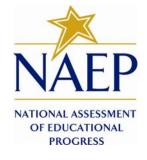
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Wave 2 Submittal for 2013 VOLUME II BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

Part 4a

Reading and Mathematics—SD Worksheet & Instructions



Part 4a contains:

Reading and Mathematics—SD Worksheet & Instructions (Public and Private School versions)

The amount of time estimated to complete the corresponding SD form is 10 minutes per student.

	 #NA000????? <u>Fhis form must be completed in No. 2 pencil</u> Please complete <u>both sides</u> of this worksheet for each student. 																
	NAEP 2013 Students with Disabilities (SD) Worksheet			NAEP 2013 School #: School #: NIAED Students with Disabilities (SD) Worksheet School #: -													
	NAEP Use Only		OF E	AL ASSESSMENT DUCATIONAL	SCHO	OOL COPY	Sheet of Please complete t	the <u>back of this v</u>	v <mark>orksheet</mark> for ea	ach student.							
S	neet of		Р	ROGRESS			EFER TO COLUMN B TO COMPLETE THESE	QUESTIONS		 							
-	Α	B	С	D	E	F	G	Н	Ι	J							
	Student Name	NAEP Subject M = Mathematics, R = Reading	Session # / Line #	NAEP Student Booklet ID # (Column O on Admin. Schedule)	Record the student's current SD classification using one of the codes below: 1 = Has an IEP for a disability 2 = Has a Section 504 Plan and needs accommodation to be tested 3 = Does not have an IEP or Section 504 Plan (Do not complete the rest of the worksheet for this student)	According to the student's IEP or Section 504 Plan, how is this student assessed on the state (standardized) assessment in the <u>NAEP</u> subject listed in column B? (Go to column I) 2 = With accommodations (Go to column G) 3 = With alternate assessment/ <u>alternate</u> achievement standards (Go to column G) a chievement standards (Go to column G)	Look AT COLUMN B What accommodations does this student receive on your state (standardized) test for the <u>NAEP</u> <u>subject listed in column B?</u> Refer to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the allowed accommodations. Record the <u>NAEP code</u> of each required accommodation from the guidelines in the space below for each student.	Are all of the student's accommodations listed in column G allowed in the N&EP subject? Refer to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the accommodations allowed by NAEP. 1 = Yes, all accommodations are allowed 2 = No, some/all accommodations are not allowed	How should this student be tested on NAEP? Review columns G and H and the SD Decision Tree on page 2 of the Worksheet Instructions for how to answer this question. 1 = Without accommodations 2 = With accommodations allowed by NAEP 3 = Do not test	For NAEP Use Only							
-																	

Sheet of		Stu	dents with Disabiliti	es	(SD) V	Vor	ksh	leet	She	et	of	_	SC	CHOOL #: -]-[subje column	to the NAEP ect listed in n L to answer s question.
K	L	М	Ν											0			Р		Q
NAEP 2013 Students with Disabilities (SD)				Which of the following IDEA categories best describes this student's identified disability(ies)? (Fill in all ovals that apply)														م	
Students with Disabilities (SD) Worksheet School Copy	NAEP Subject M = Mathematics, R = Reading	Session #/ Line #	NAEP Student Booklet ID # (Column O on Admin. Schedule)	Specific learning disability	Hearing impairment/deafness	Visual impairment/blindness	Speech or language impairment	Intellectual disability	Emotional disturbance	Orthopedic impairment	Traumatic brain injury	Autism	Developmental delay (age 9 or younger)	Other health impairment (Record the other health impairment in the space to the right)	Other health impairment (specify)	What is the degree of this student's disability(ies)? 1 = Profound/Severe	1 - r roround/severe 2 = Moderate 3 = Mild	P s	 1 = At or above grade level 2 = One year below grade level 3 = Two or more years below grade level 4 = Not receiving instruction in this subject 5 = Don't know
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		╈			
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1			
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1			
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1			
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1			
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
															NAEP 2013 SD Worksheet School 183158-001:321 Printed in th	≥ USA by P	'earson		ISD8962

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

(Please review these instructions before completing the SD Worksheet)

NAEP's goal is to be as inclusive as possible. The expectation is that all students, except the most cognitively disabled, will participate on NAEP, as they do on their state assessments. NAEP results are not reported for individual students or schools and do not affect 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 SD Inclusion Guidelines.
- 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)?

