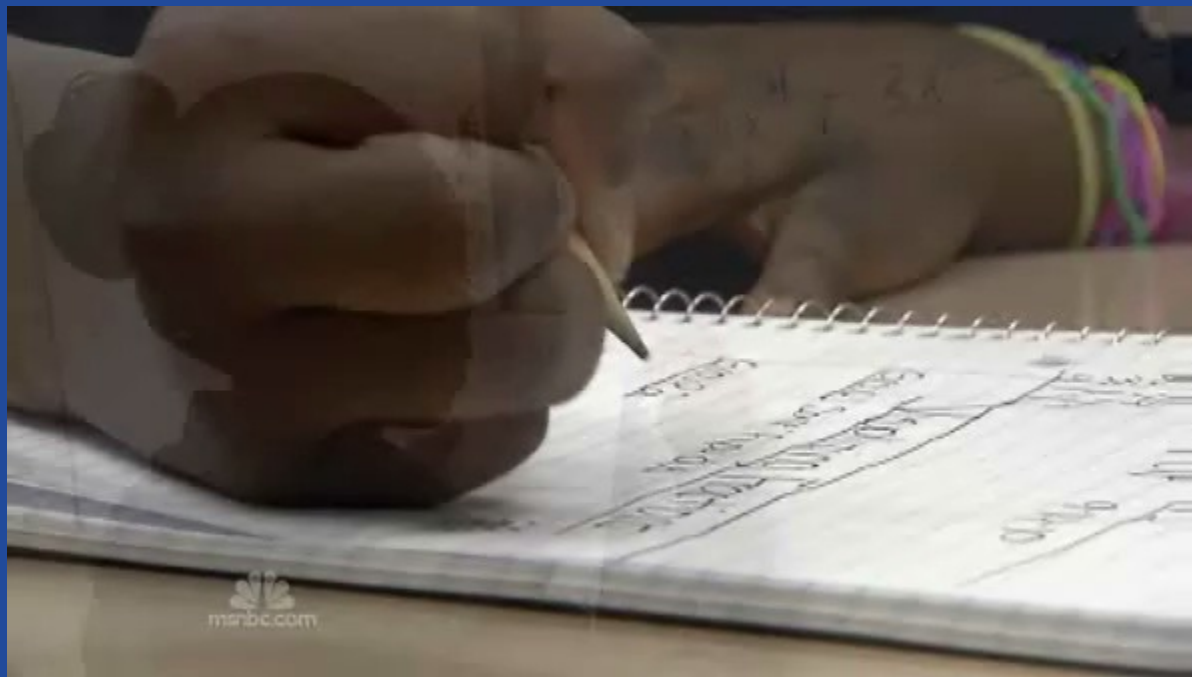




**Welcome to the U.S.  
PISA Team!**



NBC Nightly News  
December 7, 2010

# What is PISA?

- **PISA** stands for:  
  
**P**rogram for **I**nternational  
**S**tudent **A**ssessment

# What is PISA?

- PISA is the world's largest international education study.
- PISA measures how well 15-year-old students apply knowledge to real-world problems in reading, mathematics, problem solving and financial literacy.
- PISA helps the United States learn about our international competitiveness.

# What is PISA?

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“Today’s PISA results show that America needs to urgently accelerate student learning to remain competitive in the global economy of the 21st century.

- Secretary Arne Duncan

(OECD)

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hai’s teenagers topped every other jurisdiction in all three subjects. Hong Kong also ranked in the top four on all three assessments.

Though Hong Kong took part in earlier rounds of the OECD’s Programme for International

universities and to the best secondary schools), a very high level of student engagement, a modern assessment system, an ambitious curriculum, and a program to intervene in weak schools.

Today most cities and towns

dren in our language. But we could comfort ourselves that their curriculum emphasized discipline and rote learning, not analysis or creativity.

Today that comfort has been stripped away. We must face the fact that China is bent on sur-

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# Who participates in PISA?



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# Who participates in PISA?

- You are one of only 42 students in our school and 1,800 students across the entire United States to be invited to participate in this prestigious assessment.
- By participating, you will represent thousands of other students across the country. PISA results help our country improve the education system.



