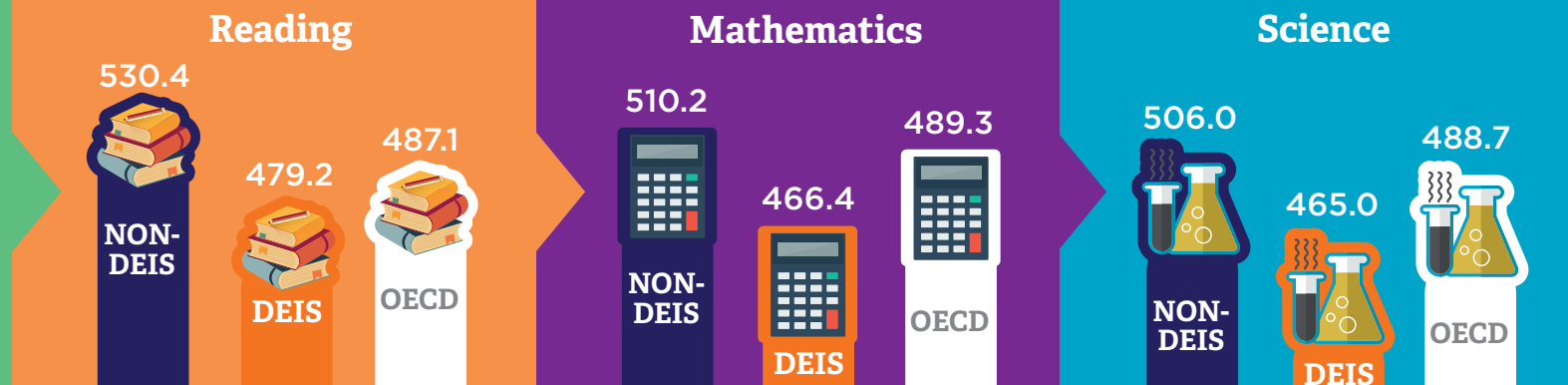
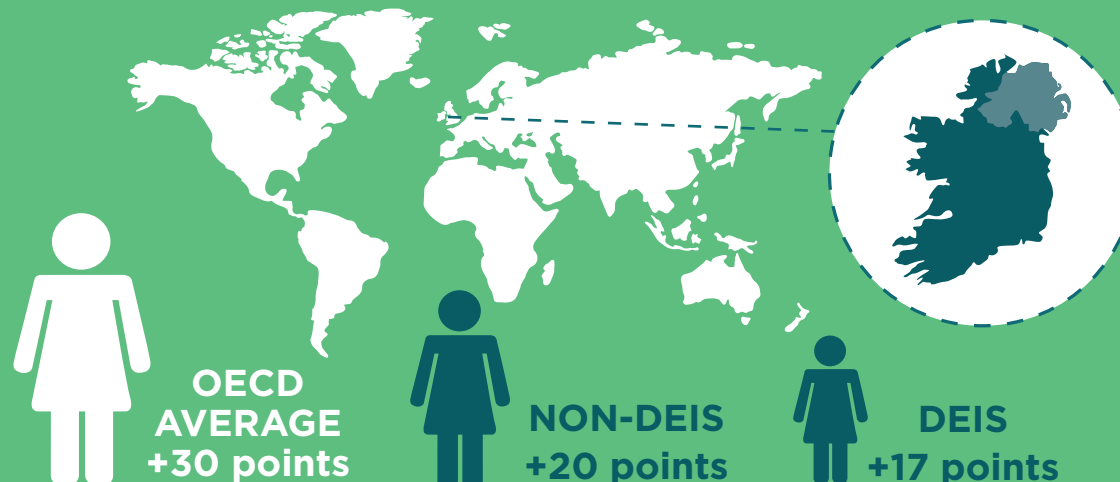


Reading, mathematics and science achievement in DEIS schools: Evidence from PISA 2018

