

**Exhibit 3.2: Achievement in Science Content Domains**

| Country                          | Overall<br>Science<br>Average Scale<br>Score | Biology<br>(75 items)  |                                             | Chemistry<br>(43 items) |                                             |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                                  |                                              | Average<br>Scale Score | Difference<br>from Overall<br>Science Score | Average<br>Scale Score  | Difference<br>from Overall<br>Science Score |
| <sup>2</sup> Singapore           | 597 (3.2)                                    | 609 (3.5)              | 12 (0.8)                                    | 593 (3.6)               | -3 (1.3)                                    |
| Japan                            | 571 (1.8)                                    | 570 (2.9)              | -1 (2.2)                                    | 570 (2.4)               | -1 (1.9)                                    |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 569 (2.1)                                    | 565 (2.2)              | -4 (1.4)                                    | 579 (2.7)               | 9 (1.9)                                     |
| Korea, Rep. of                   | 556 (2.2)                                    | 554 (2.2)              | -2 (1.5)                                    | 550 (2.5)               | -5 (1.3)                                    |
| Slovenia                         | 551 (2.4)                                    | 548 (2.8)              | -3 (1.8)                                    | 552 (2.6)               | 1 (1.7)                                     |
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 546 (3.9)                                    | 549 (4.7)              | 3 (2.2)                                     | 536 (4.1)               | -10 (1.4)                                   |
| Russian Federation               | 544 (4.2)                                    | 539 (4.4)              | -5 (1.7)                                    | 558 (4.9)               | 14 (2.4)                                    |
| England                          | 537 (3.8)                                    | 542 (4.0)              | 5 (1.3)                                     | 529 (4.5)               | -8 (1.9)                                    |
| Kazakhstan                       | 533 (4.4)                                    | 520 (4.6)              | -12 (1.4)                                   | 554 (5.2)               | 21 (2.2)                                    |
| Ireland                          | 530 (2.8)                                    | 534 (2.9)              | 4 (0.9)                                     | 517 (3.6)               | -13 (2.2)                                   |
| † United States                  | 530 (2.8)                                    | 540 (2.9)              | 10 (1.0)                                    | 519 (3.2)               | -11 (1.0)                                   |
| Hungary                          | 527 (3.4)                                    | 521 (3.3)              | -7 (1.9)                                    | 534 (3.6)               | 7 (1.1)                                     |
| † Canada                         | 526 (2.2)                                    | 534 (2.4)              | 8 (0.9)                                     | 512 (2.2)               | -14 (1.1)                                   |
| Sweden                           | 522 (3.4)                                    | 520 (3.6)              | -2 (1.8)                                    | 512 (3.6)               | -10 (1.3)                                   |
| <sup>2</sup> Lithuania           | 519 (2.8)                                    | 521 (3.1)              | 2 (1.5)                                     | 517 (3.2)               | -2 (2.1)                                    |
| † New Zealand                    | 513 (3.1)                                    | 520 (3.5)              | 7 (1.5)                                     | 498 (3.5)               | -15 (1.3)                                   |
| Australia                        | 512 (2.7)                                    | 522 (2.8)              | 10 (1.3)                                    | 493 (3.3)               | -19 (1.3)                                   |
| Norway (9)                       | 509 (2.8)                                    | 502 (2.6)              | -7 (1.0)                                    | 503 (2.9)               | -6 (1.5)                                    |
| <sup>3</sup> Israel              | 507 (3.9)                                    | 504 (4.2)              | -3 (1.7)                                    | 516 (4.6)               | 9 (1.6)                                     |
| <sup>2</sup> Italy               | 499 (2.4)                                    | 496 (2.6)              | -3 (0.9)                                    | 487 (2.4)               | -12 (1.5)                                   |
| Turkey                           | 493 (4.0)                                    | 491 (4.1)              | -2 (1.5)                                    | 493 (4.7)               | 0 (1.2)                                     |
| Malta                            | 481 (1.6)                                    | 473 (2.7)              | -9 (2.0)                                    | 481 (2.1)               | 0 (2.2)                                     |
| United Arab Emirates             | 477 (2.3)                                    | 475 (2.4)              | -2 (0.9)                                    | 481 (3.2)               | 4 (1.7)                                     |
