How to read Minnesota's NAEP results

NAEP provides a consistent national benchmark—within the same grade and subject.

THE NATION'S REPORT CARD

A national comparison—not a test of Minnesota standards

NAEP measures how well students apply reading and mathematics knowledge and skills defined in national assessment frameworks.

It gives states a common yardstick, but it does not measure Minnesota's state academic standards.

Scores are reported on a 0–500 scale

What the assessments measure

READING

Understanding, interpreting and using literary and informational texts.

MATHEMATICS

Number and operations, measurement, geometry, data and statistics, probability and algebra.

Compare like with like

Assessment scales differ by grade and subject. Do not compare Grade 4 reading directly with Grade 8 reading—or with mathematics. Minnesota Kids Rise charts compare Minnesota with the national public-school average within the same grade and subject, over time.

Who is assessed?

Representative samples in Grades 4, 8 and 12. State-level reading and mathematics results—including Minnesota comparisons—are reported for Grades 4 and 8.

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Minnesota 2024 snapshots: Grade 4 and Grade 8 reading and mathematics | Sources: nationsreportcard.gov, nces.ed.gov and nagb.gov