In many top-performing PISA countries, students expecting to become teachers have high mathematics and reading scores.

In many countries, students expecting to be teachers have lower scores than those expecting other careers.

But in Germany, Hong Kong (China), Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore and Switzerland (all top PISA performers), those expecting to be teachers score the same or better than those expecting other careers.

Mean score among students who expect to become:

- Teachers
- Other professionals

**Mathematics**
- Teachers: 515
- Other professionals: 523

**Reading**
- Teachers: 510
- Other professionals: 500

Gender and background influences who wants to be a teacher.

Boys and immigrant students are less likely than...

...girls and students without an immigrant background to expect to work as teachers.

Around 4% of 15-year-old students believe they will work as teachers when they are adults.

But only around 2% of adults are teachers.