PISA assesses three core subject areas every cycle: Reading Literacy, Mathematics Literacy, and Science Literacy.

In each cycle, **one of the subject areas is the focal subject or major domain**. The other two subject areas are minor domains.

The graphic below shows the rotation of the subject areas since PISA 2000. The subject listed at the top (with asterisk) is the major domain for the cycle.

2000 2003	2006 2009 2012	2015 2018
• READING* • MATH*	• SCIENCE* • READING* • MATH*	• SCIENCE* • READING*
• Math • Reading	Reading Math Reading	 Reading Math
Science Science	Math Science Science	Math Science