

OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)

PISA Research and Analysis

Welcome to the PISA Research Conference

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Why PISA Research and Analysis?

PISA brings together many interests

... students and parents

... who want to know how they are doing and how to get more out of the education they are receiving

... policy makers and stakeholders

... who want concrete policy conclusions and recommendations

... academics and researchers

... who want to contribute to furthering the policy debate by providing original research and thought provoking findings

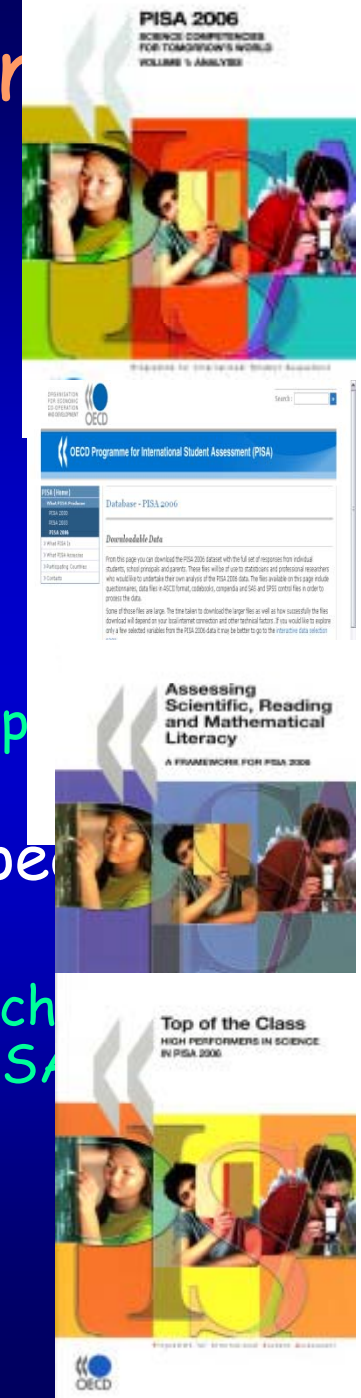
Rigorous research on policy relevant topics is the link between all these interests

... it informs policy makers, parents and students and develops a constructive debate on how to get more out of education for individuals and society at large

How & what PISA Research and Analysis

The OECD Role is to facilitate and policy relevant research

- ... by providing summary findings each cycle
 - ... in the form of the international initial report
- ... by providing access to the PISA data
 - ... the initial report, thematic reports, the complete data set
 - ... the raw data on the website, interactive data
- ... by providing tools and materials to show people how to use the data
 - ... in the form of the framework publications, technical reports and the data analysis manuals (SPSS/SAS)
- ... by conducting research on specific topics
 - ... in the form of PISA Thematic Reports



What future PISA Research and Analysis?

Build a wide community of users of PISA data from different academic disciplines

... PISA has attracted academics not only in education and psychology, but also economists, sociologists, political scientists and many other social science disciplines

... but sometimes the complexities in analysing PISA data impose an important barrier to many researchers

Build a strong network of stakeholders

... Rigorous research is not enough

... For PISA to achieve its full potential, we need a wide ranging dissemination strategy to attract more and different people to PISA

How to produce more and better?

A rigorous quality control mechanism

... We need to set up a mechanism for selecting research projects and then supporting them with funds, resources and a way to exchange ideas

A solid research infrastructure

... There is a lot of policy relevant research being done with PISA but it is mostly scattered

... There is no conscious effort to build economies of scale in the production of PISA research

An integrated dissemination strategy

... Not only for research outputs, but also for intermediate products—such as statistical code

... Not only for large studies or volumes, but also for shorter/sharper policy notes, working papers, journal articles, books and in-depth reports

Some conclusions to start the discussion

Welcome!

... we all hope for a very productive two/three days

We are here to learn from you

... we are looking forward to exchanging ideas on how to get more out of PISA

... we are looking forward to working with you in the future

Do let us know how we can help you!

Thank you!

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