| Malaysia                         | 471 (4.1)                                    | 466 (4.4)              | -5 (1.0)                                    | 473 (4.0)               | 2 (1.5)                                     |
| Bahrain                          | 466 (2.2)                                    | 469 (2.6)              | 3 (1.3)                                     | 462 (2.8)               | -4 (2.0)                                    |
| Armenia                          | 460 (3.3)                                    | 458 (3.5)              | -2 (1.7)                                    | 471 (3.6)               | 11 (1.3)                                    |
| Qatar                            | 457 (3.0)                                    | 454 (3.0)              | -2 (1.6)                                    | 455 (3.6)               | -2 (1.6)                                    |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 456 (4.0)                                    | 448 (3.8)              | -8 (1.3)                                    | 458 (4.6)               | 1 (1.2)                                     |
| Thailand                         | 456 (4.2)                                    | 466 (4.1)              | 10 (1.2)                                    | 445 (4.9)               | -11 (1.6)                                   |
| Oman                             | 455 (2.7)                                    | 454 (2.7)              | 0 (1.4)                                     | 452 (2.7)               | -2 (1.3)                                    |
| Chile                            | 454 (3.1)                                    | 459 (3.6)              | 5 (1.6)                                     | 438 (3.6)               | -16 (1.9)                                   |
| 1 <sup>2</sup> Georgia           | 443 (3.1)                                    | 447 (3.1)              | 4 (1.7)                                     | 456 (3.7)               | 13 (2.9)                                    |
| Jordan                           | 426 (3.4)                                    | 420 (3.9)              | -7 (1.9)                                    | 438 (3.8)               | 11 (1.4)                                    |
| Kuwait                           | 411 (5.2)                                    | 402 (5.9)              | -9 (1.6)                                    | 413 (5.7)               | 2 (2.0)                                     |
| Lebanon                          | 398 (5.3)                                    | 366 (6.2)              | -32 (3.0)                                   | 438 (6.2)               | 40 (3.8)                                    |
| Saudi Arabia                     | 396 (4.5)                                    | 397 (5.1)              | 1 (2.8)                                     | 377 (5.0)               | -19 (2.4)                                   |
| Morocco                          | 393 (2.5)                                    | 380 (2.5)              | -14 (0.9)                                   | 400 (3.0)               | 6 (1.3)                                     |
| Botswana (9)                     | 392 (2.7)                                    | 397 (2.9)              | 5 (1.1)                                     | 390 (3.6)               | -2 (2.2)                                    |
| Egypt                            | 371 (4.3)                                    | 348 (5.0)              | -22 (1.7)                                   | 395 (5.0)               | 24 (2.6)                                    |
| South Africa (9)                 | 358 (5.6)                                    | 356 (5.9)              | -1 (1.0)                                    | 369 (6.1)               | 11 (2.4)                                    |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                                              |                        |                                             |                         |                                             |
| ‡ Quebec, Canada                 | 530 (4.4)                                    | 527 (4.3)              | -3 (2.0)                                    | 531 (4.6)               | 1 (1.6)                                     |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 525 (2.0)                                    | 525 (2.4)              | 0 (1.9)                                     | 528 (2.5)               | 3 (1.6)                                     |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 524 (2.5)                                    | 538 (2.9)              | 14 (1.3)                                    | 503 (2.7)               | -21 (1.4)                                   |
| <sup>1</sup> Florida, US         | 508 (6.0)                                    | 518 (5.8)              | 10 (2.2)                                    | 498 (6.9)               | -10 (2.6)                                   |
| Norway (8)                       | 489 (2.4)                                    | 486 (2.9)              | -4 (2.1)                                    | 479 (3.5)               | -10 (2.8)                                   |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE                   | 454 (5.6)                                    | 452 (6.1)              | -2 (1.8)                                    | 459 (6.7)               | 5 (2.2)                                     |
| † Buenos Aires, Argentina        | 386 (4.2)                                    | 391 (4.7)              | 5 (1.8)                                     | 354 (5.3)               | -32 (3.6)                                   |

