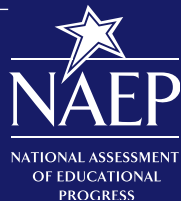


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Thank You to NAEP 2021 Participating Private Schools!

Thank you to all of the private schools that participated in the NAEP 2021 School Survey! Private schools participated at high rates in the monthly administration of the NAEP 2021 School Survey, and results were reportable for private schools, Catholic schools, and non-Catholic private schools for February through May 2021.

In February, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) launched the monthly NAEP 2021 School Survey, which surveyed approximately 3,500 public and private schools at grades 4 and 8. The survey was administered monthly from February to June 2021 and gathered data on schools' experiences from January to May 2021. With the participation of educators and school leaders across the country, the survey provided data on instructional modes and attendance rates starting in the winter and through the end of the 2020–21 school year. Private schools account for about 25 percent of all schools in the nation and educate about 9 percent of the nation's students.

Without the participation of private schools, NAEP would not be able to fully report how the nation's students are learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. See page 2 for more details about the school survey and results for private schools.

What's Happening in the World of NAEP for Private Schools?

Fall 2021

- Results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2021 School Survey were released for the final month of data collection (May) in July 2021. A final report will be available later this fall.
- Results from the NAEP 2020 Long-Term Trend mathematics and reading assessments for ages 9 and 13 will be released.
- Results from the NAEP 2019 High School Transcript Study will be released.
- Private schools selected for NAEP 2022 will be notified. NAEP representatives will help private schools prepare for the assessment. For more information about NAEP 2022, see page 4 of this edition of *Measure Up for Private Schools*.

Winter 2021/2022

- Private school students selected for NAEP 2022 will take assessments between January and March 2022.



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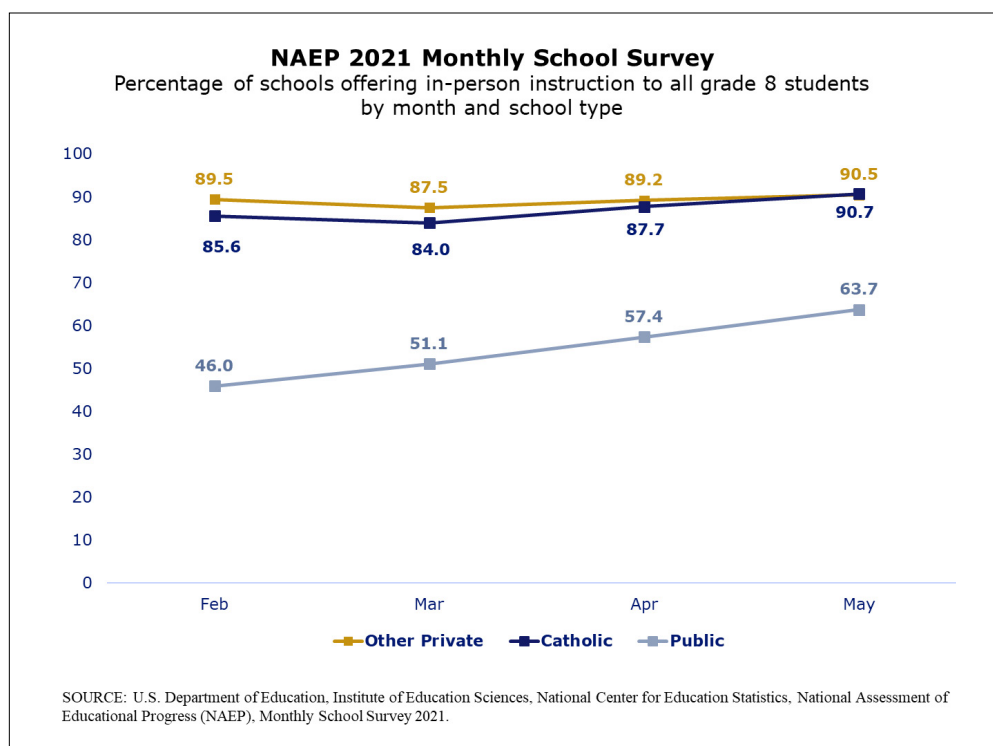
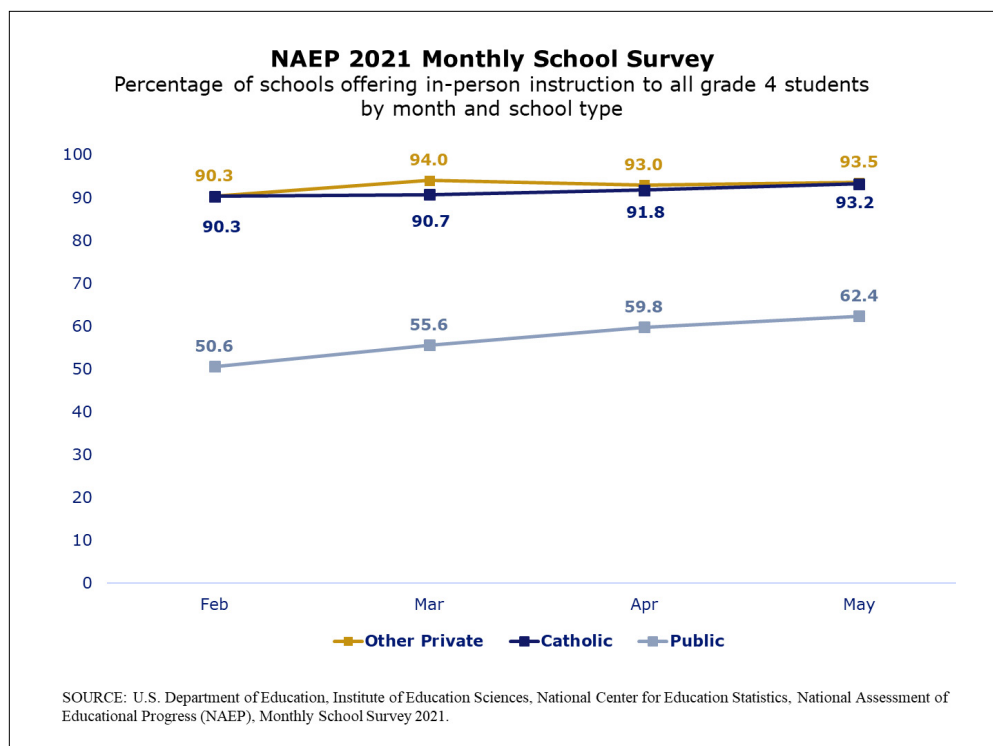


