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Sixty Post eighth-graders participate in U.S. Department of Education testing

ARLINGTON- Sixty Post Middle School students participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on March 5. NAEP is different from state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The test is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, a part of the U.S. Department of Education.

“The results are published in the Nation’s Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public,” said Adriene Canady, NAEP representative. “This is federal-level data. It’s really an apples to apples comparison where we’re able to compare data across the board.”

Students from Presidents Elementary participated in the testing last month. Schools with the most diverse demographic are selected for testing and students are chosen at random. Students can be tested in fourth, eighth, or 12th grade in either English or math.

“Our students were excited to be chosen,” said Post Middle School Principal, Voni Walker. “We made several morning announcements before the testing so they had a positive mindset going into the test. I wanted them to perform to their potential.”

The testing was anonymous and does not affect the student’s grades.

“It was cool to represent our school on a nationwide test,” said eighth-grader Ashleigh Bergstrom. “It’s nice to know people are taking an interest in our education.”

NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in a variety of subjects.

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