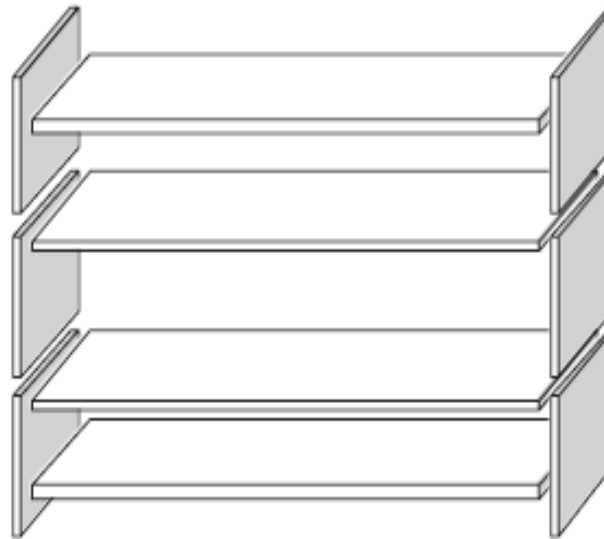
# What should I expect?

- You may be asked questions in reading, mathematics, problem solving or financial literacy, or a combination, based on real-life situations.
  - You may be asked to take the assessment on the computer, with paper and pencil, or both.
  - The questions will have multiple-choice and short-answer responses.
- The assessment also includes questions about you and your attitudes and experiences in school.

# Sample Math Question

To complete one set of bookshelves a carpenter needs the following components:

- 4 long wooden panels,
- 6 short wooden panels,
- 12 small clips,
- 2 large clips and
- 14 screws.



The carpenter has in stock 26 long wooden panels, 33 short wooden panels, 200 small clips, 20 large clips and 510 screws.

How many sets of bookshelves can the carpenter make?

Answer: | .....

# Sample Reading Question

## Feel good in your runners

For 14 years the Sports Medicine Centre of Lyon (France) has been studying the injuries of young sports players and sports professionals. The study has established that the best course is prevention ... and good shoes.



According to the article, why should sports shoes not be too rigid?



## Knocks, falls, wear and tear...

Eighteen per cent of sports players aged 8 to 12 already have heel injuries. The cartilage of a footballer's ankle does not respond well to shocks, and 25% of professionals have discovered for themselves that it is an especially weak point. The cartilage of the delicate knee joint can also be irreparably

## Protect, support, stabilise, absorb

If a shoe is too rigid, it restricts movement. If it is too flexible, it increases the risk of injuries and sprains. A good sports

shoe should also be able to

Finally, it must absorb shocks, especially those suffered by volleyball and basketball players who are constantly jumping.

One part of the article says, "A good sports shoe should meet four criteria." What are these criteria?

# What should I expect?

- Students who take PISA will have different test booklets. The assessment has so many questions that no one student can answer them all, so the questions are split up.

B1	B2	B3	B2	B1	B3
	B3	B2	B1	B2	B1
B3	B2	B1	B2	B3	B2
B1	B3	B2	B3	B2	B1
B3	B2	B1	B2	B1	B2

# What should I expect?

- Because no one student takes the entire assessment, unlike many tests you take, you will not get your own score on PISA.
- Lessons and results from the field test will be used to make PISA 2012 the best it can be, so it can show just how much students in the United States know!
- The assessment takes place here at the school and will take no more than 4 hours. You will be called out of class to participate.

# Why should I participate?

- Participating in PISA is a national service.
- Each student who participates in PISA represents thousands of students across the United States.
- PISA results from the United States will be compared to 64 other countries.
- Your participation can help to improve the United States education system for future students.

# Why should I participate?

- As a thank you for participating in PISA, you will receive \$25.
- You will also receive a Certificate of Volunteer Service awarding you 4 hours of service time.





# Why should I participate?

- You can also mention your participation in PISA on future resumes and college applications.

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# Thank You!

**PISA** will be held:

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Questions?**

**Good luck,  
U.S. PISA Team!**