- Return all completed worksheets to the NAEP school coordinator by the date requested.
- If you are the school coordinator, put the completed worksheets in the red NAEP Storage Envelope. Your NAEP representative will collect them at the preassessment visit.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1850-0790**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per student including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to**: NAEP/NCES, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

A project of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every NCES employee as well as every agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. OMB No. 1850-0790 • Approval Expires 04/30/2013

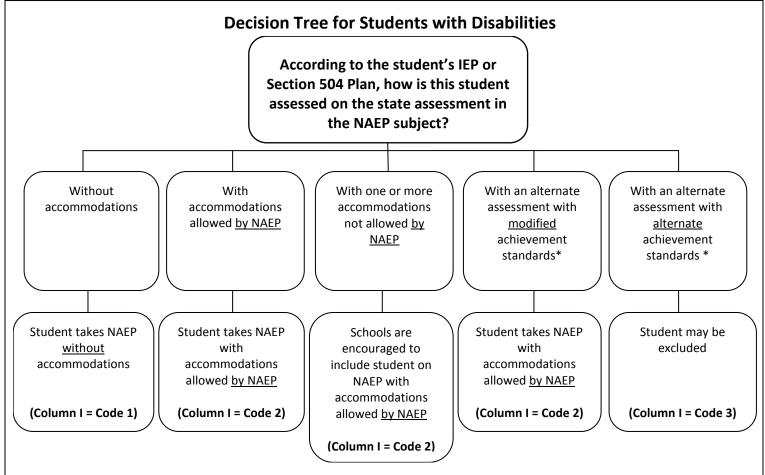
Columns A through D are preprinted.

- 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 an IEP but whose names are not preprinted.
- List any students sampled for NAEP who currently have a Section 504 Plan <u>and</u> require accommodations to be tested, but whose names are not preprinted.

Columns E through I are to be completed by school staff.

- **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 SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the allowed accommodations*.
- **Column H:** Record if all the student's required accommodations are allowed in the NAEP subject. *Refer* to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines 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 SD Inclusion Guidelines for more information about alternate assessments with <u>modified</u> or <u>alternate</u> achievement standards in your state.

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

Columns K through N are preprinted.

Columns O through Q are to be completed by school staff.

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

Record the degree of each student's disability(ies) recorded in column O, 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 Q: At what grade level does this student perform in the NAEP subject listed in column L?

Record the grade level at which the student <u>performs</u> in the NAEP subject listed in column L, 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
- 4 = Not receiving instruction in this subject
- 5 =Don't know



Dear Principal or Administrator:

Thank you for allowing your school to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). These assessments are vital to measuring the academic skills and progress of the students in our nation and in each state.

As you know, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that all students with disabilities participate in state and district wide assessment programs through regular assessments, including with appropriate accommodations when necessary, or alternate assessments. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) likewise requires the participation of students with disabilities in the student academic assessments required under that Act, and also requires that English language learners, as well as other groups of students, participate in those state assessments. The law allows for reasonable accommodations on assessments administered to English language learners. Although federal law does not explicitly specify similar requirements regarding the participation of students with disabilities and English language learners in NAEP, the NAEP program has been working very hard to make its sample of students taking the assessments as representative as possible of all students. We are asking you to ensure that the greatest possible number of students with disabilities and English language learners in your school, who are selected to participate, do in fact take the assessments.

Please keep in mind that NAEP does not produce results for individual students or schools, as your state or district tests might. All results are summarized only at the national and state levels (and for a few large urban districts). In other words, the NAEP assessments do not impose consequences for the student or the school, and are instead intended purely to provide a picture of educational performance and progress.

We want to include as many students as possible in the picture NAEP provides for us. For this reason, we ask you to do all you can to help ensure the participation of students who are selected for NAEP whenever possible, including students with disabilities and English language learners. Students taking the NAEP are able to use most of the testing accommodations they usually receive in other tests (e.g., extended time, small group testing). Most students with disabilities and English language learners are indeed able to participate in NAEP with their fellow students.

NAEP is one of the most visible and important indicators of educational performance in this country, and we very much appreciate your support in making NAEP as inclusive as possible.

Mill 1 hits

Richard L. Smith Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary Office of English Language Acquisition

les Parmy

Alexa Posny Assistant Secretary Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

400 MARYLAND AVE. S.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20202-6510

www.ed.gov

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

(Please review these instructions before completing the SD Worksheet)

NAEP's goal is to be as inclusive as possible. The expectation is that all students, except the most cognitively disabled, will participate on NAEP, as they do on standardized assessments. NAEP results are not reported for individual students or schools.

Frequently Asked Questions

Our school does not use Individualized Education Programs (IEP) or Section 504 Plans. Can our students still receive accommodations for NAEP?

