

The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)

Grades/Students

Samples of students in grade 10 (age 15) in selected schools.

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Description

The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an international assessment of student achievement, carried out through the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). PISA assesses students in reading, mathematics, and science literacy within real-world contexts. The tests are timed, and include a combination of multiple choice items and open-ended responses.

Results

PISA provides an indicator of the overall performance of our country's education system for 15-year-olds in comparison to other nations. Results are reported by the *National Center for Education Statistics*. The results are not reported by state, school, or for individual students. Only group statistics are reported, aggregated across countries.

Basis of Test

Federal mandate.

Website

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>
www.nagb.org

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