National Assessment of Educational Progress:
Plan for Assessment Day Data Collection December 2021–February 2022

SUMMARY

As part of the 2022 NAEP data collection activity, NCES asked participating schools about their policies dealing with masking for staff and students as well as social distancing. Results suggest that schools with a higher proportion of minority students, schools in the Northeast and more urban schools had stricter COVID policies when it came to these three areas.
Student-required masking ranged from about 3% of schools in Florida to 100% of schools in several states

Percentage of combined fourth- and eighth-grade public schools by policies for student masking for participating states:
December 2021–January 2022

Key Takeaway

Less than 50% of schools required masking for students in 21 states
Schools requiring staff masking ranged from about 8% of schools in South Dakota to 100% of schools for several states.

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Less than 50% of schools required masking for staff in 21 states.
Schools with social distancing policies ranged from 8% of schools in North Dakota to 95% of schools in New Jersey.

Percentage of combined fourth- and eighth-grade public schools by policies for social distancing for participating states: December 2021-January 2022.

Key Takeaway

Less than 50% of schools required social distancing in 17 states.