

Memorandum

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SUBJECT: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2018 Communication Materials Change Request (OMB# 1850-0928 v.4).

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Public Law 107-279 Title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. The nature of NAEP is that burden alternates from a relatively low burden in national-level administration years to a substantial burden increase in state-level administration years when the sample has to allow for estimates for individual states and some of the large urban districts. NAEP 2017-2019 data collections were approved in August 2016, with the latest revision in September 2016 (OMB# 1850-0928 v.1-3).

This request is to update the 2017-2019 NAEP approved record with communication materials that will be used in NAEP 2018. The recruitment materials have been updated for NAEP 2018 to reflect the specific assessments to be administered. The previously approved materials for NAEP 2017 have been renamed from Appendix J to Appendix J1 (no other changes, besides changing the title, have been made to those materials and the former Appendix J). The materials for the early stages of NAEP 2018 recruitment are provided in a new document, Appendix J2. Additional materials for later stages of NAEP 2018 recruitment will be submitted as additional parts to Appendix J2, in a subsequent OMB clearance request.

This amendment does not change the estimated respondent burden or the cost to the federal government.