Yes, students can receive any NAEP-allowed accommodation specified in individualized instructional plans, or that they routinely receive either during standardized testing or classroom instruction. See the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for more information on accommodations allowed by NAEP.

What should we record in column G (accommodations the student receives when assessed on the state (standardized) assessment in the NAEP subject) if the student is not assessed in that subject? Record any accommodations 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 SD Inclusion Guidelines.
- 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)?

- Return all completed worksheets to the NAEP school coordinator by the date requested.
- If you are the school coordinator, put the completed worksheets in the red NAEP Storage Envelope. Your NAEP representative will collect them at the preassessment visit.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1850-0790**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per student including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to:** NAEP/NCES, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

A project of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every NCES employee as well as every agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. OMB No. 1850-0790 • Approval Expires 04/30/2013

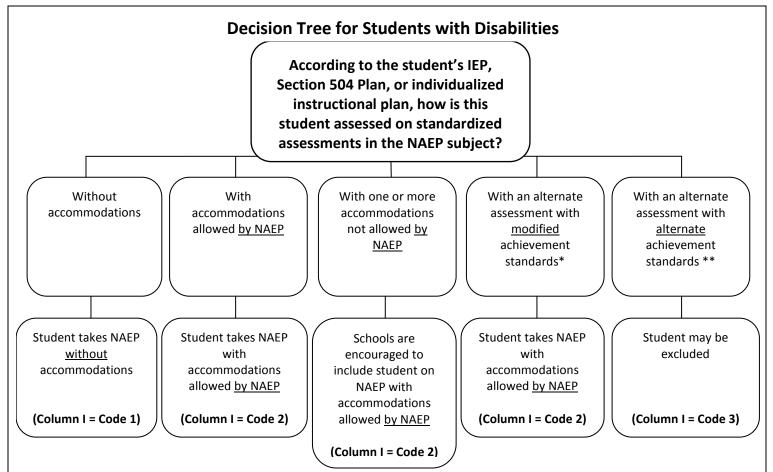
Columns A through D are preprinted.

- 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 an IEP but whose names are not preprinted.
- List any students sampled for NAEP who currently have a Section 504 Plan <u>and</u> require accommodations to be tested, but whose names are not preprinted.
- List any students who <u>routinely</u> receive accommodations for standardized testing or during classroom instruction.

Columns E through I are to be completed by school staff.

- **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. If none of these codes apply, leave the column blank for that student.*
- **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 individualized instructional plan, using one of the codes listed.
- **Column G**: Record the accommodations this student receives when tested or instructed in the <u>NAEP</u> <u>subject listed in column B</u>. *Refer to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the allowed accommodations*.
- Column H: Record if all the student's required accommodations are allowed in the NAEP subject. *Refer* to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines 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.



* Modified assessments are based on grade-level content that is less rigorous than regular assessments.

** Alternate assessments are based on the grade-level content but at reduced depth, breadth, and complexity than regular assessments.

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

Columns K through N are preprinted.

Columns O through Q are to be completed by school staff.

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

Record the degree of each student's disability(ies) recorded in column O, 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 Q: At what grade level does this student perform in the NAEP subject listed in column L?

Record the grade level at which the student <u>performs</u> in the NAEP subject listed in column L, 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
- 4 = Not receiving instruction in this subject
- 5 =Don't know



Dear Principal or Administrator:

Thank you for allowing your school to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). These assessments are vital to measuring the academic skills and progress of the students in our nation and in each state.

As you know, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that all students with disabilities participate in state and district wide assessment programs through regular assessments, including with appropriate accommodations when necessary, or alternate assessments. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) likewise requires the participation of students with disabilities in the student academic assessments required under that Act, and also requires that English language learners, as well as other groups of students, participate in those state assessments. The law allows for reasonable accommodations on assessments administered to English language learners. Although federal law does not explicitly specify similar requirements regarding the participation of students with disabilities and English language learners in NAEP, the NAEP program has been working very hard to make its sample of students taking the assessments as representative as possible of all students. We are asking you to ensure that the greatest possible number of students with disabilities and English language learners in your school, who are selected to participate, do in fact take the assessments.

Please keep in mind that NAEP does not produce results for individual students or schools, as your state or district tests might. All results are summarized only at the national and state levels (and for a few large urban districts). In other words, the NAEP assessments do not impose consequences for the student or the school, and are instead intended purely to provide a picture of educational performance and progress.

We want to include as many students as possible in the picture NAEP provides for us. For this reason, we ask you to do all you can to help ensure the participation of students who are selected for NAEP whenever possible, including students with disabilities and English language learners. Students taking the NAEP are able to use most of the testing accommodations they usually receive in other tests (e.g., extended time, small group testing). Most students with disabilities and English language learners are indeed able to participate in NAEP with their fellow students.

