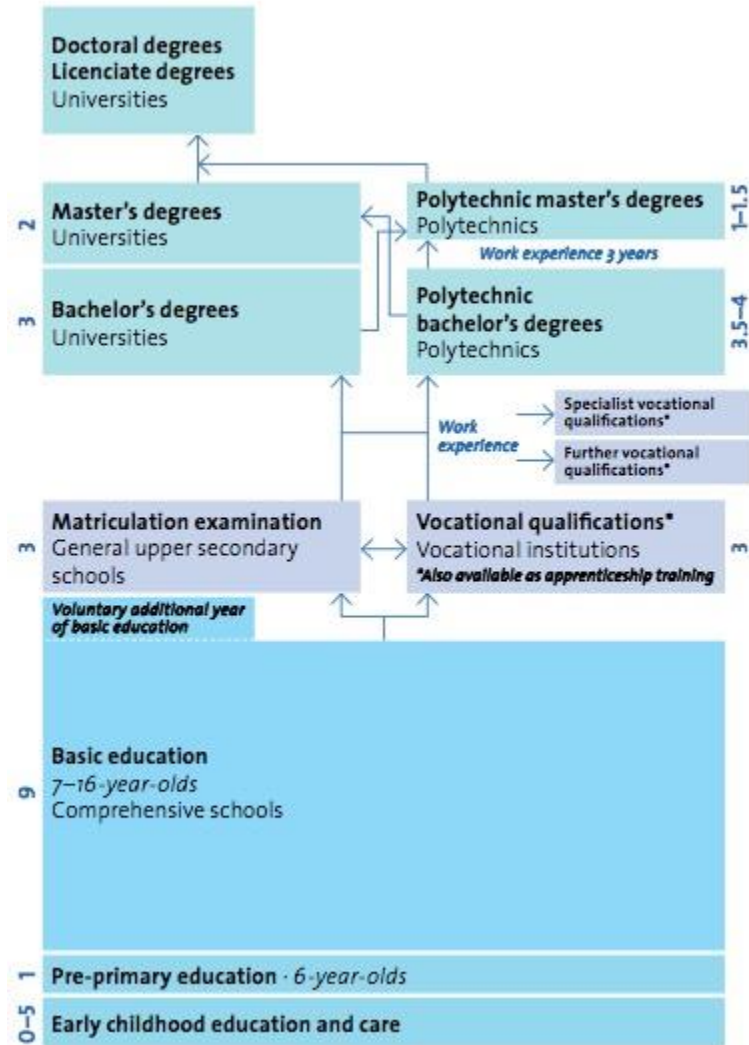


Education in Finland

- Finnish education system
- What is behind Finland's PISA success?





Average mean scores in PISA18 study

READING	
PSJZ (China)*	555
Singapore	549
Macao (China)	525
Hong Kong (China)	524
Estonia	523
Canada	520
Finland	520
Ireland	518
Korea	514
Poland	512
Sweden	506
New Zealand	506
United States	505
United Kingdom	504
Japan	504
Australia	503
Chinese Taipei	503
Denmark	501
Norway	499
Germany	498

OECD countries 487	
Russia 479	
Iceland 474	
The lowest average score: Philippines 340	

MATHEMATICS	
PSJZ (China)*	591
Singapore	569
Macao (China)	558
Hong Kong (China)	551
Chinese Taipei	531
Japan	527
Korea	526
Estonia	523
Netherlands	519
Poland	516
Switzerland	515
Canada	512
Denmark	509
Slovenia	509
Belgium	508
Finland	507
Sweden	502
United Kingdom	502
Norway	501
Germany	500
Ireland	500

Iceland 495	
OECD countries 489	
Russia 488	
United States 478	
The lowest average score: Dominican Republic 325	

SCIENCE	
PSJZ (China)*	590
Singapore	551
Macao (China)	544
Estonia	530
Japan	529
Finland	522
Korea	519
Canada	518
Hong Kong (China)	517
Chinese Taipei	516
Poland	511
New Zealand	508
Slovenia	507
United Kingdom	505
Netherlands	503
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Denmark 493	
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The lowest average score: Dominican Republic 336	

TOP PERFORMER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE	
READING:	
ESTONIA	
FINLAND	
IRELAND	
POLAND	
SWEDEN	
UNITED KINGDOM	
DENMARK	
NORWAY	
GERMANY	
SLOVENIA	
MATHEMATICS:	
ESTONIA	
NETHERLANDS	
POLAND	
SWITZERLAND	
DENMARK	
SLOVENIA	
BELGIUM	
FINLAND	
SWEDEN	
UNITED KINGDOM	
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Higher than Finland's average score
Corresponding to Finland's average score
Lower than Finland's average score

