OECD Test for Schools

Insights for School Improvement
Educational leaders use the data and insights from the OECD Test for Schools as a powerful tool to drive school improvement and ensure their students are prepared to succeed. Based on the internationally recognized PISA assessment, the OECD Test for Schools addresses critical thinking and problem-solving skills and measures school performance in comparison to national and global benchmarks.

Improvement at Every Level
By sampling no more than 85 students in a high school (15-year-olds), educators get the actionable information they need to improve individual schools and programs, as well as drive system-wide improvements.

Benchmark Data
Global benchmarks allow schools to compare themselves to others in the US and around the world. This helps educators understand whether students are equipped with the skills needed to compete in today’s global economy and provides models of excellence on which to base strategies for change.

School Climate and Culture
A student survey helps educators understand their school’s learning environment. This connects factors like teacher-student relationships and classroom culture to student academic performance. It also enables students to have a voice in school improvement and system changes.

Analytics and Actionable Data
Administrators receive a comprehensive report with detailed information about how their school performs in core subjects, applying knowledge, and higher-order thinking skills. This data and accompanying analysis helps educators drive system-wide improvements in teaching and learning.

Assessment for School Improvement

AGE ASSESSED
Representative sample of 15-year-olds

DOMAINS
Math
Reading
Science
Student engagement
Learning environment
Higher-order thinking skills

FREQUENCY
Once per school year

TEST TIME
Approximately 3 hours

SCALE ALIGNMENT
PISA scale

NWEA, OECD, & PISA
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) developed the OECD Test for Schools based on their renowned Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). NWEA™ is the US Test Service Provider of the OECD Test for Schools.
Examples of Actionable Data in the OECD Test for Schools Report

Reader profiles at your school and in the United States in PISA 2009

Percentage of students in each reader profile

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Student performance is reported across six levels of proficiency, with detailed explanation of the knowledge and skills for each level. The report also goes deeper, considering both student reading habits and their understanding of effective learning strategies.

Disciplinary climate in mathematics lessons at your school and among the highest- and lowest-performing students in the United States in PISA 2012

![Disciplinary Climate Chart]

Student questionnaires provide broad insights into your school’s learning environment. PISA research and data have shown that a strong learning environment, including disciplinary climate, teacher-student relations, instrumental motivation, and self-efficacy, is consistently associated with better student performance.

Source: OECD Test for Schools report sample

POWERFUL TECHNOLOGY

NWEA delivers the OECD Test for Schools online, making administration easy and cost-effective. Because the assessment platform is stable, scalable, and reliable, schools can test on the schedule that meets their needs.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

A one-hour virtual consulting session is included with the OECD Test for Schools, helping administrators get the most out of their comprehensive report. Additionally, NWEA offers data coaching services that help districts analyze and apply data to improve programs. We tailor coaching to each district’s needs in order to create a culture of strong data use that supports student learning.

ONGOING SUPPORT

Our knowledgeable specialists are here to help at every step, from comprehensive implementation to ongoing help via phone, email, live chat, and even on-site.

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