NAEP is one of the most visible and important indicators of educational performance in this country, and we very much appreciate your support in making NAEP as inclusive as possible.

Rill 1 Sitt

Richard L. Smith Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary Office of English Language Acquisition

les Parmy

Alexa Posny Assistant Secretary Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

400 MARYLAND AVE. S.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20202-6510

www.ed.gov

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Wave 2 Submittal for 2013 VOLUME II BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

Part 4b TEL—SD Worksheet & Instructions



Part 4b contains:

TEL—SD Worksheet & Instructions (Public and Private School versions)

The amount of time estimated to complete the corresponding SD form is 10 minutes per student.

This form must be completed in No. 2 pencil. Please complete both sides of this worksheet for each student. NAEP 2013 Students with Disabilities (SD) Worksheet TEL NAEP Use Only Sheet of	OF E	AL ASSESSMENT DUCATIONAL ROGRESS	NAI with Dis	EP 2013	Worksheet School Name: _ Sheet Please complete to the second	he <u>back of this v</u>	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	-
AB	B C	D	E	F	G	Н	Ι	J
Student Name	Session # / L. Genuology and Englineering L. Session # / Line #	NAEP Student Booklet ID # (Column O on Admin. Schedule)	Record the student's current SD classification using one of the codes below: 1 = Has an IEP for a disability 2 = Has a socion 504 Plan and needs accommodation to be tested 3 = Does not not be tested for this student)	According to the student's IEP or Section 504 Plan, how is this student assessed on the state (standardized) assessment for science? I = Without accommodations (Go to column I) 2 = With alternate assessment/modified achievement standards (Go to column G) 4 = With alternate assessment/alternate achievement standards (Go to column G)	What accommodations or universal design elements does this student receive for computer-based testing (any subject)? If the student is not tested using a computer, what accommodations/universal design elements does the student receive when tested on the state (standardized) assessment for science? Refer to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the allowed accommodations/universal design elements. Record the <u>NAEP code</u> of each required accommodation/universal design element from the guidelines in the space below for each student.	Are all of the student's accommodations listed in column G allowed for NAEP? Refer to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the accommodations allowed by NAEP 1 = Yes, all accommodations are allowed 2 = No, somefall accommodations are not allowed	How should this student be tested on NAEP: Review columns G and H and the SD Decision Tree on page 2 of the Worksheet Instructions for how to answer this question. 1 = Without accommodations 2 = With accommodations allowed by NAEP 3 = Do not test	For NAEP Use Only

Sheet of			idents with Disabiliti TEL	ies	(SD) V	Vor	ksh	eet		et	of		SC	CHOOL #:	٦-			
K	L	М	N	1										0		-	<u>р</u>	<u> </u>	Q
NAEP 2013 Students with Disabilities (SD)						Whic	h of th	ne foll	owing	IDEA			best	descri	bes this student's identified disability(ies)? at apply)		-	ence?	×
Students with Disabilities (SD) Worksheet TEL School Copy	NAEP Subject T = Technology and Engineering Literacy	Session #/ Line #	NAEP Student Booklet ID # (Column O on Admin. Schedule)	Specific learning disability	Hearing impairment/deafness	Visual impairment/blindness	Speech or language impairment	Intellectual disability	Emotional disturbance	Orthopedic impairment	Traumatic brain injury	Autism	Developmental delay (age 9 or younger)	Other health impairment (Record the other health impairment in the space to the right)	Other health impairment (specify)	is the	l/Severe	at grade level does to above grade level	2 = One year below grade level 3 = Two or more years below grade level 4 = Not receiving instruction in this subject 5 = Don't know
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
															NAEP 2013 SD Worksheet TEL School 183158-001:321 Printed in	the USA b	Pearson		ISD8962

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Instructions for Completing Worksheets for Students with Disabilities (SD) Technology and Engineering Literacy (TEL) Assessment

(Please review these instructions before completing the SD Worksheets) **Frequently Asked Questions**

NAEP's goal is to be as inclusive as possible. The expectation is that all students, except the most cognitively disabled, will participate on NAEP, as they do on their state assessments. NAEP results are not reported for individual students or schools and do not affect a student's grade or a school's AYP results. **Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the Technology and Engineering Literacy Assessment?

According to the NAEP framework, technology and engineering literacy is defined as "the capacity to use, understand, and evaluate technology as well as to understand technological principles and strategies needed to develop solutions and achieve goals." The TEL 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.

