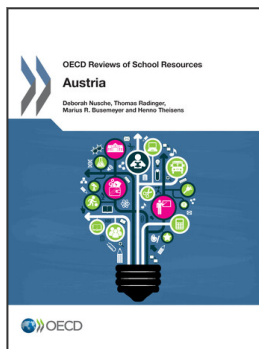


Acronyms and abbreviations

AHS-O	Allgemein bildende höhere Schule – Oberstufe – Academic Secondary School, Upper Level
AHS-U	Allgemein bildende höhere Schule – Unterstufe – Academic Secondary School, Lower Level
APS	Allgemeinbildende Pflichtschulen – General Compulsory School
ASO	Sonderschule – Special Needs School
BHS	Berufsbildene höhere Schule – Colleges for Higher Vocational Education
BIFIE	Bundesinstitut für Bildungsforschung, Innovation & Entwicklung des österreichischen Schulwesens – Federal Institute for Educational Research, Innovation and Development of the Austrian School System
BMBF	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Frauen – Austrian Ministry of Education and Women’s Affairs
BMS	Berufsbildene mittlere Schule – Secondary Technical and Vocational School
BMUKK	Bundesministerium für Unterricht, Kunst und Kultur – Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture
BMWFW	Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Wirtschaft – Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy (previously BMWF)
BS	Berufsschule – Part-time Vocational School
CBR	Country Background Report
EC	European Commission
ESCS	Economic, Social and Cultural Status
EU	European Union
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HS	Hauptschule – General Secondary School
IEA	International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
NMS	Neue Mittelschule – New Secondary School
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PH	Pädagogische Hochschule – University College of Teacher Education
PIRLS	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study
PISA	OECD Programme for International Student Assessment
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
PTS	Polytechnische Schule – Pre-vocational School
QIBB	QualitätInitiative BerufsBildung – Quality Initiative for Vocational Education and Training
QSR	Qualitätssicherungsrat für Pädagoginnen- und Pädagogenbildung – Quality Assurance Council
SCHEP-NEU	Schulentwicklungsprogramm – School Development Programme for Federal Schools

SEN	Special Educational Needs
SQA	<i>Schulqualität Allgemeinbildung</i> – School Quality in General Education Initiative
TALIS	OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey
TIMSS	Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
VS	<i>Volksschule</i> – Primary School



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