

Table 1. Average Reading Scores of 15-Year-Old Students on OECD Test for Schools/PISA 2009 by Education System

Reading 2009 PISA	Mean	SE	Reading 2009 PISA	Mean	SE	Reading 2009 PISA	Mean	SE
Centennial	560	11.4	Iceland	500	1.4	Turkey	464	3.5
Shanghai-China	556	2.4	United States	500	3.7	Dubai (UAE)	459	1.1
Marriotts Ridge	548	11.7	Liechtenstein	499	2.8	Russian Federation	459	3.3
River Hill	548	13.1	Sweden	497	2.9	Chile	449	3.1
Glenelg	547	16.5	Germany	497	2.7	Serbia	442	2.4
Howard	546	12.5	Ireland	496	3.0	Bulgaria	429	6.7
Atholton	544	15.9	France	496	3.4	Uruguay	426	2.6
Mount Hebron	540	13.9	Chinese Taipei	495	2.6	Mexico	425	2.0
Korea	539	3.5	Denmark	495	2.1	Romania	424	4.1
Finland	536	2.3	United Kingdom	494	2.3	Thailand	421	2.6
Hong Kong-China	533	2.1	Hungary	494	3.2	Trinidad and Tobago	416	1.2
Singapore	526	1.1	Portugal	489	3.1	Colombia	413	3.7
Canada	524	1.5	Macao-China	487	0.9	Brazil	412	2.7
New Zealand	521	2.4	Italy	486	1.6	Montenegro	408	1.7
Japan	520	3.5	Latvia	484	3.0	Jordan	405	3.3
Reservoir	515	11.1	Slovenia	483	1.0	Tunisia	404	2.9
Australia	515	2.3	Greece	483	4.3	Indonesia	402	3.7
Hammond	514	12.2	Spain	481	2.0	Argentina	398	4.6
Wilde Lake	512	12.8	Czech Republic	478	2.9	Kazakhstan	390	3.1
Netherlands	508	5.1	Oakland Mills	478	12.4	Albania	385	4.0
Belgium	506	2.3	Slovak Republic	477	2.5	Qatar	372	0.8
Norway	503	2.6	Croatia	476	2.9	Panama	371	6.5
Long Reach	501	13.4	Israel	474	3.6	Peru	370	4.0
Estonia	501	2.6	Luxembourg	472	1.3	Azerbaijan	362	3.3
Switzerland	501	2.4	Austria	470	2.9	Kyrgyzstan	314	3.2
Poland	500	2.6	Lithuania	468	2.4			

Note: Education systems are ordered by mean score. The blue highlights are Howard County Public Schools (HCPSS), MD that participated in the OECD Test for Schools. No highlights and green highlights are countries and economies that participated in PISA 2009. The standard errors (s.e.) are larger in the HCPSS schools (sample sizes are relatively small) compared to countries and economies (sample sizes are much larger). Therefore differences between average scores must be interpreted with care due to the relatively large margin of error surrounding the estimate for HCPSS schools.