

Appendix table 1-14
Average science literacy score of 15-year-old students, by country: 2003

Country	Score
OECD countries.....	500
Finland	548
Japan	548
South Korea.....	538
Australia	525
Netherlands.....	524
Czech Republic.....	523
New Zealand	521
Canada.....	519
Switzerland	513
France	511
Belgium.....	509
Sweden	506
Ireland.....	505
Hungary.....	503
Germany.....	502
Poland	498
Slovak Republic.....	495
Iceland	495
United States.....	491
Austria.....	491
Spain.....	487
Italy	487
Norway.....	484
Luxembourg.....	483
Greece.....	481
Denmark	475
Portugal.....	468
Turkey	434
Mexico	405
Non-OECD countries	
Hong Kong, China	540
Liechtenstein.....	525
Macao-China	525
Russian Federation	489
Latvia	489
Uruguay.....	438
Serbia and Montenegro	436
Thailand	429
Indonesia.....	395
Tunisia.....	385

Average higher than U.S. average

Average not measurably different from U.S. average

Average lower than U.S. average

OECD = Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

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