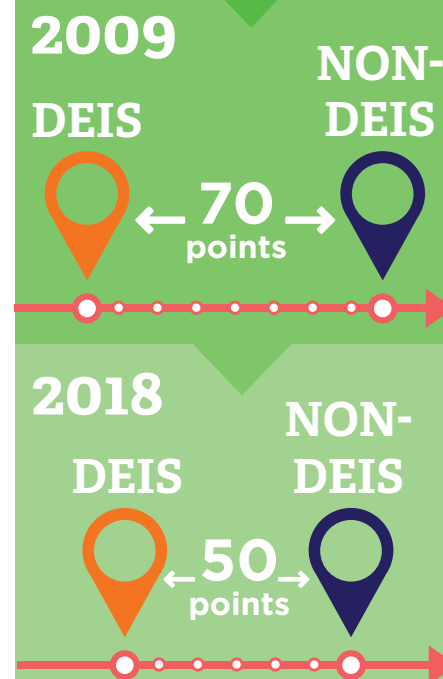
In PISA 2018, students in DEIS schools scored **at the OECD average level in reading** but below average in maths and science. Compared to students in non-DEIS schools, students in DEIS schools had **lower average scores in reading, maths and science**.



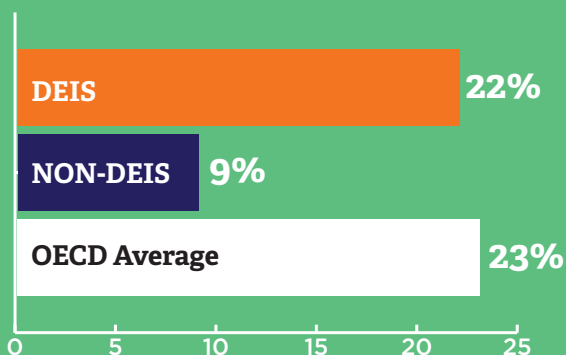
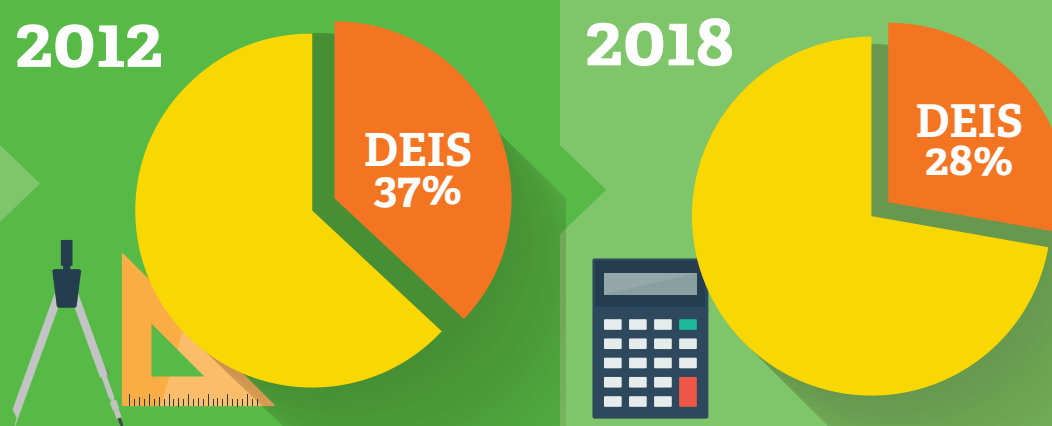
In PISA 2018 reading, **female students outperformed males by an average of 30 points** across the OECD. In Ireland, **female students in DEIS schools had a 17 point advantage over male students**. In non-DEIS schools, the gap was **20 points in favour of female students**.



The **gap in average reading achievement** between DEIS and non-DEIS schools has **reduced between 2009 and 2018**.



There has been a **significant reduction in the percentage of students in DEIS schools at the lowest levels of maths achievement**. In 2012, 37% of students in DEIS schools were low achievers. By 2018, this had **reduced to 28%**.



In PISA 2018, 22% of students in DEIS schools, 9% in non-DEIS schools, and 23% on average across the OECD, had **very basic reading skills** (described by the OECD as likely to be inadequate for future study and work).

More info:

- Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA): Over 600,000 15-year-olds in 79 countries/economies took part in 2018. In Ireland, 5,577 students in 157 schools participated.
- Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS): The Action Plan for Educational Inclusion focuses on addressing and prioritising the educational needs of children and young people from disadvantaged communities.
- Access the full report: <http://www.erc.ie/pisa-deisreport2020>