Results From the NAEP 2021 School Survey for Private Schools

Results from the NAEP 2021 School Survey were reportable for Catholic, other private (non-Catholic), and public schools at grades 4 and 8. Between February and May 2021, a significantly higher percentage of Catholic and other private schools reported offering students in-person instruction compared to public schools.

Results from this survey will be used to analyze NAEP 2022 data by contributing additional contextual factors for understanding educational outcomes of the nation's fourth- and eighth-grade students. Visit the Monthly School Survey Dashboard at <https://ies.ed.gov/schoolsurvey> to explore these and more results.

HELPFUL TIP: To explore results for private schools, select the month at the top of the page, choose the variable you would like to explore, and then select the "school type" option to show results for private and other types of schools.



Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the NAEP Assessment Schedule

Between January and March 2021, NCES planned to administer NAEP assessments to students in public and private schools at grades 4 and 8 in a variety of subjects. Students in grade 4 were to be assessed in mathematics and reading, and students in grade 8 were to be assessed in civics, mathematics, reading, and U.S. history. In November 2020, it became clear that it would not be possible for NCES to conduct NAEP assessments in a way that provides sufficient validity and reliability to report meaningful results. The primary reason was that a significant percentage of the nation's students were receiving their education through distance learning or were physically attending schools in locations where outside visitors to the schools were being kept to a minimum due to COVID-19 levels.

After careful consideration of these factors, and the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made to postpone the NAEP 2021 assessments to 2022. You can read more about this decision in the NCES Commissioner's statement at https://nces.ed.gov/whatsnew/commissioner/remarks2020/11_25_2020.asp. You can also find additional details about the NAEP 2022 program on page 4.



Public and private schools that were selected for NAEP 2021 still participated in important data collection activities that helped the nation's leaders better understand how students were receiving instruction throughout the pandemic. The NAEP 2021 School survey was conducted in accordance with the Executive Order on Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools and Early Childhood Education Providers (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/21/executive-order-supporting-the-reopening-and-continuing-operation-of-schools-and-early-childhood-education-providers>).

The Executive Order mandated that the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) collect the data necessary to fully understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on schools, including the status of in-person learning at schools across the country. These schools provided valuable data each month between January and May 2021 about learning modes offered in schools, such as the percentages of students receiving instruction remotely, in-person, or in a hybrid mode. (See page 2 for private school results from this survey.)

The NAEP 2022 Assessment Program

The NAEP 2022 program will include grade-based assessments—referred to as main NAEP—for grades 4 and 8, as well as the long-term trend assessment for 9-year-olds.

Age or Grade	Type of NAEP Assessment	Subject	Format	Assessment Window
Grade 4	Main	Mathematics Reading	Tablet	January 24– March 4, 2022
Grade 8	Main	Civics Mathematics Reading U.S. History	Tablet	January 24– March 4, 2022
Age 9	Long-term trend	Mathematics Reading	Paper and pencil	January 10– March 18, 2022

Each student will be assessed in only one subject. NAEP representatives will bring all materials and equipment to the school on assessment day. Students will spend up to 120 minutes completing the assessment. This includes transition time, directions, and completion of a student questionnaire. The questionnaire provides valuable information about students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both inside and outside of the classroom. Teachers and schools will also complete a survey questionnaire. There is no teacher questionnaire in the long-term trend assessment, but a school questionnaire will be administered.

Results will be released at the national, state, and select urban district levels for the mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8. National results will be released for the civics and U.S. history assessments at grade 8 and the long-term trend assessment at age 9. Assuming participation standards for reporting are met, results will also be reported for overall private schools, Catholic, and other (non-Catholic) private schools.

NAEP PRIVATE SCHOOL VIDEO

Learn about the pivotal role that private schools play in NAEP, the value of NAEP to private schools, and what participating in the assessment is like. View the private school video for insights about the NAEP experience from heads of schools, teachers, and a private school organization leader. Visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/nonpublicschools.aspx> to view the 4-minute video.

To learn more about private school participation in NAEP, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/nonpublicschools.aspx>.
Did your private school participate in NAEP? Would you like to tell us about your experience?
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