

# West Virginia Department of Education

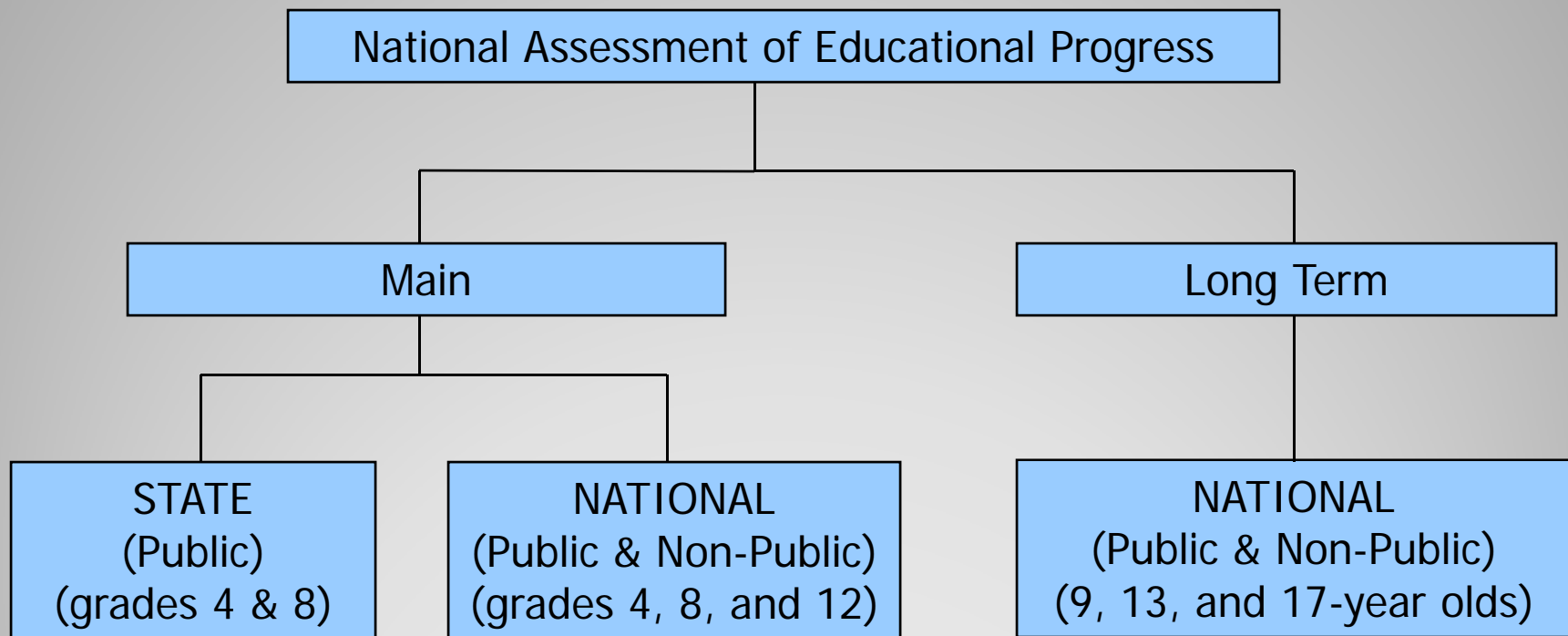
What is NAEP?

Why should it be important  
to schools?



What Every  
West Virginia Educator  
Needs to Know

# NAEP Components



## NAEP:

### The Nation's Report Card

- ✓ NAEP is the Nation's only monitor of what students know and can do in various subject areas
- ✓ NAEP is a survey designed to produce national and state level results
- ✓ NAEP produces results for populations, not individuals

## Why is NAEP Important in West Virginia?

- NAEP is the only on-going assessment for national comparisons
- NAEP is a part of WV State Code (§18-2E-2)
- NAEP is a part of Policy 2340 – Statewide Assessment Program
- NAEP is a part of *No Child Left Behind*

# **New Context for NAEP**

## No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

“to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and State academic assessments.”

## **New Context for NAEP**

This legislation requires states/districts who receive Title I funding to participate in state NAEP in reading and mathematics at grades 4 and 8 every two years. State participation in other state NAEP subjects, science and writing, remains voluntary in many states

## *How will NAEP be used?*

- An important discussion tool
- Will provide a “second opinion” about student achievement on state tests
- National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) principles for using NAEP to confirm test results permit NAEP to be used as evidence to confirm the **general trend** of state tests in grades 4 and 8 in reading and mathematics.

# Results

- State results only (No student, classroom, school, county, or RESA results)
- Average scale scores
- Achievement levels: Advanced, Proficient, Basic

# Important Information

- NAEP General Information:  
<http://nationsreportcard.gov/>
- NAEP Data Explorer:  
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nde/>
- NAEP Questions Tool:  
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrls>
- NAEP Item Maps:  
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itemmaps/>
- Office of Student Assessment Services/NAEP:  
<http://osa.k12.wv.us/naep.htm>

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