

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

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