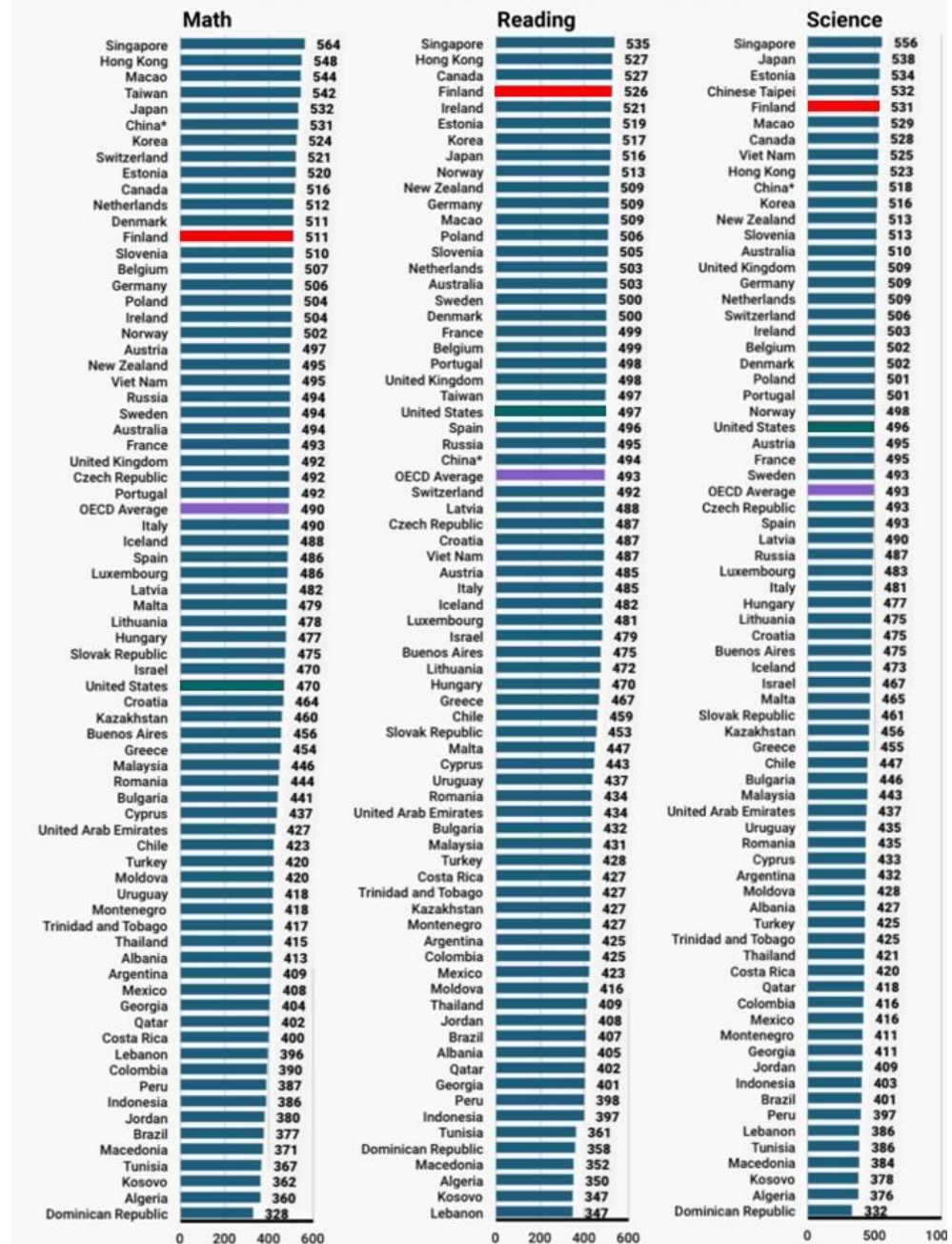
* PSJZ (China) = Peking, Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang

More PISA results:
minedu.fi/en/pisa-en
ktl.jyu.fi/fi/pisa/en

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2015 PISA AVERAGE SCORES

Why did Finland
do so well in
PISA?



Background for Finnish PISA success

Some explanations are found in the main principles for comprehensive education in Finland:

- **Equal opportunities**
- **Competent teachers**
- **Student counselling and special needs education**
- **Encouraging assessment and evaluation**
- **Significance of education in society**
- **A flexible system based on trust**
- **Co-operation**
- **A student-oriented, active conception of learning**

<https://www.educationfinland.fi/why-finland>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZkPgsGLnP4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cx2f9OeV74c>

<https://minedu.fi/en/education-system>

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10 reasons why Finland's education system is the best in the world

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/09/10-reasons-why-finlands-education-system-is-the-best-in-the-world>

PowerPoint: Education lies at the heart of Finnish society (sivustolla <https://toolbox.finland.fi/life-society/education-lies-at-the-heart-of-finnish-society/>)

Ministry of Education and Culture and Finnish National Agency for Education points out that

- Teachers are recognised as keys to quality in education