in your state test for the <u>NAEP subject listed in column B</u>? Note: Refer to the FAOs on page 1 if the NAEP subject is not tested on your state test.

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Codes for Column F

1 = Without Accommodations (**Go to column H**)

2 = With Accommodations (**Go to column G**)

3 = With Modified Assessment (Go to column G)

4 = With Alternate Assessment (**Go to column G**)

Column G: What accommodations does this student receive on your state test for the <u>NAEP subject</u>

<u>listed in column B</u>? *Refer to the enclosed State-Specific SD Guidelines Summary for information on the accommodations allowed by your state.*

The following are <u>not allowed on NAEP</u> for any grades or subjects:

Abacus/tables/graph paper	Tape recording answers
Taking NAEP over multiple days	Dictionary/thesaurus/spelling/grammar software
Questions reworded or simplified	Calculator for computation tasks

Column H: How should this student be tested on NAEP?

To answer column **H**, review your State-Specific SD Guidelines Summary for information on your state's inclusion policy.

Codes for Column H
1 = Without accommodations
2 = With accommodations allowed by NAEP
3 = Do not test

Turn to Page 4 of these instructions for more information on how to complete the back page of the SD Worksheet for each student listed.

Completing the Back of the Worksheet

On the back of the worksheet are some research questions for the same students listed on the front. Please <u>consult the person most knowledgeable about each student's disabilities and grade-level performance</u> to answer these questions.

Columns J through M are preprinted. **Columns N through P** are to be completed by school staff.

Column N - Which of the following IDEA categories describes this student's identified disability(ies)?

Fill in one or more ovals indicating <u>all</u> of each student's identified disabilities. The categories listed are used by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

"Other (specify)" should only be marked for disability(ies) other than those pre-listed.

Column O - What is the degree of this student's disability(ies)?

Record the degree of each student's disability(ies) recorded in column N, using one of the following codes:

- 1 = Profound/Severe
- 2 = Moderate
- 3 = Mild

The response should be based on the knowledge of the person most familiar with this student's disability(ies) and based on this person's professional judgment how it/they might compare to other students with similar disability(ies) in the same grade.

Column P - At what grade level does this student perform in the NAEP subject listed in column K?

Record the grade level at which the student <u>performs</u> in the NAEP subject listed in column K, using one of the following codes:

- 1 = At or above grade level
- 2 =One year below grade level
- 3 = Two or more years below grade level
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For example, a fourth-grade student selected to take the NAEP math assessment who performs at a second-grade level should be marked as code 3 (two or more years below grade level).

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Instructions for Completing Worksheets for Students with Disabilities (SD) Writing Computer-Based Assessment

(Please review these instructions before completing the SD Worksheets)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Writing Computer-Based Assessment?

The NAEP writing framework requires students in grade 4 to write using word processing software with commonly available tools for editing, formatting, and text analysis. This assessment will be administered using NAEP-provided, stand-alone laptops with specialized software. There will be a short tutorial on how to use the specialized software prior to the assessments. All student work will be stored in a secure manner without student identifiable information. The NAEP specialized software for students does not use the Internet. All students taking a NAEP computer-based assessment must use the NAEP-supplied equipment.

What information is collected on the SD Worksheets?

The SD Worksheet records

- how each SD is assessed on the state academic assessment in writing with or without using a computer (front of the worksheet),
- whether each student can participate in NAEP with the allowed accommodations using a computer (front of the worksheet), and
- each student's disabilities and grade-level performance (back of the worksheet).

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What if the NAEP subject (writing) is not tested on the state academic assessment?

If writing is not tested in the state academic assessment, the person completing the worksheet should refer to how the student is tested or receives instruction <u>in the classroom</u> in writing with or without using a computer.

Who should complete the worksheet?

The person completing the <u>front of the worksheet</u> should be the person at your school <u>most knowledgeable about</u> <u>how the student is tested in the state academic assessment in writing</u>. This person may be a school testing or IEP coordinator, a special education or classroom teacher.

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Many accommodations traditionally used for paper and pencil assessments are available to all students assessed on the computer for NAEP. These universal design elements are listed below.

Universal Design Elements Provided to All Students Taking NAEP Using a Computer	
Adjusting font size from approximately 14 to 48 point	Using a computer or typewriter to respond
Small Group or One-on-One	Adjusting contrast or colors
Read aloud (text to speech) in English	Highlighter for writing prompts
(using earbuds provided to all students)	Electronic spell-check and thesaurus

The following are <u>not allowed on NAEP using a computer</u> for any grades or subjects:

Paper and pencil assessment	Taking NAEP over multiple days
Video sign language presentation of items	Questions reworded or simplified
Third party screen reader software	Tape recording answers
Speech to text	Dictionary/thesaurus/spelling/grammar software
-	(other than what NAEP provides)

Column H: How should this student be tested on NAEP?

