

Benefits of Participating in TIMSS-PIRLS



- Provides a unique opportunity for international comparisons
- Identifies strengths and weaknesses of student performance around the world
- Makes important comparisons for global competitiveness
- Informs national, state, and local policy about schools' curricula and instruction
- Allows educators and policymakers to examine other educational systems for practices that could have applications to the U.S.
- Collects in-depth information about school environments, resources, and instruction
- Provides useful data in recruiting business to the state

Incentives for Schools and Students

As a token of appreciation for participating in the TIMSS-PIRLS assessment, the following incentives will be provided:

- \$200 for the school
- \$100 for the school coordinator
- Small gift for each student



Highlights of TIMSS-PIRLS 2011 Assessment

Grade 4 TIMSS-PIRLS

- TIMSS and PIRLS are international assessments designed to measure trends in mathematics and science achievement (TIMSS) and reading literacy (PIRLS) of fourth-grade students.
- Two studies are administered simultaneously in schools. Up to four classes are randomly selected to take TIMSS and PIRLS. If a school has fewer than three fourth-grade classes, students will take TIMSS or PIRLS.
- Both mathematics and science items are included in the TIMSS booklet.
- The TIMSS-PIRLS assessments take approximately 2 ½ hours of student time. PIRLS includes 80 minutes of items and a 30-minute student questionnaire. TIMSS includes 72 minutes of items and a 30-minute student questionnaire.
- School and teacher questionnaires are also completed.
- Results are planned for release in late 2012.

Grade 8 TIMSS

- TIMSS is an international assessment designed to measure trends in mathematics and science achievement.
- The TIMSS assessment takes approximately 2 ½ hours of student time, and includes 90 minutes of items and a 30-minute student questionnaire. Both mathematics and science items are included in TIMSS booklets.
- School and teacher questionnaires are also completed.
- Results are planned for release in late 2012. Results for the NAEP-TIMSS International Linking Study will be released after the TIMSS results are released.

