

**PROGRAM FOR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT
ASSESSMENT
(PISA) 2009**

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focusing on young peoples' abilities to use their knowledge and skills to meet real-life challenges in the future.

PISA provides a unique opportunity for the United States to understand its educational standing at the secondary school level in comparison to other nations. Findings from PISA are a valuable tool in discussing ways to improve reading, mathematics, and science achievement for all students in this country, by examining education policies and practices world wide.

TIMELINE OF PISA 2009 ASSESSMENT

	Fall 2008	Summer 2009 Preassessment Contact	Fall 2009 Assessment Visit	Benefits
Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selects an assessment date convenient for your school. Identifies a school coordinator. The school coordinator works with PISA staff to plan for the assessment. 	<p>Completes a School Questionnaire asking about the characteristics of the school and its enrollment, resources, policies, and learning environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arranges assessment space. Helps ensure all sampled students attend the assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receives a \$200 check for the school. Represents other similar US schools. Receives PISA report comparing school to U.S. and OECD averages. Receives U.S. national report with final results.
School Coordinator		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invited to International PISA conference in Washington, DC. Prepares a student list by faxing, mailing or emailing to Westat. Ensures parents are notified that their children have been selected for the assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collects completed School Questionnaire and returns it to PISA staff. Ensures all sampled students are released from class for the assessment. Meets with PISA representative and reviews the assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receives a \$100 check. Receives U.S. national report with final results.
Students			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected students take an assessment and complete a Student Questionnaire, in a 150 minute session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive a \$20 check. Receive a Certificate of Volunteer Service for 2 1/2 hours of community service. Represent other U.S. students like themselves and contribute to the profile of what American students know and can do.
Supported by PISA Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides school with materials explaining PISA and its importance. Works with the principal to set an assessment date. Helps school coordinator with assessment details. Maintains school and student confidentiality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calls the school coordinator to discuss assessment day space, and student participation. Selects student sample. Provides a School Questionnaire to the school coordinator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducts assessment from start to finish. Furnishes all the assessment materials, pencils, and test booklets. Conducts a follow-up interview with the school coordinator at the end of the assessment. Packs up the materials to ensure that the assessments are complete and secure. 	
Find Out More	http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/PISA			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides valuable data to policymakers, educators, researchers, and the general public about what American students know in the assessed subjects.