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<p>The National Assessment of Educational Progress, or <i>NAEP</i>, is considered the gold standard of student assessment. Every two years, NAEP collects data from a representative sample of students all over the United States, results for which are reported to the public as <i>the Nation's Report Card</i>.</p>	<p><i>Students are taking assessments on digital devices.</i></p>
<p>COVID-19 has posed unique and significant challenges to our nation's schools, making it more important than ever that we have a trusted national measure of our students' achievements. Policymakers at all levels will be looking to future NAEP results to monitor pandemic disruptions to student learning and our nation's road to recovery.</p>	<p><i>The Nation's Report Card website ( <a href="https://nationsreportcard.gov">nationsreportcard.gov</a> ) showing NAEP 2022 Mathematic Assessment Highlights - "Largest score declines in NAEP mathematics at grades 4 and 8 since initial assessments in 1990."</i></p>
<p>Interested in joining our mission for the upcoming data collection? Here's what working for NAEP looks like. Each assessment team will typically have one Assessment Administrator, or AA, who interacts with the students and guides the data collection in an assessment group. This person visits each school with an Assessment Coordinator, or AC, who makes the arrangements with schools in advance and brings all the equipment on assessment day.</p>	<p><i>NAEP representative is loading a large plastic case into the back of the car.</i></p>
<p>This team starts their day at a school by meeting at a designated time, gathering all the equipment, and bringing it inside to meet their school contact and set up the testing room. Once NAEP staff ensure students are logged into the testing software, assessments begin with random-sampled groups of fourth, eighth, and twelfth graders. Your team might also work closely with school staff to provide accommodations for sampled students with disabilities or who are English language learners.</p>	<p><i>Two NAEP representatives are bringing the equipment into the school on carts with wheels. Then, a NAEP representative shakes hands with school staff. Students take the assessment on digital devices, under the NAEP staff's supervision. School staff review documentation, and a student communicates in American Sign Language.</i></p>
<p>After an assessment, your team of NAEP staff conducts quality control checks, submits the assessment data through the Internet, packs the equipment, and works together again to load everything back into vehicles.</p>	<p><i>NAEP representatives check their work on an administrative device. Then, NAEP representatives dismiss the students back to class and pack their materials. NAEP representatives exit the school.</i></p>

<p>Teams all over the United States and Puerto Rico do this so that the results are truly representative of what our nation’s students know and can do in key subjects.</p> <p>Digital devices continue to advance and play an important role in modern learning. One of NAEP’s goals is to be able to assess students on the devices they are most familiar with. In this way, NAEP can flexibly, meaningfully, and reliably measure trends in student achievement and experiences over time.</p>	<p><i>Video of multiple teams across the United States performing the same assessment protocols.</i></p>
<p>How would staff be trained to conduct these NAEP assessments? That differs by role.</p> <p>Staff who work as assessment <b>administrators</b> will complete “distance training” for procedures online, from the convenience of your home.</p> <p>Staff who work as assessment <b>coordinators</b> will complete pre-scheduled, virtual training consisting of live Zoom sessions led by an instructor, training modules, and exercises. Attendance and completion of training is required.</p>	
<p>We hope that you’ll consider joining the team and apply for the open positions in your area!</p> <p>Conducting NAEP assessments requires availability on <i>weekdays</i> during <i>school hours</i>.</p> <p>This kind of work is ideal for people looking for part-time, temporary work and enjoy working in schools; people like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parents looking to re-enter the workforce,</li> <li>• students with flexible schedules who take classes at night or over the weekends,</li> <li>• military spouses new to town or leaving soon,</li> <li>• past educators interested in school technology trends, and</li> <li>• many more.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Potential NAEP representatives smiling at the camera.</i></p>

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NAEP helps to inform decisions about how to improve the education system in our country. It's considered to be so important that Congress actually *mandates* its administration. Working for NAEP is so much more than a job; it's an opportunity to get involved. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you'll join us for this next NAEP data collection!"