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## OECD Announces PISA 2022 Results

- Korean students ranked 1~2<sup>nd</sup> in Math, 1~7<sup>th</sup> in Reading, and 2~5<sup>th</sup> in Science among the 37 OECD member countries.
- Korea ranks 3~7<sup>th</sup> in Math, 2~21<sup>th</sup> in Reading, and 2~9<sup>th</sup> in Science among all 81 countries participated in the assessment.

December 5, the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) officially announced the results of PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) 2022.

※ Since 2000, PISA has been administered once in every three years to look at 15-year old students in their abilities in math, reading, and science by comparing their levels internationally, and analyze the variables, achievements, and trends in the educational context.

In PISA 2022, around 690,000 students from a total of 81 countries (37 members of the OECD, and 44 non-members) participated in the assessment. In Korea, 6,931 students (352 from 14 middle schools, 6,482 from 168 high schools, and 97 from four other forms of schools) from a total of 186 schools participated nationwide.

\* The assessment was originally slated to be held in 2021, but was postponed by a year due to COVID-19.

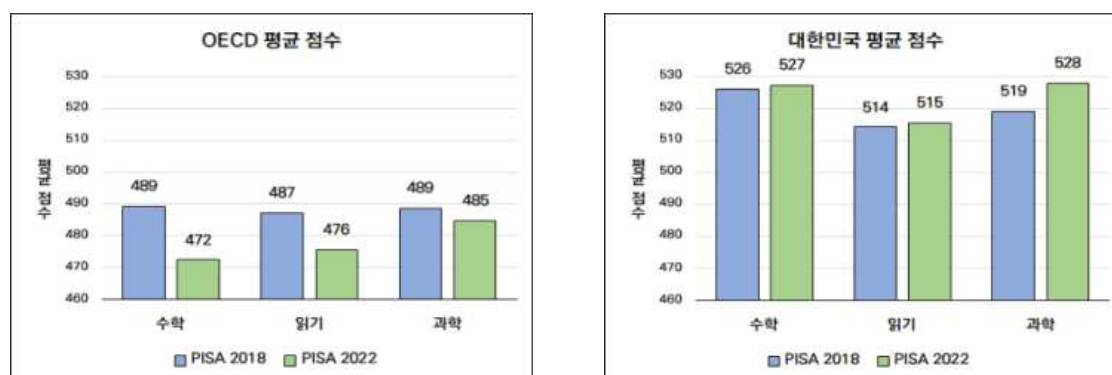
The results show that Korean students that Korean students scored higher in all areas of studies compared to the OECD average. More specifically, Korean students scored 1~2<sup>nd</sup> in Math, 1~7<sup>th</sup> in Reading, and 2~5<sup>th</sup> in Science in the OECD member countries. Also, when compared to the 81 countries, Korea ranked 3~7<sup>th</sup> in Math, 2~12<sup>th</sup> in Reading, and 2~9<sup>th</sup> in Science.

### <Korea's Results of PISA 2022>

	Math			Reading			Science		
	Average	Ranking		Average	Ranking		Average	Ranking	
		OECD (37)	All (81)		OECD (37)	All (80)		OECD (37)	All (81)
Korea	527	1 ~ 2	3 ~ 7	515	1 ~ 7	2 ~ 12	528	2 ~ 5	2 ~ 9
OECD average	472			476			485		

Compared to PISA 2018, OECD member countries' average scores fell in all areas, while Korea's average scores rose in Math, Reading, and Science

### <Comparison of Average Scores of PISA 2018 and PISA 2022>



Compared to PISA 2018, the percentage of students at the top of the scale increased\* in all areas, and the percentage at the bottom of the scale decreased\* in Reading and Science.

\* Top of the scale (Level 5 and above): Math (21.4%→22.9%), Reading (13.1%→13.3%), Science (11.8%→15.7%)

\*\* Bottom of the scale (Level 1 and below): Math (15.0%→16.2%), Reading (15.1%→14.7%), Science (14.2%→13.7%)

The result of PISA 2022 shows that Korean students has retained their academic levels compared to the 2018 PISA in the fields of Reading, Math, and Science, and the overall national ranking rose. In order to maintain or advance the level of PISA results, we need to analyze the global educational landscape to constantly manage and improve the content of the National Curriculum, teaching and learning, as well as socio-emotional skills.

The Ministry of Education will strive to spur various activities such as digital transformation of education, advancement of public education competence, and measures to reduce private education.

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