We don't offer technology and engineering literacy classes. How do we evaluate if a student's IEP or Section 504 Plan should be applied to the TEL assessment?

The TEL computer-based assessment is most closely associated with the STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and mathematics. When evaluating if a student's IEP or Section 504 Plan should be applied to the TEL assessment, review the student's needs for computer-based testing or for science, if computer-based testing is not applicable.

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 SD Inclusion Guidelines.
- 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.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1850-0790**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per student including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to:** NAEP/NCES, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

A project of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every NCES employee as well as every agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. OMB No. 1850-0790 • Approval Expires 04/30/2013

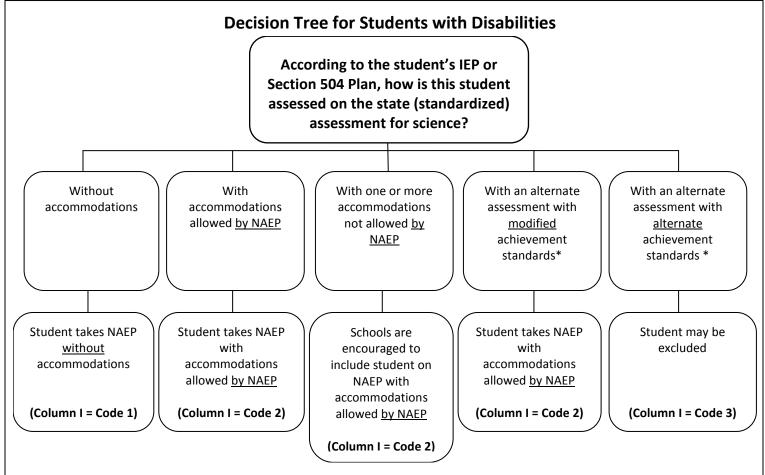
Columns A through D are preprinted.

- 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 an IEP but whose names are not preprinted.
- List any students sampled for NAEP who currently have a Section 504 Plan <u>and</u> require accommodations to be tested, but whose names are not preprinted.

Columns E through I are to be completed by school staff.

- **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 SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the allowed accommodations*.
- Column H: Record if all the student's required accommodations are allowed in the NAEP subject. *Refer* to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines 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 SD Inclusion Guidelines for more information about alternate assessments with <u>modified</u> or <u>alternate</u> achievement standards in your state.

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

Columns K through N are preprinted.

Columns O through Q are to be completed by school staff.

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

Record the degree of each student's disability(ies) recorded in column O, 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 Q: At what grade level does this student perform in science?

Record the grade level at which the student <u>performs</u> in the NAEP subject listed in column L, 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
- 4 = Not receiving instruction in this subject
- 5 =Don't know



Dear Principal or Administrator:

Thank you for allowing your school to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). These assessments are vital to measuring the academic skills and progress of the students in our nation and in each state.

As you know, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that all students with disabilities participate in state and district wide assessment programs through regular assessments, including with appropriate accommodations when necessary, or alternate assessments. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) likewise requires the participation of students with disabilities in the student academic assessments required under that Act, and also requires that English language learners, as well as other groups of students, participate in those state assessments. The law allows for reasonable accommodations on assessments administered to English language learners. Although federal law does not explicitly specify similar requirements regarding the participation of students with disabilities and English language learners in NAEP, the NAEP program has been working very hard to make its sample of students taking the assessments as representative as possible of all students. We are asking you to ensure that the greatest possible number of students with disabilities and English language learners in your school, who are selected to participate, do in fact take the assessments.

Please keep in mind that NAEP does not produce results for individual students or schools, as your state or district tests might. All results are summarized only at the national and state levels (and for a few large urban districts). In other words, the NAEP assessments do not impose consequences for the student or the school, and are instead intended purely to provide a picture of educational performance and progress.

We want to include as many students as possible in the picture NAEP provides for us. For this reason, we ask you to do all you can to help ensure the participation of students who are selected for NAEP whenever possible, including students with disabilities and English language learners. Students taking the NAEP are able to use most of the testing accommodations they usually receive in other tests (e.g., extended time, small group testing). Most students with disabilities and English language learners are indeed able to participate in NAEP with their fellow students.

NAEP is one of the most visible and important indicators of educational performance in this country, and we very much appreciate your support in making NAEP as inclusive as possible.

