



MEYER LEVIN SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 285

(NAEP) 2011 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER
Computer-Based Middle and High Schools

January 31, 2011

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to tell you that Meyer Levin I.S. 285 has been selected to represent schools across our state and the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is given by the National Center for Education Statistics with the U.S. Department of Education and tells us what our nation's students know and can do in key subject areas. It is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment and has been providing valid and reliable data on student performance since 1969.

The results of NAEP are published in a report called The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

In our school, the NAEP computer-based assessment will be given on February 7, 2011 in (mathematics or writing). In some high schools, students may take economics, a paper-and-pencil assessment. Your child (may be/has been) selected to take the assessment. In addition to subject area questions, students will be asked some questions about themselves and the educational experience. You can access student and sample assessment questions at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/>.

It will take about 120 minutes for most students to complete NAEP. 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 may 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 February 4, 2011.

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

If you would like to have additional information about NAEP, please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. If you have questions or would like to review a booklet that includes sample subject area and student questions, please contact me at (718)451-2200 or via e-mail at funderw2@schools.nyc.gov.

We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP, and we are pleased that your child (may be/has been selected). **We know that Meyer Levin I.S. 285's students will help us show what our nation's students know and can do.**

Sincerely,

Frederick A. Underwood
Principal

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