

## PIRLS 2026 Draft Schedule Highlights

*Please note: Dates listed below are tentative and subject to change*

<b>2023</b>	
15–16 Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> NRC meeting – Review/update frameworks and context questionnaires, and discuss sampling plans (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
13–16 Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup> NRC meeting – Select texts and write items for the field test, and discuss feedback on questionnaire framework (location TBD)
<b>2024</b>	
Jul	3 <sup>rd</sup> NRC meeting – Review and finalize all field test materials and presentation of survey operations (location TBD)
Sep	Release of PIRLS field test instruments in online translation system to countries
Oct	Field test translation, adaptation and layout verification begins
Oct/Nov	Data management seminar for the field test (Hamburg, Germany)
<b>2025</b>	
Feb–Mar	National field test players produced, tested, and released to countries
Mar–Apr	Conduct field test
Apr	4 <sup>th</sup> NRC meeting – Conduct scoring training for the field test (online)
Apr	Field test scoring system made available to countries
Apr–May	NRCs submit all field test data to IEA Hamburg
Jul	Release of trend materials in the online translation system to countries
Aug	5 <sup>th</sup> NRC meeting – Review and finalize instruments for the data collection and presentation of survey operations (location TBD)
Oct	Release of PIRLS data collection instruments in online translation system to countries
Oct	Data collection translation, adaptation and layout verification begins
Oct	Data management seminar for the data collection (Hamburg, Germany)
<b>2026</b>	
Jan–Apr	National data collection players produced, tested, and released to countries
Mar–Jun	Data collection (Northern Hemisphere)
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup> NRC meeting – Conduct scoring training for the data collection (online)
Mar	Data collection scoring system made available to countries
Jun–Sep	All data from Northern Hemisphere countries submitted to IEA Hamburg
Oct–Dec	Data collection (Southern Hemisphere)
Dec–Feb	All data from Southern Hemisphere countries submitted to IEA Hamburg

<b>2027</b>	
Mar–Apr	7 <sup>th</sup> NRC meeting – Review background data, discuss plans for scaling, and country consultations with IEA and RTI (location TBD)
Jul	8 <sup>th</sup> NRC meeting – Review draft PIRLS 2026 International Report (location TBD)
Dec	Release of the PIRLS 2026 International Report and Methods and Procedures
<b>2028</b>	
Feb	Distribute PIRLS 2026 International Database and User Guide
Feb	9 <sup>th</sup> NRC meeting – Conduct training on analyzing the PIRLS 2026 International Database (location TBD)