



Forest Grove Community School
Scholarship, Stewardship & Citizenship

December 4, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

FGCS 4th graders have been selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The NAEP will be administered at FGCS on February 11, 2019. Your student will be assigned either a reading or math assessment that will take approximately two hours to complete. NAEP is separate from state assessments and is intended to provide a common measure of student achievement nationwide. The results are released as 'The Nation's Report Card' to educators, parents, policymakers and the public.

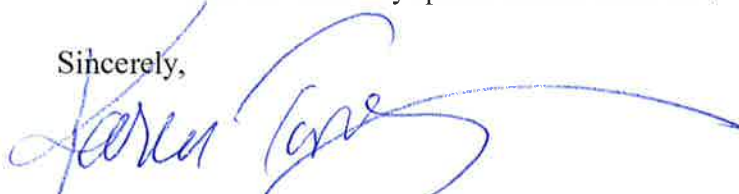
NAEP is voluntary. If you do not want your student to participate in the NAEP, please notify me at k.torry@fgcschool.org by January 31, 2019.

Additional information about the NAEP: Student grades are not affected; students do not receive scores; test answers are confidential and will not be shared with the school, district or Oregon Department of Education; and students may be excused from the test for any reason, do not have to finish the entire test and may skip any question.

After students complete the NAEP test, they will be asked some survey questions, including questions about themselves, their educational experiences here at FGCS, access to technology, parent employment/educational history and information about their living situations. As part of the 2019 National Indian Education Study, American Indian and Alaska Native students may receive additional questions tailored to their experiences and opportunities to learn about their cultural traditions. Student survey questions may be viewed at https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/experience/survey_questionnaires.aspx. **Students may skip any survey questions they prefer not to answer.**

Please contact me with any questions about NAEP.

Sincerely,



Karen Torry, Director of School Operations

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). All of the information provided by participants may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.