



- The principal of each school will be asked to appoint a staff member to act as the PISA school coordinator. The school coordinator will work with Westat staff to coordinate the assessment and submit student and teacher lists for sampling. The principal of each school will also be asked to complete a 45-minute online questionnaire about school and student body characteristics and policies.
- Up to 25 teachers in each school will be asked to complete a 30-minute online teacher questionnaire about their background, education, and teaching experiences. Participation is voluntary but important for ensuring that the sample is representative of schools and students across the country.

How is PISA developed?

PISA is developed through an international collaborative process involving input from U.S. and international experts in reading, mathematics, science, financial literacy, and educational measurement. The PISA assessment materials are thoroughly reviewed by within-country experts to make sure the materials are appropriate for each country's students. Finally, the final assessment materials are endorsed by all participating countries.

What do PISA questions look like?

PISA includes a mix of item types: some items require students to select from among possible responses, while others require students solve problems and provide written answers. Examples of PISA assessment questions are available at <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pisa/educators.asp> and <https://www.oecd.org/pisa/pisaproducts/pisa-test-questions.htm>.

Which countries are participating in PISA 2018?

Albania	Germany	New Zealand
Algeria	Greece	Norway
Argentina	Hong Kong–China	Peru
Australia	Hungary	Poland
Austria	Iceland	Portugal
Belgium	Indonesia	Qatar
Brazil	Ireland	Romania
Bulgaria	Israel	Russian Federation
Canada	Italy	Singapore
Chile	Japan	Slovak Republic
China	Jordan	Slovenia
Chinese Taipei	Kazakhstan	Spain
Colombia	Korea	Sweden
Costa Rica	Kosovo	Switzerland
Croatia	Latvia	Thailand
Czech Republic	Lebanon	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark	Lithuania	Tunisia
Dominican Republic	Luxembourg	Turkey
Estonia	Macao–China	United Arab Emirates
Finland	Malaysia	United Kingdom
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Malta	United States of America
France	Mexico	Uruguay
Georgia	Moldova	Vietnam
	Montenegro	
	Netherlands	

Where do I find more information?

Visit the PISA website at <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pisa/>.

For additional questions about PISA 2018, contact the PISA U.S. home office at 1-888-638-2597 or email PISAHHELP@westat.com.



The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education, conducts the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) in the United States as authorized by the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002, 20 U.S.C. §9543). All of the information provided by school staff and students may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has approved this data collection under OMB #1850-0755.

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PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

PISA 2018

What is PISA?

The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an international assessment of students nearing the end of compulsory education that measures how well students apply their knowledge and skills in reading, mathematics, science, and financial literacy to problems set in real-life contexts. Conducted every 3 years since 2000, the next round of PISA in 2018 will include students from more than 70 countries and education systems around the world, including the United States. PISA is coordinated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and conducted in the United States by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the U.S. Department of Education.

Why is PISA important and what are the benefits of participating?

PISA provides a unique opportunity for the United States to understand how well students nearing the end of compulsory education are prepared to enter the workforce or post-secondary education in comparison to their peers from more than 70 countries. Through participating in PISA, schools, teachers, and students contribute to ongoing efforts to improve education in our country. PISA helps identify U.S. students' strengths and weaknesses in the domains of reading, mathematics, and science and offers insights into successful policies and practices in other countries.



Each school and student that participates in PISA plays a vital role in representing other similar schools and students. It is essential that sampled schools contribute to this important measurement of educational progress to ensure the U.S. sample reflects the knowledge and skills of *all* students across the country.

In addition to receiving a U.S. national report with PISA 2018 results, schools may also receive a school-level report (pending sample size and response rate requirements). The school report, provided only to your school, presents comparisons of your school's average scores with the average scores of participating education systems, including the United States, and can serve as a benchmark



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR PISA 2018

	Mar–Aug 2018	Aug–Oct 2018 Pre-assessment Contact	Sep–Nov 2018 Assessment Visit	Benefits
Principal and Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a school coordinator. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an online School Questionnaire on the characteristics of your school. Complete an online Teacher Questionnaire on education and teaching experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent other similar U.S. schools. Schools will receive \$250 for participating. Teachers will receive \$25 for completing the Teacher Questionnaire.
School Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select an assessment date convenient for your school. Arrange for the use of a classroom or an alternative quiet space for the assessment. Determine parent notification procedures. Provide a list of eligible students to PISA staff. Provide a list of eligible teachers to PISA staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify teachers, selected students, and students' parents of the study and benefits of participating. Coordinate the principal's completion of the school questionnaire. Coordinate the teachers' completion of the teacher questionnaire. Confirm the date and location of the assessment for PISA staff. Collect parental consent forms where required and submit to PISA staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange assessment space. Help ensure all sampled students attend the assessment. Ensure all sampled students are released from class for the assessment. Meet with PISA staff after the assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive U.S. national report with PISA 2018 results. Receive \$200 as a thank you for time and effort in coordinating the assessment.
Students			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the assessment and complete a student questionnaire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive a Certificate of Volunteer Service for 4 hours of community service. Represent other U.S. students like themselves and contribute to the profile of what our nation's students know and can do. Receive \$25 as a thank you for participating.
PISA Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide school with materials explaining PISA and its importance. Work with the school coordinator to set an assessment date. Safeguard data collected from schools, staff, and students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call the school coordinator to discuss assessment day, space, and student participation. Select a random sample of eligible students and teachers to participate. Provide online access information for the teacher and school questionnaires to the school coordinator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct assessment from start to finish. Furnish all the assessment materials, and computers. Meet with school coordinator after the assessment. Pack up the materials to ensure that the assessments are complete and secure. 	
Find Out More	https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pisa/			

for your students' performance among other similar U.S. schools based on specific school-level characteristics.

As a token of appreciation for participating, schools will receive \$250, the school coordinator will receive \$200, students who participate will each receive \$25 as well as 4 hours of volunteer service time, and teachers who complete an online questionnaire will each receive \$25. NCES also sponsors one delegate from each school to attend a summer training workshop in Washington, D.C. to learn about PISA.

What will schools, students, and teachers be asked to do in PISA 2018?

PISA 2018 has four primary components: (1) a computer-based student assessment, (2) a computer-based student questionnaire (3) an online school questionnaire, and (4) an online teacher questionnaire.

- Up to 52 students in each school will be selected to take a computer-based assessment followed by a questionnaire that students complete about themselves. The assessment session is divided into two 1-hour blocks. The questionnaire session is administered after the assessment, and after a long break, typically in the afternoon. Students will answer questions in various combinations of reading, mathematics, science, and financial literacy.