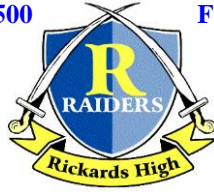


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January 22, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

James Rickards High School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. 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/guardians, policymakers, and the public.

Your child (will/may) take a mathematics, reading, or science assessment. In addition to subject-area questions, students voluntarily complete NAEP survey questions. These questions provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom. More information about NAEP survey questions 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, which includes transition time, directions, and completion of survey questions

. 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 Thursday, February 1, 2024.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. Contact Jacqueline Goodman at (850) 414-5500 or at goodmanj@leonschools.net if you have any questions. We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that James Rickards High School's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

Douglas Cook

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