

# SCHOLAR ACADEMY

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

## NAEP 2019 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER Grades 4 and 8 – Mathematics and reading assessments

January 3, 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Scholar Academy will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 or reading. In addition to subject-area questions, NAEP survey questionnaires are voluntarily completed by students. The questionnaires provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and out of the classroom. As part of the 2019 National Indian Education Study, American Indian and Alaska Native students may receive additional questions tailored to their educational experiences and their opportunities to learn about their culture and traditions. More information about NAEP survey questionnaires is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?"

The assessment takes 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 January 11<sup>th</sup>. You may e-mail me at [sshepard@scholarcharter.org](mailto:sshepard@scholarcharter.org).

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 **Sandra Shepard** at **435-566-6957** or at [sshepard@scholarcharter.org](mailto:sshepard@scholarcharter.org) if you have any questions.

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

Sincerely,

Sandra Shepard  
Principal