Rill 1 Sitt

Richard L. Smith Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary Office of English Language Acquisition

les Parmy

Alexa Posny Assistant Secretary Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

400 MARYLAND AVE. S.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20202-6510

www.ed.gov

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Instructions for Completing Worksheets for Students with Disabilities (SD) Technology and Engineering Literacy (TEL) Assessment Private Schools

(Please review these instructions before completing the SD Worksheets)

NAEP's goal is to be as inclusive as possible. The expectation is that all students, except the most cognitively disabled, will participate on NAEP, as they do on standardized assessments.
NAEP results are not reported for individual students or schools.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Technology and Engineering Literacy Assessment?

According to the NAEP framework, technology and engineering literacy is defined as "the capacity to use, understand, and evaluate technology as well as to understand technological principles and strategies needed to develop solutions and achieve goals." The TEL 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.

Our school does not use Individualized Education Programs (IEP) or Section 504 Plans. Can our students still receive accommodations for NAEP?

Yes, students can receive any NAEP-allowed accommodation specified in individualized instructional plans, or that they routinely receive either during standardized testing or classroom instruction. See the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for more information on accommodations allowed by NAEP.

We don't offer technology and engineering literacy classes. How do we evaluate if a student's individualized instructional plan should be applied to the TEL assessment?

The TEL computer-based assessment is most closely associated with the STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and mathematics. When evaluating if a student's individualized instructional plan should be applied to the TEL assessment, review the student's needs for computer-based testing or for science, if computer-based testing is not applicable.

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 SD Inclusion Guidelines.
- 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.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1850-0790**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per student including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to:** NAEP/NCES, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

A project of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every NCES employee as well as every agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 yeas, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. OMB No. 1850-0790 • Approval Expires 04/30/2013

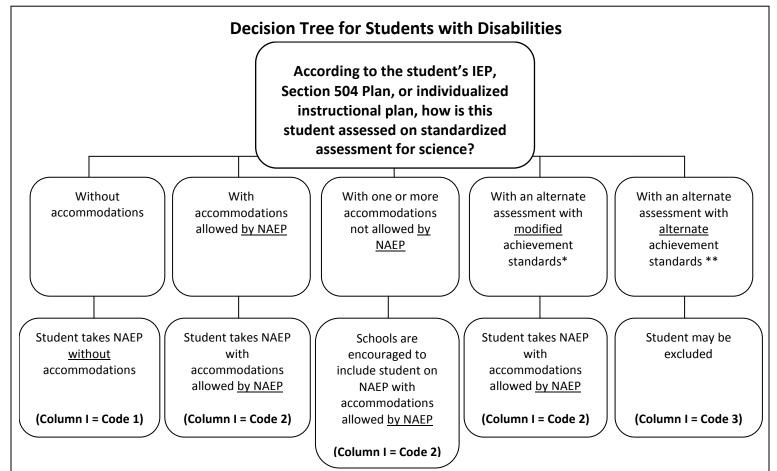
Columns A through D are preprinted.

- 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 an IEP but whose names are not preprinted.
- List any students sampled for NAEP who currently have a Section 504 Plan <u>and</u> require accommodations to be tested, but whose names are not preprinted.
- List any students who <u>routinely</u> receive accommodations for standardized testing or during classroom instruction.

Columns E through I are to be completed by school staff.

- **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. If none of these codes apply, leave the column blank for that student.*
- **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 individualized instructional plan, using one of the codes listed.
- **Column G**: Record the accommodations this student receives when tested or instructed in the <u>NAEP</u> <u>subject listed in column B</u>. *Refer to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the allowed accommodations*.
- Column H: Record if all the student's required accommodations are allowed in the NAEP subject. *Refer* to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines 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.



- * Modified assessments are based on grade-level content that is less rigorous than regular assessments.
- ** Alternate assessments are based on the grade-level content but at reduced depth, breadth, and complexity than regular assessments.

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

Columns K through N are preprinted.

Columns O through Q are to be completed by school staff.

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

Record the degree of each student's disability(ies) recorded in column O, 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 Q: At what grade level does this student perform in science?

Record the grade level at which the student <u>performs</u> in the NAEP subject listed in column L, 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
- 4 = Not receiving instruction in this subject
- 5 =Don't know



Dear Principal or Administrator:

Thank you for allowing your school to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). These assessments are vital to measuring the academic skills and progress of the students in our nation and in each state.

As you know, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that all students with disabilities participate in state and district wide assessment programs through regular assessments, including with appropriate accommodations when necessary, or alternate assessments. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) likewise requires the participation of students with disabilities in the student academic assessments required under that Act, and also requires that English language learners, as well as other groups of students, participate in those state assessments. The law allows for reasonable accommodations on assessments administered to English language learners. Although federal law does not explicitly specify similar requirements regarding the participation of students with disabilities and English language learners in NAEP, the NAEP program has been working very hard to make its sample of students taking the assessments as representative as possible of all students. We are asking you to ensure that the greatest possible number of students with disabilities and English language learners in your school, who are selected to participate, do in fact take the assessments.

