“It is our right to dream that our country will be one of the best countries in the world”

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of the Emirate of Dubai
PISA is an International Assessment conducted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

PISA is a three-yearly global assessment that examines students’ ability in using cognitive skills in key subject areas of Reading Literacy, Mathematics Literacy and Science Literacy. (mainly in grades 7-12)

PISA measures 15 year-old students.

The first cycle of PISA was held in 2000.

The UAE participated in PISA for the first time in its fourth cycle in 2009.

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The goals of participation in PISA:

Assessing our educational status in the three domains Reading Literacy, Mathematics Literacy and Science Literacy compared with that of the participating countries.

Providing a rich database to be used by decision makers to develop the teaching and learning of the PISA domains.

Identifying the factors that influence our students’ achievement in those domains for the benefit of principals, teachers and students.
The target of the UAE National Agenda 2021 is to be among the 20 highest performing countries in PISA.

**UAE Results in PISA in previous cycles**

Achieved ranks and scores in PISA 2012
- Science: 44th, Score: 448
- Mathematics: 48th, Score 434
- Reading: 46th, Score 442
- Creative Problem Solving: 40th, Score 411

Achieved ranks and scores in PISA 2009
- Science: 41st, Score: 438
- Mathematics: 41st, Score 421
- Reading: 42nd, Score 431

Achieved ranks and scores in PISA 2015
- Science: 35th, Score: 437
- Mathematics: 37th, Score 427
- Reading: 34th, Score 434

Creative Problem Solving: 36th, Score 435

The UAE to rank among the top 20 Performing Countries.
The UAE Participation in PISA2018:

The current cycle of PISA 2018 is the fourth participation of the UAE. The first participation of the UAE was in 2009. This year the participation in PISA has grown with nearly 80 countries around the world. In the UAE, PISA2018 will be conducted on ALL public schools (government schools) along with a sample of private schools.

PISA2018 Schedule in the UAE:

- **PISA2018 FT**
  - April\May 2017

- **PISA2018 MS**
  - April\May 2018

- **Results & Reports**
  - April\May 2019
Components of PISA:

- School Questionnaire
- Teacher Questionnaire
- Student Questionnaire + eTest.

Implementations of the PISA:

- PISA will be conducted during the school day as scheduled by the school.

- Students should answer ALL PISA items related to the skills of Reading Literacy, Mathematics Literacy, and Science Literacy. Those skills are connected to students’ experience in school and at home.

- Students have to fill in a collection of contextual and background information related to students' experience in school and at home through Student Questionnaires.

- Students are kindly invited to see released items of the PISA (from the OECD) at the Ministry of Education website using the following link:

  https://www.moe.gov.ae/Ar/ImportantLinks/InternationalAssessments/Pages/PISA.aspx