

Marissa Jr./Sr. High School



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**NAEP 2011-2012 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER
LTT Age 9, 13, and 17 or Grade 12 Economics, Mathematics, and Reading
September 28, 2011**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Marissa Jr/Sr High School has been selected to represent schools across the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education, and is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our nation's students know and can do. NAEP has been providing valid and reliable information on student performance since 1969.

The results of NAEP are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

In our school, the NAEP assessment will be given on October 27th in mathematics and reading. Your child has been selected to take the assessment. In addition to answering questions in one subject, students will be asked some questions about themselves and their educational experience.

It will take about 90 minutes for most students to participate in the assessment. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), and your child's grades will not be affected. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to finish the assessment, and may skip any test question. While NAEP is voluntary, we depend on student participation to provide an accurate measure of student achievement that will inform improvements in education. **Your child will represent many other students, so participation is very important.** However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by **Thursday, October 6th**.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do, however, ask parents to encourage their children to do their best and get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

If you would like additional information about NAEP or to view sample questions, please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents>. If you have questions or would like to review a booklet that includes sample subject area and student questions, please contact me at 295-2393 or via e-mail at mheuring@marissa40.org.

We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP, and we are pleased that your child has been selected. **We know that Marissa Jr/Sr High School's students will help us show what our nation's students know and can do.**

Sincerely,

School Principal