Please keep in mind that NAEP does not produce results for individual students or schools, as your state or district tests might. All results are summarized only at the national and state levels (and for a few large urban districts). In other words, the NAEP assessments do not impose consequences for the student or the school, and are instead intended purely to provide a picture of educational performance and progress.

We want to include as many students as possible in the picture NAEP provides for us. For this reason, we ask you to do all you can to help ensure the participation of students who are selected for NAEP whenever possible, including students with disabilities and English language learners. Students taking the NAEP are able to use most of the testing accommodations they usually receive in other tests (e.g., extended time, small group testing). Most students with disabilities and English language learners are indeed able to participate in NAEP with their fellow students.

NAEP is one of the most visible and important indicators of educational performance in this country, and we very much appreciate your support in making NAEP as inclusive as possible.

Mill 1 hits

Richard L. Smith Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary Office of English Language Acquisition

les Parmy

Alexa Posny Assistant Secretary Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

400 MARYLAND AVE. S.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20202-6510

www.ed.gov

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Wave 2 Submittal for 2013 VOLUME II BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

Part 4c Puerto Rico—SD Worksheet & Instructions



Part 4c contains:

Puerto Rico-SD Worksheet & Instructions

The amount of time estimated to complete the corresponding SD form is 10 minutes per student.

Inv. #NA000????? This form must be completed in No. 2 pencil. Please complete both sides of this worksheet for each student. NAEP 2013 Students with Disabilities (SD) Worksheet Puerto Rico NAEP Use Only Sheet of		0110	Students	-	NA h Di P	AE isa 'ue	P 2013	Worksheet School Name: _ Sheetof Please complete to the second		<pre></pre>	
А	В	С	D		Е		F	G	Н	Ι	J
Student Name	NAEP Subject M = Mathematics	Session # / Line #	NAEP Student Booklet ID # (Column O on Admin. Schedule)	Record the student's current SD classification using one of the codes below: 1 = Has an IEP for a disability	 2 = Has a Section 504 Plan and needs accommodation to be tested 3 = Does not have an HEP or Section 504 Plan (Do not complete the rest of the worksheet 	for this student) ording to the student's IEP	 According to use student as the optimized on the state (standardized) assessment for mathematics? 1 = Without accommodations (Go to column 1) 2 = With alternate assessment/<u>modified</u> 3 = With alternate assessment/<u>modified</u> 4 = With alternate assessment/<u>alternate</u> achievement standards (Go to column G) 	What accommodations does this student receive on your state (standardized) test for mathematics? Refer to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the allowed accommodations. Record the <u>NAEP code</u> of each required accommodation from the guidelines in the space below for each student.	Are all of the student's accommodations listed in column G allowed for NAEP? Refer to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the accommodations allowed by NAEP. 1 = Yes, all accommodations are allowed 2 = No, some/all accommodations are not allowed	How should this student be tested on NAEP? Review of dumms G and H and the SD Decision Tree on page 2 of the Worksheet Instructions for how to answer this question. 1 = Without accommodations 2 = With accommodations allowed by NAEP 3 = Do not test	For NAEP Use Only
		 				T					

Sheet of			Students with Disa Pue	bili erto	itie Ri	s (S co	5D)	W	ork	she She	et ::et	. of	_	S	CHOOL #: -]-		
K	L	М	N											0			Р	Q
NAEP 2013 Students with Disabilities (SD)						Whic	h of tl	he fol	lowing	; IDE.					bes this student's identified disability(ies)? at apply)			
Worksheet Puerto Rico	NAEP Subject M = Mathematics	Session #/ Line #	NAEP Student Booklet ID # (Column O on Admin. Schedule)	Specific learning disability	Hearing impairment/deafness	Visual impairment/blindness	Speech or language impairment	Intellectual disability	Emotional disturbance	Orthopedic impairment	Traumatic brain injury	Autism	Developmental delay (age 9 or younger)	Other health impairment (Record the other health impairment in the space to the right)	Other health impairment (specify)	the decree of this student's	what is the upprese of this student's disability(res): 1 = Profound/Severe 2 = Moderate 3 - Mild	1 = At or above grade level 2 = One year below grade level 3 = Two or more years below grade level 4 = Not receiving instruction in this subject 5 = Don't know
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
		 		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			\square	-
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			\square	-
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			\square	-
															NAEP 2013 SD Worksheet School 183158-001:321 Printed in 1	the USA I	by Pearson	ISD8962

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

(Please review these instructions before completing the SD Worksheet)

Puerto Rico

NAEP's goal is to be as inclusive as possible. The expectation is that all students, except the most cognitively disabled, will participate on NAEP, as they do on their state assessments.

