

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) releases the Australian summary reports for TIMSS – the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study – and PISA – the Programme for International Student Assessment.

Same but different: TIMSS and PISA are both global assessments that report trends in student achievement.

The focus of TIMSS is on **Years 4 and 8 students'** achievement in the mathematics and science **curriculum** and is conducted every four years.

The focus of PISA is on how **I5-year-old students** apply their science, reading and mathematics skills to **real-life situations**, and is conducted every three years.



PISA assesses
15-year-olds in science,
reading and mathematics



70+ countries and economies 550 000+ students



- 750+ schools
- 14 500+ students
- state and territory results



TIMSS assesses maths and science for students in Years 4 and 8



60+ countries 630 000+ students



- 570+ schools
- 16 000+ students
- state and territory results

Australia participates in TIMSS and PISA through the Australian Council for Educational Research.

TIMSS is a project of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement and is directed by the TIMSS International Study Center at Boston College in collaboration with a worldwide network of organisations and representatives from participating countries.

PISA is a project of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in collaboration with a worldwide network of organisations and representatives from participating countries.

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