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Darken one or more ovals indicating <u>all</u> of each student's identified disabilities. The categories listed are used by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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NAEP does not produce results for students or schools and does not contribute to a student's grade or a school's AYP results.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can students without an IEP or Section 504 Plan receive accommodations on NAEP?

No, students without an IEP or Section 504 Plan participate in NAEP without accommodations. Only students with an IEP or Section 504 Plan can receive accommodations on NAEP.

What should we record in column G (accommodations the student receives when assessed on the state assessment in the NAEP subject) if the student is not assessed in that subject? Record any accommodations listed in the student's IEP or Section 504 Plan that the student usually receives during classroom instruction.

What if an SD is withdrawn or graduated, never attends campus (e.g., home schooled), or is otherwise ineligible for NAEP (e.g., not enrolled in the sampled grade)?

Draw a line through that student's name, record a note in column G, and leave the rest of the worksheet blank for that student.

What is the process for determining how a student should be included in NAEP?

- Before the preassessment visit, school staff complete the worksheets using these instructions and the State-Specific SD Guidelines Summary.
- At the preassessment visit, the NAEP representative will collect the completed worksheets, review them for consistency, and then discuss with the school coordinator how each student should be assessed on NAEP.
- All final inclusion and accommodation decisions are made by school staff and/or parents/guardians.

What should I do with the completed worksheet(s)?

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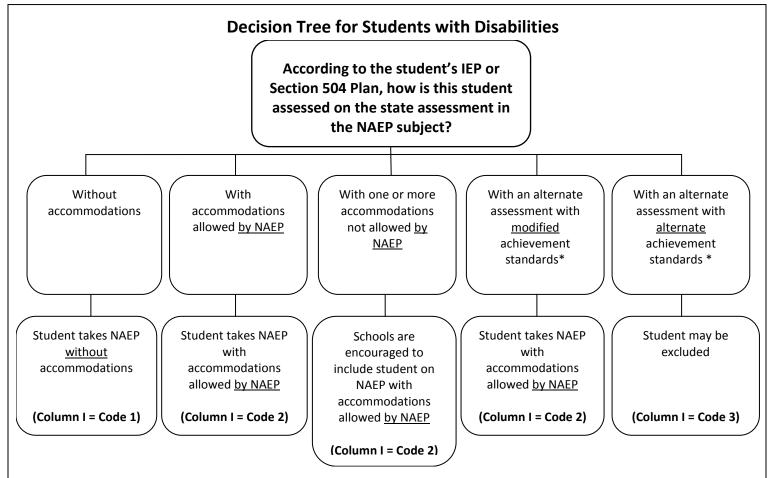
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- Column E: Record the student's current SD classification using one of the codes listed. *If a student has both an IEP and Section 504 Plan, record IEP as the student's SD classification.*
- **Column F:** Record how this student is tested or instructed in the <u>NAEP subject listed in column B</u>, according to the student's IEP or Section 504 Plan, using one of the codes listed.
- Column G: Record the accommodations this student receives when tested in the <u>NAEP subject listed in</u> <u>column B</u>. *Refer to the enclosed State-Specific SD Guidelines Summary for information on the accommodations allowed by your state.*
- Column H: Record if all the student's required accommodations are allowed in the NAEP subject. *Refer* to the enclosed State-Specific SD Guidelines Summary for information on the accommodations allowed by NAEP.
- Column I: To answer column I, review columns G and H, and the Decision Tree below.

Column J is for NAEP Use Only.



* Check the enclosed State-Specific SD Guidelines Summary for more information about alternate assessments with <u>modified</u> or <u>alternate</u> achievement standards in your state.

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Column Q: At what grade level does this student perform in the NAEP subject listed in column L?

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Who should complete the worksheet?

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Abacus/tables/graph paperTape recording answersTaking NAEP over multiple daysDictionary/thesaurus/spelling/grammar softwareQuestions reworded or simplifiedOral or written responses in native language translated into written English

Column H: How should this student be tested on NAEP?

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Column P - For each item listed below, how would you characterize this student's English proficiency?

- Listening comprehension in English
- Reading English

• Speaking English

• Writing English

For each skill listed, record the student's English language proficiency, using the following codes:

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(Please review these instructions before completing the ELL Worksheets)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Writing Computer-Based Assessment?