NAEP results are not reported for individual students or schools and do not affect 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 SD Inclusion Guidelines.
- 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)?

- Return all completed worksheets to the NAEP school coordinator by the date requested.
- If you are the school coordinator, put the completed worksheets in the red NAEP Storage Envelope. Your NAEP representative will collect them at the preassessment visit.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1850-0790**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per student including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form**, wirte directly to: NAEP/NCES, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

A project of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every NCES employee as well as every agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. OMB No. 1850-0790 • Approval Expires 04/30/2013

Т

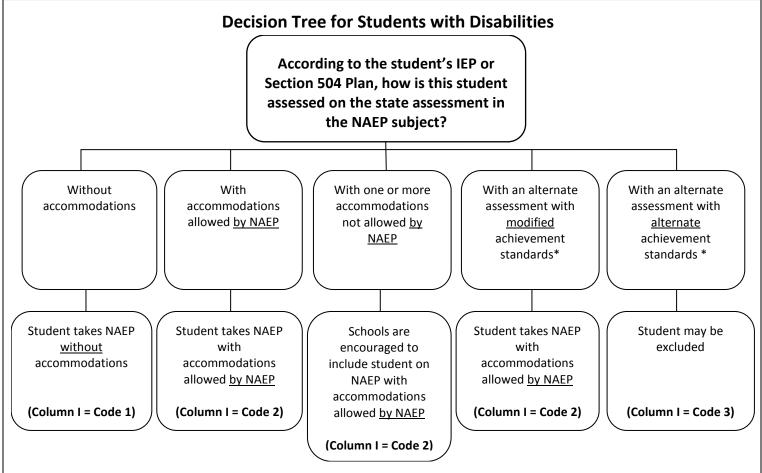
Columns A through D are preprinted.

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

Columns E through I are to be completed by school staff.

- **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 SD Inclusion Guidelines for information on the allowed accommodations*.
- Column H: Record if all the student's required accommodations are allowed in the NAEP subject. *Refer* to the enclosed SD Inclusion Guidelines 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 SD Inclusion Guidelines for more information about alternate assessments with <u>modified</u> or <u>alternate</u> achievement standards in your state.

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

Columns K through N are preprinted.

Columns O through Q are to be completed by school staff.

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

Record the degree of each student's disability(ies) recorded in column O, 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 Q: At what grade level does this student perform in the NAEP subject listed in column L?

Record the grade level at which the student <u>performs</u> in the NAEP subject listed in column L, 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
- 4 = Not receiving instruction in this subject
- 5 =Don't know



Dear Principal or Administrator:

Thank you for allowing your school to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). These assessments are vital to measuring the academic skills and progress of the students in our nation and in each state.

As you know, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that all students with disabilities participate in state and district wide assessment programs through regular assessments, including with appropriate accommodations when necessary, or alternate assessments. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) likewise requires the participation of students with disabilities in the student academic assessments required under that Act, and also requires that English language learners, as well as other groups of students, participate in those state assessments. The law allows for reasonable accommodations on assessments administered to English language learners. Although federal law does not explicitly specify similar requirements regarding the participation of students with disabilities and English language learners in NAEP, the NAEP program has been working very hard to make its sample of students taking the assessments as representative as possible of all students. We are asking you to ensure that the greatest possible number of students with disabilities and English language learners in your school, who are selected to participate, do in fact take the assessments.

Please keep in mind that NAEP does not produce results for individual students or schools, as your state or district tests might. All results are summarized only at the national and state levels (and for a few large urban districts). In other words, the NAEP assessments do not impose consequences for the student or the school, and are instead intended purely to provide a picture of educational performance and progress.

We want to include as many students as possible in the picture NAEP provides for us. For this reason, we ask you to do all you can to help ensure the participation of students who are selected for NAEP whenever possible, including students with disabilities and English language learners. Students taking the NAEP are able to use most of the testing accommodations they usually receive in other tests (e.g., extended time, small group testing). Most students with disabilities and English language learners are indeed able to participate in NAEP with their fellow students.

NAEP is one of the most visible and important indicators of educational performance in this country, and we very much appreciate your support in making NAEP as inclusive as possible.

Mill 1 hits

Richard L. Smith Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary Office of English Language Acquisition

les Parmy

Alexa Posny Assistant Secretary Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

400 MARYLAND AVE. S.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20202-6510

www.ed.gov