PIRLS/prePIRLS 2011
Schedule of
Development
Activities for the
PIRLS/prePIRLS
Passages and Items

Date(s)		Group and Activity
September	2007	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center sent call for 2011 passages to National Research Coordinators (NRCs)
January	2008	PIRLS 2011 Task Force reviewed submitted passages in preparation for the 1st NRC meeting
February	2008	NRCs proposed updates to assessment framework, began passage review, and discussed special studies for 2011 at 1st NRC meeting (Madrid, Spain)
February–July	2008	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center updated the assessment framework for 2011, incorporating feedback from 1s NRC meeting
May	2008	Web-based Reading Initiative working group discussed plans for web-based reading assessment (Slough, England)
June	2008	PIRLS 2011 Task Force reviewed passages and updated PIRLS Item Writing Guidelines in preparation for Reading Development Group (RDG) review (Boston, USA)
July	2008	RDG reviewed updated PIRLS 2011 Assessment Framework, PIRLS Item Writing Guidelines, and proposed passages for 2011 assessment at 1st RDG meeting (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
September	2008	Web-based Reading Initiative working group discussed technical aspects of web-based reading assessment (Hamburg, Germany)
November	2008	NRCs reviewed PIRLS 2011 Assessment Framework, selected passages for field test item development, and wrote draft field test items and scoring guides using PIRLS Item Writing Guidelines at 2nd NRC meeting (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
November– December	2008	For the Web-based Reading Initiative, the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center provided sample websites and storyboard to NRCs for consideration and solicited suggestions for additional websites
December	2008	Web-based Reading Initiative working group reviewed sample websites and selected a website for prototype software development
February	2009	PIRLS 2011 Task Force reviewed and edited draft field test items and scoring guides in preparation for RDG review
March	2009	RDG reviewed draft items and scoring guides for PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 field test at 2nd RDG meeting (Singapore)
June	2009	NRCs reviewed and approved field test materials at 3rd NRC meeting (Vilnius, Lithuania)
July	2009	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center distributed field test achievement booklets to NRCs
August	2009	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center published PIRLS 2011 Assessment Framework
August	2009	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center conducted prePIRLS pilot of potential item formats in South Africa
September– November	2009	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center gathered student responses to constructed-response items from English- speaking countries to develop scoring training materials
December	2009	PIRLS 2011 Task Force modified scoring guides for constructed-response items based on pilot test results and prepared PIRLS and prePIRLS field test scoring training materials for 4th NRC meeting (Boston, USA)
December	2009	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center finalized prePIRLS field test materials
February	2010	NRCs received PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 scoring training for constructed-response field test items at 4th NRC meeting (London, England)



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March–April	2010	Countries administered PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 field tests
April	2010	Countries began submitting field test achievement data for analysis and review
May	2010	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center reviewed field test item statistics in preparation for 3rd RDG meeting
June	2010	RDG reviewed field test results and proposed passages and items for PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 data collection at 3rd RDG meeting (Moscow, Russian Federation)
July	2010	NRCs reviewed and approved passages and items for PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 data collection at 5th NRC meeting (Zagreb, Croatia)
August	2010	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center distributed PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 data collection achievement booklets to NRCs
October– December	2010	Southern Hemisphere countries conducted PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 data collection
October	2010	PIRLS 2011 Task Force updated and prepared scoring training materials for PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 constructed-response items (Boston, USA)
November	2010	NRCs from Southern Hemisphere countries received scoring training for PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 constructed-response items (Wellington, New Zealand)
November	2010	TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center finalized scoring guides and training materials for constructed-response items and distributed them to NRCs
February	2011	NRCs from Northern Hemisphere countries received scoring training for PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 constructed-response items at 6th NRC meeting (Rome, Italy)
March–June	2011	Northern Hemisphere countries conducted PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 data collection