The NAEP writing framework requires students in grade 4 to write using word processing software with commonly available tools for editing, formatting, and text analysis. This assessment will be administered using NAEP-provided, stand-alone laptops with specialized software. There will be a short tutorial on how to use the specialized software prior to the assessments. All student work will be stored in a secure manner without student identifiable information. The NAEP specialized software for students does not use the Internet. All students taking a NAEP computer-based assessment must use the NAEP-supplied equipment.

What information is collected on the ELL Worksheets?

The ELL Worksheet records

- how each ELL is assessed on the state academic assessment in writing with or without using a computer (front of the worksheet),
- whether each student can participate in NAEP with the allowed accommodations using a computer (front of the worksheet), and
- each student's English language proficiency and grade-level performance (back of the worksheet).

School personnel will make the final determination on how ELLs are included in the NAEP assessment.

If you need clarification for completing the worksheet, please contact your NAEP State Coordinator (public schools) or your NAEP representative (private schools).

What if the NAEP subject (writing) is not tested on the state academic assessment?

If writing is not tested in the state academic assessment, the person completing the worksheet should refer to how the student is tested or receives instruction <u>in the classroom</u> in writing with or without using a computer.

Who should complete the worksheet?

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Many accommodations traditionally used for paper and pencil assessments are available to all students assessed on the computer for NAEP. These universal design elements are listed below.

Universal Design Elements Provided to All Students Taking NAEP Using a Computer		
Adjusting font size from approximately 14 to 48 point	Using a computer or typewriter to respond	
Small Group or One-on-One	Adjusting contrast or colors	
Read aloud (text to speech) in English	Highlighter for writing prompts	
(using earbuds provided to all students)	Electronic spell-check and thesaurus	

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Paper and pencil assessment	Questions reworded or simplified
Video sign language presentation of items	Tape recording answers
Oral or written responses in native language translated	Dictionary/thesaurus/spelling/grammar software
into written English	(other than what NAEP provides)
Third party screen reader software	Spanish/English version of the test
Speech to text	Directions only read aloud in Spanish
Taking NAEP over multiple days	

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can students who are formerly ELL receive accommodations on NAEP?

No, students who are classified as formerly ELL participate in NAEP without accommodations. Only students who are classified as ELL can receive accommodations on NAEP.

What is "one full academic year" as defined by NAEP?

One full academic year is defined as one full school year before the assessment. For example, if a student is currently in 4th grade, he or she would have attended school in the U.S for all of 3rd grade.

What should we record in column H (accommodations the student receives when tested or in the NAEP subject) if the student is not tested in that subject?

Record any accommodations that the student usually receives during classroom instruction.

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Draw a line through that student's name, record a note in column \mathbf{H} , and leave the rest of the worksheet blank for that student.

What is the process for determining how a student should be included in NAEP?

- Before the preassessment visit, school staff complete the worksheets using these instructions and the State-Specific ELL Guidelines Summary.
- At the preassessment visit, the NAEP representative will collect the completed worksheets, review them for consistency, and then discuss with the school coordinator how each student should be assessed on NAEP.
- All final inclusion and accommodation decisions are made by school staff and/or parents/guardians.

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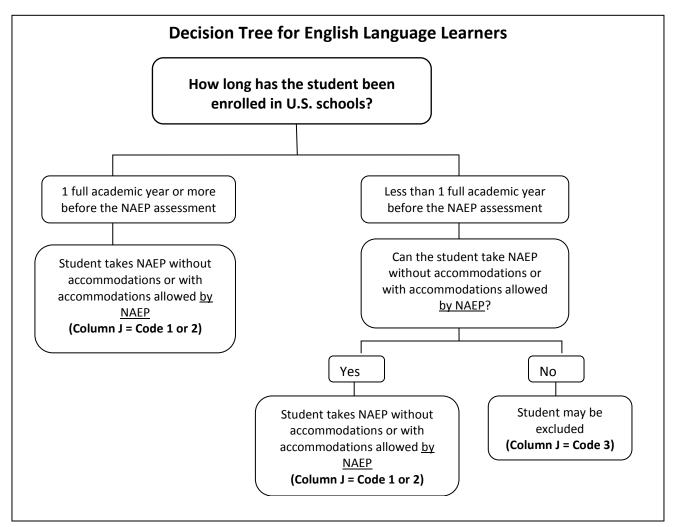
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- Column G: Record the student's primary language, using one of the codes listed.
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- **Column I:** Record if all of the accommodations listed in column H are allowed in the NAEP subject. *Refer to the enclosed State-Specific ELL Guidelines Summary for information on the accommodations allowed by NAEP.*
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