

WHAT IS PISA ?

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a study that compares and examines student performance in mathematical, reading and scientific literacy, conducted every three years.

PISA involves the assessment of Jamaican students in an international context. Since the first PISA assessment involving 32 countries in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy makers world-wide. In 2022, Jamaica will be one of 88 countries participating in PISA with over 6000 students (from over 170 schools) representing our country. The PISA assessment examines the extent to which education systems are preparing students to meet life's challenges- to become tomorrow's workers, to continue learning throughout life, to analyze, reason and communicate ideas effectively.

WHY IS PISA IMPORTANT?

PISA provides important information for policy development, to foster public accountability, to allow areas of progress or decline in achievement to be identified and monitored and to address concerns for equity.

PISA also provides an instrument to monitor student performance over time. The regularity of the assessment allows comparability from one cycle to the next and to see the effects of policy changes on educational standards.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN PISA ?

All students who are at or between 15 years 3 months and 16 years 2 months at the time of the assessments will be eligible to participate in PISA. The majority of students will be 15 years old, and may be enrolled in grade 9 or higher. PISA is an inclusive assessment and encourages all sampled students to participate.

A sample group of about 45 students will be randomly selected from a list of age eligible students provided by each participating school.



WHAT WILL PISA MEAN FOR SCHOOL STAFF?

To ensure the assessment runs smoothly, we will require the assistance of the Vice-Principal, who liaises with the PISA Management Team and helps to plan for PISA at their school. The Vice-Principal will be required to check and return the Student Tracking Form to the PISA Centre.

WHEN WILL THE PISA ASSESSMENT BE HELD?

The PISA assessments will occur between late April and the mid June, 2022. The administration of the assessment will take place over an eight week period on a date agreed on by the participating school and the PISA Centre. Only one day will be required to complete the assessment in each sample school.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE PISA ASSESSMENT DAY?

The PISA sampled students will participate in two computer-based assessments, and a questionnaire

PISA Sessions: all sampled students will be required to complete two of the four computer-based assessments (science, reading, mathematics, creative thinking) and a 35- minute questionnaire which asks about their home background, attitudes toward learning and life experiences.

WHO WILL CONDUCT THE ASSESSMENT?

PISA will be administered by a team of Test Administrators who are trained and employed by the Jamaica PISA management team.

WILL THE DATA REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL?

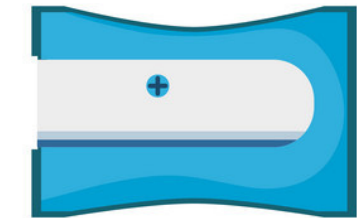
All data collected are kept strictly confidential. No individual or school is identified in any report released from the assessment or questionnaire.

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