

CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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NAEP 2011 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to tell you that our school has been selected to represent Rhode Island and the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is given in all 50 states including the District of Columbia to 4th and 8th graders. This year, NAEP is conducting several assessments in our state, some of them on the computer: reading, mathematics, writing, and science. Each child will be taking only **one** of the tests either by paper and pencil or on the computer.

In 2009, Rhode Island made large gains on the NAEP assessments in mathematics and reading. In mathematics, scores went up in both 4th and 8th grade along with four other states: DC, Nevada, New Hampshire, and Vermont. In reading, Rhode Island 4th graders scored higher on NAEP compared to previous years. Also, a greater percentage of students are achieving at higher levels in both mathematics and reading and at both grades. This is great news for Rhode Islanders. It means we are improving education in our state. The results of NAEP are published in a report called The Nation's Report Card. This report provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public. Results can also be found on the RIDE website at:
<http://www.ride.ri.gov/assessment/naep.aspx>.

In our school, the NAEP assessments will be given on February 10, 2011 in mathematics, reading, and/or writing. Your child may be selected to take one of these assessments. In addition to the test, students will be asked some questions about themselves and their educational experience. You can access student and sample test questions at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/>.

It will take 90 minutes for most students to complete NAEP. Some tests may be on the computer and those take longer to complete. The results are confidential and your child's grades will not be affected. You may excuse your child from participation for any reason. Also, your child is not required to finish the assessment, and may skip any test question. While NAEP is voluntary, we depend on student participation to provide an accurate measure of student achievement that will inform improvements in education. Your child will represent many other students, so participation is very important. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by February 3, 2011.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do ask parents to encourage their children to do their best and to have them get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

If you would like to have additional information about NAEP, please contact Heather Heineke at the RI Department of Education at 401-222-8493 or by email at heather.heineke@ride.ri.gov.

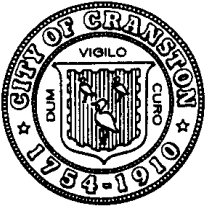
We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP, and we are pleased that your child may be selected. We know that our students will help show the nation how much education has improved in our state and across the nation.

Sincerely,

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