

General Directions:

This essay is designed to evaluate your writing skills. You will have 30 minutes to complete your essay. The prompt will describe a hypothetical situation that a high school student might face. You will be asked to take and support a position regarding this situation. Your essay will be scored on a number of factors. These include knowledge and use of correct English, understanding of the question posed by the prompt, ability to take a position on the issue, ability to support that position, organization, focus, and logical reasoning.

Dress Code:

In some school districts, Administrators feel that it is important to have students equipped for 21st Century and learning. As a result, they have encouraged the school to adopt the PISA method of testing skills of 15 year olds across the United States. In your opinion, should high schools adopt the PISA test as the measurement of student readiness and replace the current methods such as ACT or SAT?

In your essay, take a position on this question. You may write about either one of the two points of view given, or you may present a different point of view on the question. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

Next Steps

At the end of the period today, you will turn in (in your neatest handwriting):

1. **Outline**
2. **First draft (MLA format)**