Subscale score significantly higher than overall science score  
 Subscale score significantly lower than overall science score

Numbers of items are based on the TIMSS 2015 eighth grade science assessment items included in scaling.

See Appendix C.2 for target population coverage notes 1, 2, and 3. See Appendix C.8 for sampling guidelines and sampling participation notes †, ‡, and §.

(.) Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.

SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study - TIMSS 2015

**Exhibit 3.2: Achievement in Science Content Domains (Continued)**

| Country                          | Physics<br>(53 items) |                                       | Earth Science<br>(44 items) |                                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                  | Average Scale Score   | Difference from Overall Science Score | Average Scale Score         | Difference from Overall Science Score |
| <sup>2</sup> Singapore           | 608 (3.1)             | 12 (0.9)                              | 565 (3.6)                   | -32 (2.1)                             |
| Japan                            | 570 (2.3)             | -1 (1.3)                              | 574 (2.0)                   | 3 (0.9)                               |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 560 (3.0)             | -10 (2.2)                             | 581 (2.7)                   | 11 (2.6)                              |
| Korea, Rep. of                   | 564 (2.8)             | 9 (1.9)                               | 554 (2.7)                   | -1 (2.0)                              |
| Slovenia                         | 545 (2.9)             | -6 (1.5)                              | 564 (2.9)                   | 13 (2.0)                              |
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 540 (4.1)             | -6 (1.1)                              | 558 (4.3)                   | 12 (1.1)                              |
| Russian Federation               | 548 (4.2)             | 4 (1.8)                               | 532 (4.7)                   | -12 (1.8)                             |
| England                          | 535 (3.9)             | -1 (1.1)                              | 536 (4.0)                   | -1 (1.5)                              |
| Kazakhstan                       | 543 (5.0)             | 10 (1.5)                              | 508 (5.4)                   | -25 (2.3)                             |
| Ireland                          | 525 (3.2)             | -5 (2.3)                              | 542 (3.1)                   | 12 (1.4)                              |
| † United States                  | 516 (2.9)             | -14 (0.6)                             | 535 (3.1)                   | 5 (1.0)                               |
| Hungary                          | 531 (4.0)             | 4 (2.1)                               | 521 (3.9)                   | -6 (1.6)                              |
| † Canada                         | 521 (2.2)             | -6 (1.1)                              | 532 (2.3)                   | 6 (1.9)                               |
| Sweden                           | 524 (3.7)             | 2 (2.3)                               | 532 (4.5)                   | 10 (3.1)                              |
| <sup>2</sup> Lithuania           | 513 (3.6)             | -7 (2.2)                              | 518 (3.3)                   | -1 (1.8)                              |
| † New Zealand                    | 508 (3.2)             | -4 (1.0)                              | 517 (3.6)                   | 4 (1.7)                               |
| Australia                        | 505 (2.7)             | -7 (0.7)                              | 522 (2.9)                   | 10 (1.8)                              |
| Norway (9)                       | 512 (3.1)             | 3 (1.7)                               | 523 (3.3)                   | 14 (1.3)                              |
| <sup>3</sup> Israel              | 508 (4.0)             | 2 (1.0)                               | 493 (4.0)                   | -14 (1.3)                             |
| <sup>2</sup> Italy               | 496 (2.5)             | -3 (1.7)                              | 514 (2.8)                   | 15 (2.3)                              |
| Turkey                           | 506 (4.2)             | 12 (1.0)                              | 477 (3.9)                   | -16 (0.9)                             |
| Malta                            | 490 (1.8)             | 9 (2.4)                               | 481 (2.5)                   | 0 (2.1)                               |
| United Arab Emirates             | 475 (2.5)             | -2 (1.0)                              | 475 (2.4)                   | -2 (1.1)                              |
| Malaysia                         | 480 (3.9)             | 9 (1.0)                               | 460 (4.5)                   | -10 (1.1)                             |
| Bahrain                          | 461 (2.6)             | -5 (1.4)                              | 461 (3.5)                   | -5 (2.7)                              |
| Armenia                          | 461 (3.8)             | 1 (1.6)                               | 422 (5.0)                   | -38 (3.1)                             |
| Qatar                            | 459 (3.4)             | 3 (2.0)                               | 446 (3.7)                   | -11 (2.7)                             |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 475 (4.4)             | 19 (2.4)                              | 439 (4.5)                   | -18 (1.6)                             |
| Thailand                         | 437 (4.6)             | -19 (1.8)                             | 459 (4.5)                   | 3 (1.3)                               |
| Oman                             | 449 (3.0)             | -6 (1.7)                              | 456 (2.4)                   | 2 (1.7)                               |
| Chile                            | 439 (3.8)             | -15 (1.9)                             | 464 (3.2)                   | 10 (1.5)                              |
| † Georgia                        | 429 (4.6)             | -14 (2.8)                             | 420 (3.6)                   | -23 (2.2)                             |
| Jordan                           | 424 (3.6)             | -2 (1.5)                              | 416 (3.0)                   | -10 (2.0)                             |
| Kuwait                           | 411 (5.1)             | 1 (1.6)                               | 408 (5.1)                   | -2 (2.4)                              |
| Lebanon                          | 412 (6.6)             | 14 (4.0)                              | 365 (6.4)                   | -33 (3.4)                             |
| Saudi Arabia                     | 385 (5.3)             | -11 (2.5)                             | 403 (4.3)                   | 7 (2.3)                               |
| Morocco                          | 395 (2.9)             | 2 (1.2)                               | 395 (2.2)                   | 1 (1.6)                               |
| Botswana (9)                     | 384 (2.8)             | -8 (1.5)                              | 368 (3.1)                   | -23 (1.7)                             |
| Egypt                            | 378 (4.7)             | 7 (1.4)                               | 351 (4.6)                   | -20 (2.1)                             |
| South Africa (9)                 | 359 (5.5)             | 1 (1.5)                               | 330 (6.4)                   | -28 (1.4)                             |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                       |                                       |                             |                                       |
| ‡ Quebec, Canada                 | 520 (4.7)             | -10 (2.4)                             | 542 (4.2)                   | 13 (2.9)                              |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 525 (2.4)             | 0 (1.4)                               | 518 (2.3)                   | -7 (1.2)                              |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 521 (2.9)             | -2 (2.0)                              | 526 (3.2)                   | 2 (2.6)                               |
| <sup>1</sup> Florida, US         | 498 (5.8)             | -11 (3.4)                             | 505 (6.7)                   | -4 (2.3)                              |
| Norway (8)                       | 483 (2.6)             | -6 (1.3)                              | 506 (3.2)                   | 16 (2.0)                              |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE                   | 454 (5.4)             | 0 (1.9)                               | 453 (5.8)                   | -1 (1.3)                              |
| † Buenos Aires, Argentina        | 381 (5.2)             | -5 (2.7)                              | 388 (5.5)                   | 2 (2.7)                               |

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Subscale score significantly lower than overall science score

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