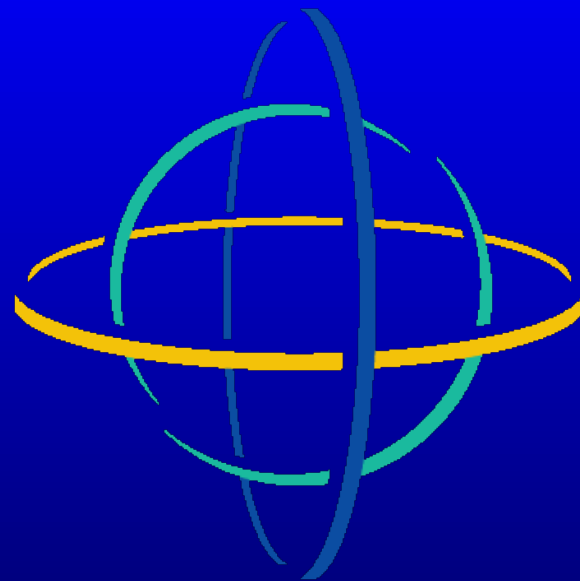


Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2009

Coming to our School!



What is PISA?

PISA stands for

Program for International Student Assessment

Who administers PISA?

Internationally, PISA is administered by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

...and by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in the United States.

PISA Background

- Began in 2000 and is administered every 3 years
- Designed to benchmark student performance in reading, math and science across countries
- Different from other assessments by assessing students' ability to apply their knowledge and skills to meet real-life challenges
- 68 countries will participate in PISA 2009

International Comparability

- PISA ensures that items are comparable across countries, cultures and languages
 - Review and input by countries
 - Detailed item analysis
 - Field test of how items work in all countries
- PISA employs strict procedures for sample coverage and has a sampling referee to validate countries' samples.

Who endorses PISA?

- 15 education organizations have endorsed PISA 2009
 - American Association of School Administrators
 - American Federation of Teachers
 - Council for American Private Education
 - Council of Chief State School Officers
 - Council of Great City Schools
 - International Reading Association
 - National Association of Secondary School Principals
 - National Association of State Boards of Education
 - National Association of Test Directors
 - National Catholic Education Association, Department of Secondary Schools
 - National Christian School Association
 - National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
 - National Education Association
 - National High School Association
 - National Middle School Association

What this means to our school

- We're one of a small group of schools selected to participate, representing many other schools in the United States.
- Up to 42 15-year-old students are randomly selected by PISA—including students in your classes.
- Our school will receive a \$200 honorarium for participating.

What students should expect

- Students will be assessed in reading, mathematics and science.
- Reading is the main focus of PISA 2009 and will have the largest number of items.
- Reading, math and science questions are multiple choice AND short answer.
- The assessment also includes a questionnaire asking students a few basic demographic questions, as well as questions about their interests and experiences in school.

What students should expect, cont'd.

- PISA items are unique! They are based on real life situations.
- PISA examines how well students apply what they have learned.
- There's no need for students to study or prepare.
- Student results are anonymous, but they will contribute to the national average.

What students should expect, cont'd.

- Testing takes place in the *Fall of 2009* and will take about 2 1/2 hours.
- We'll call students out of class that day.
- Students will receive a hall pass telling them where to report.
- Students will receive \$20 for participating.
- Students will also receive a Certificate of Volunteer Service awarding them 2 1/2 hours of service time.

Why the participation of our students is important!

- Each selected student represents hundreds of students across the nation
- Important decisions about education are made using results from PISA
- Results are used by the media and policymakers to inform US discourse about the quality of our education system
- Students can contribute towards improving the quality of education for every student in the country.

PISA is important!

- Encourage our students to do their best because they represent other students from the country!
- It's a great way to do something good and contribute to the future of education.

Thank you!!