



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q What is the OECD Test for Schools?

It is a school-level assessment and holistic “health check” that provides valuable insights on your school’s academic performance and its learning environment.

The test is based on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)’s world-renowned Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

## Q How is it different from PISA?

While PISA delivers national-level results, the OECD Test for Schools delivers school-level results. Because both assessments are based on the same framework, the results are comparable, allowing your school to benchmark its performance with that of national education systems worldwide.

## Q What is the difference between the OECD Test for Schools and PISA-based Test for Schools (PBTS)?

They are exactly the same – however in the US, the test has been renamed the “OECD Test for Schools”.

## Q Who can participate?

Any high school across the US can take part.

## Q What subject areas does the cognitive test cover?

The cognitive test covers mathematics, science and reading. The questions measure how well students can apply their knowledge creatively to solve problems in novel contexts.

## Q How many students are tested?

Ideally a sample of 85 students per school. The minimum number of students to complete the test and survey is 42.

## Q At what age are students eligible for the test?

Students need to be between 15 years and 3 months to 16 years and 2 months in age to take part.

## Q What will my school receive?

A comprehensive report containing:

- Detailed information about how your school performs in core subjects, applying knowledge and higher-order thinking skills
- Global benchmarks that allow your school to compare itself to others in the US and around the world
- Data that informs instructional practice improvements and program changes
- Insights into your students’ attitudes towards learning, their learning environment and their socioeconomic background



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## Q How much does it cost?

\$5,000 USD per school.

## Q Can we have more than 85 students sit the test, and if so, how much extra would it cost?

Yes, it is possible to test more students, but it is not necessary for the data and results. A pro rata price can be negotiated.

## Q Is there a contract to sign?

Yes, there is a service agreement to sign.

## Q How long will it take to receive the report?

The report is delivered approximately two months following the assessment.

## Q Do you collect personal information on students?

We do not hold personal information in the system. All we require is a unique identification number so that the school can identify the student. No student names go into the system.

## Q Who delivers and marks the actual test on behalf of the OECD?

The OECD's education technology partner, [Janison](#), delivers the OECD Tests for Schools – including the student interface and digital assessment engine. Janison also marks the test within the assessment platform software and consolidates the data into reports for the schools.

## Q Can we use Google Chromebooks?

Yes, we do offer some Chromebooks support.

## Q Is there a demonstration site where I can see a practice test?

Yes, there is a demonstration site at: <https://ots-demo.oecd-eu.janisoncloud.com/sampletest/OECD-Sample1>

Simply click "Next", "Next", "Yes" and "Start" on the opening screens to view the sample questions.

## Q What preparation is provided for our proctors?

We provide proctor training as well as a comprehensive run sheet.

## Q My school wants to take part. How do we sign up?

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## Q What is the relationship between The Better Education Company and Janison?

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