



**West Valley School**  
**Above and Beyond-**  
**The West Valley Way**

NAEP 2022 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER  
Grade 8 – Mathematics and Reading Assessments

12/6/21

Dear Parent or Guardian:

West Valley School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 24, 2022. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The assessment is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

The assessment takes about 120 minutes for most students which includes transition time and instruction. Your child may be selected for the assessment to take either a mathematics or reading assessment.

**The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.**

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- Students with Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) or Section 504 Plans will be given accommodations.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by Friday, December 17, 2021.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that West Valley School's students will show what our nation's students know and can do. If you have questions, contact Teri Dierenfield at 406-755-7239 or at [tdierenfield@westvalleyschool.com](mailto:tdierenfield@westvalleyschool.com).

Sincerely,

Tina Blair  
Middle School Principal

*National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). All of the information provided by participants may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES 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 \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.*