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**NAEP 2019 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER**  
**Grade 12 – Mathematics, reading, and science assessments**

**January 25, 2019**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Cooper Academy at Navarro will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

Your child may take an assessment in mathematics, reading, or science. In addition to subject area questions, NAEP survey questionnaires are voluntarily completed by students. Your child may also receive an extended questionnaire that takes up to 10 more minutes and asks additional contextual questions. The questionnaires help by providing valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and out of the classroom. More information about NAEP survey questionnaires is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?"

Assessments take about 120 minutes for most students, including transition time and directions.

**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.
- 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, February 1, 2019.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do his or her 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>. Contact Esperanza Pedrazine at 210-438-6810 or at [epedrazine@saisd.net](mailto:epedrazine@saisd.net) if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Cooper Academy at Navarro's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

Robert Loveland